



# Cougar Column

John A. Crookshank Elementary

The Future Begins Here!

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The Cougar Column is delivered via School Messenger

Week of September 19, 2022

Monday	9/19	
Tuesday	9/20	
Wednesday	9/21	Early Dismissal 1:45 Spirit Night at 123 Burger House 6-8 p.m.
Thursday	9/22	
Friday	9/23	Cougar Spirit Wear Day PTO Movie Afternoon 3:15 - 5:30 p.m.
Monday	9/26	
Tuesday	9/27	
Wednesday	9/28	Early Dismissal 1:45
Thursday	9/29	
Friday	9/30	Cougar Spirit Wear Day

## F.A.S.T. Testing Continues

Please see the letter below for testing information and individual class testing dates.

**Information on how to access FAST and STAR test results was sent home last week.**

## Cheer Coach Needed

John A. Crookshank needs a Cheer Coach. Please email Penny Angelus [penny.angelus@stjohn.k12.fl.us](mailto:penny.angelus@stjohn.k12.fl.us) if interested.



## What's Cooking in the Cougar Café?

Monday-Chicken Nuggets-Vegetables-Fruit

Tuesday-Mac-n-cheese or Hot Dog Vegetables-Fruit

Wednesday-Chicken Sandwich-Vegetables-Fruit

Thursday-Pizza or Corn Dog-Vegetables-Fruit

Friday-Cheeseburger-Vegetables-Fruit

**A full lunch is free, however, if a student just wants milk it is \$.60.**



## Reading Resources

Do you want to help your student be a better reader? Below you will find a Schoology access code. This Schoology group includes reading resources for grades Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and is called, "Mrs. LaHatte's Reading Corner". There are grade level folders within the group and each folder contains parent resources and student websites.

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## Free Books!

Parents, please check out the link below!!!

<https://www.newworldsreading.com/fl/en/home.html>

You only need to complete a few steps to allow your child to receive a FREE book each month! You can even choose topics your child loves! The

New Worlds Reading program is funded by the University of Florida and is a great opportunity to build a collection of books at home for your child/children.

## Pre-Order Your Yearbook!

Visit [www.buytheyearbook.com](http://www.buytheyearbook.com) and enter school code 708400 to pre-order your yearbook today.

## Survey

Cognia, the organization that oversees our district's accreditation, is conducting a review of our school district this year. Cognia has created surveys specifically for families in our school district. Please complete Cognia's Family Survey to assist the district in our continuous improvement process.

<https://eprovesurveys.advanced.org/surveys/#/action/197512/p2065>

**Absence Reporting** <https://www.ces.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

**Dismissal Changes** [cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

### Counselor's Corner

Students will participate in a ***Safer, Smarter Kids*** lesson with the school counselor during their Media class over the next few weeks. This program covers state-mandated safety lessons for students in Kindergarten through Grade 5 covering topics including:

- Safety awareness
- Respecting yourself and others
  - Developing self esteem
  - Peer pressure
  - Bullying, cyberbullying
- Assessing safe vs. unsafe situations
- Understanding rules and responsibilities
- Identifying and protecting body boundaries
  - Listening to a guiding voice
- Accessing help and identifying trusted adults
  - Determining safe vs. unsafe touches
  - Safe vs. unsafe secrets
- Staying safe online and on digital devices
- Establishing personal power and influence

You may find more information at <https://laurenskids.org/resources/safer-smarter-schools/>  
You may also contact Bailey Benoit, School Counselor at 904-547-7852 or [Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us) with any questions.

### Connecting Families to Community Resources

Looking forward to seeing you at our first virtual parent meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Topic: CONNECTING FAMILIES TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Presenters: 14 AGENCIES ACROSS ST JOHNS COUNTY

Date/Time: 10/4/2022 at 6:00 pm

See the flyer below

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only) 904-420-0831

Phone Conference ID: 200 422 557#

Avery Greene, ESE Program Specialist

### Boys and Girls Club

We have the opportunity to have 40 of our kids (ages 6 - 18) attend the after-school program at the Boys and Girls Club through a grant from The Players Championship Club. This is a great opportunity for our students as this provides after-school care, academic help and enrichment as well as a snack and dinner at no cost to you. Transportation will be provided from Crookshank to the Boys and Girls Club each afternoon. Space is limited and on a first come first served basis. Please see the flyer below for more details.

### Join Girl Scouts

Do you have a daughter or girl in your care in grades K-5? If you answered yes, we would love to have her in our Crookshank Elementary Girl Scouts Troop this year! This troop is under our Community Development sector, which means it is completely FREE!

At Girl Scouts, we help build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. We work on badges, play games, sing songs, enjoy Girl Scout traditions, and have fun while doing it all. And yes, we do still sell cookies! 😊

We will be meeting weekly, starting **Friday September 23rd**. The meetings will be bi-weekly, which means they will take place every **OTHER Friday from 3pm-4pm** (I will send an email to all parents who sign up with the exact dates/schedule).

After school, your daughter can come straight to Girl Scouts which will be held on the Crookshank Elementary campus in the **Media Center**.

If you are interested, you can sign up at the link below.

<https://gsgc.wufoo.com/forms/s14bh33w1mtgp3o/>

If you have any questions, you can reach out to your Crookshank Elementary Troop Leader Jackie Jolly at:

[jjolly@girlscouts-gateway.org](mailto:jjolly@girlscouts-gateway.org)

We look forward to serving your girls!

See flyer below for more details!



# Crookshank Cougars PTO



## Spirit Night!

This Wednesday, September 21st, forget cooking! Join us at 123 Burger House for Crookshank Spirit Night from 6-8 pm.

We will receive 10% of all sales, and online orders count, too! Please see the flyer below for more details.

## Join PTO!

Our Membership Drive is happening NOW through September 30th! The class in each grade level with the most participation will win a popsicle party! Membership forms went home in last week's Wednesday folders! Or sign up here, and pay via cash, check, or Cheddar

Up! [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpOLScNat1vekGOgg\\_6aGdiSfR4iOeYKHwWfjx4SZ3BJ36bSyf6BA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpOLScNat1vekGOgg_6aGdiSfR4iOeYKHwWfjx4SZ3BJ36bSyf6BA/viewform)

## Cougar Movie Afternoon

Cougar Movie Afternoon is almost here! On Friday, September 23rd after school until 5:30, we'll be watching "The Bad Guys!" Registrations have been sent home- a limited number of seats are available, so send in your form and payment ASAP! Kindergarten through fifth grade students may attend.

We need volunteers!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-volunteer1>

## Woot Woot Wagon!

Our Teacher Appreciation Events are even more special when they are from YOU, Cougar Families! This month, we will deliver snacks to our faculty and staff, and we are asking 5th grade families to stock the Woot Woot Wagon! Please send in all items by Monday, September 26th. Thank you in advance for your support!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c44acae22a7fc1-teacher>

## Smencils!

Find us in the main hallway on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8-8:20. \$2 each, or 3 for \$5!

## Buddy A Thon!

The Crookshank Buddy A Thon is a here! It's our first fundraiser of the year, and the kiddos are going to love it!

- From September 12th- 27th, we are raising money for our school, and showing our students that it's important to "Be a Buddy, not a Bully!"
- Every student that sends ten emails or texts telling them about the program will receive two rewards, a Dexter the Dragon keychain and funny Dexter hair to wear!
- When a student raises \$50, they will get to pick their own "Buddy" to create and take home on September 30th!!!
- Go here to register and set up your kiddo's donation

page! <https://bit.ly/3PRy1A2> Then, invite friends and family to participate! It only takes ten minutes!

See the flyer below for more details!

## Can You Help?

The PTO is looking for a tablet or iPad to use for event registrations and payments throughout the year. Do you have one that you'd like to donate? It does not have to be brand new! E-mail [CrookshankPTO@gmail.com](mailto:CrookshankPTO@gmail.com) if you can help. Thank you!

## New Business Partner!

Join us in welcoming Bozard Ford as our new "Cougar" level business partner!



## Spirit Wear Fridays!

Every Friday is CES Spirit Day! Wear your Spirit Shirts, Scrunchies, or our school colors! We still have Spirit Wear available, including our new shirts! Shop at our online store (where you can sign up to become a PTO member, buy Spirit Wear, make a donation, or become a Business Partner):

<http://crookshank-pt0.cheddarup.com>







**Free, Safe After-School Programs for Kids & Teens!**  
*Enroll today for a free and safe after-school experience.*

**Begins August 10**

Until 6:15 PM  
 Monday – Friday

**Register Soon to Ensure Your Child's Spot: [bgcnf.org/join](http://bgcnf.org/join)**



Boys & Girls Clubs provides a FREE, SAFE place for children and teens to experience exciting programs that enhance their growth and development during the after-school hours.

**Sign up today to experience programs like:**

- Academic enrichment
- STEM, robotics & drone programs
- Sports & recreation
- The Arts
- Health & Wellness

**Cost: FREE!!**

**Who:** Ages 6 – 18

**Where:** THE PLAYERS Championship Club

555 West King Street St. Augustine FL

**Included:** Meals, snacks & learning



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
 OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA

Aug. 10 Start Date



# Come be yourself.



# Be a Girl Scout.

Imagine it—you and your forever friends. Dreaming up adventures.  
Making the whole world sparkle with your own personal brand of  
magic.

[girlscouts-gateway.org](https://girlscouts-gateway.org)

**Where:** Crookshank Elementary School, Media Center

**When:** Every other FRIDAY 3:00pm-4:00pm

**Starts on** September 23rd, 2022

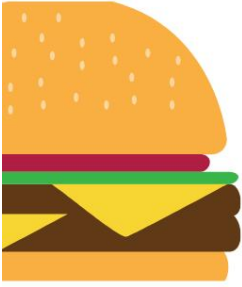
Girls in grades K-5 are welcome to sign up!

Contact your troop leader if you have any  
questions at [jjolly@girlscouts-gateway.org](mailto:jjolly@girlscouts-gateway.org)

Sign up here or scan  
the QR code below:  
[bit.ly/3x9IUpQ](https://bit.ly/3x9IUpQ)



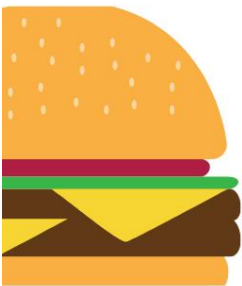
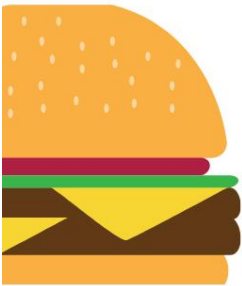




# COUGARS & BURGERS



PLEASE JOIN US IN SHOWING  
OUR COUGAR SPIRIT AT  
123 BURGER HOUSE  
SEPTEMBER 21 • WEDNESDAY  
6 PM TO 8PM



A total of 10% of sales during  
this time will go to our Cougars!

# CROOKSHANK'S BUDDY-A-THON IS HERE!

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Then, invite friends and family to participate!  
It only takes ten minutes!

**Let's do this, CES  
Family! Paws Up!**

Scan the code above to see more info, or go to  
<https://youtu.be/VAXYRZFYD9o>



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<http://www.ces.stjohns.k12.fl.us>



Cougar Families,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring tool that will be administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will participate in the first administration (PM1) of the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Reading and Mathematics assessments within the first 30 days of school. The testing window runs from 8/15/22 through 9/30/22 and your student will test on two days (one day for reading and one day for math) within that window. Grade-level specific test dates are being finalized and will be communicated in the coming weeks. Your student's results from PM1 are for informational purposes only, and your student's school will provide you with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the student responds, and each student will see different questions from a common item bank. Each test attempt (PM1, PM2, and PM3) will present 35–40 items that will cover the entire test "blueprint," meaning students will encounter items representative of the standards within the subject or grade level. For more information on the test design, please visit <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>. If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact our school testing coordinator, Bailey Benoit at [Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

For more information about the FAST program, please visit the portal at [FLFAST.org](https://flfast.org).

Below are the assessment dates for grades 1-5:

August 29 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade ELA, 4<sup>th</sup> grade ELA (Kennelly), 5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA (Anderson)  
August 30 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Math, 4<sup>th</sup> grade Math (Kennelly), 5<sup>th</sup> grade Math (Anderson)  
September 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade ELA (Ahr, Boutin, Fortus, Harmon)  
September 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade Math (Ahr, Boutin, Fortus, Harmon)  
September 8 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade ELA (Richardson), 4<sup>th</sup> grade ELA (Zaletel, Allen, Smolek, Gallagher)  
September 9 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade Math (Richardson), 4<sup>th</sup> grade Math (Zaletel, Allen, Smolek, Gallagher)  
September 12 – Kindergarten ELA (McQuaig, White, Dinger, Moore), 5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA (Fernandez, Miller, Houck, Fey)  
September 13 – Kindergarten Math (McQuaig, White, Dinger, Moore), 5<sup>th</sup> grade Math (Fernandez, Miller, Houck, Fey)  
September 15 – Kindergarten ELA (Belardo, Heldenbrand), 3<sup>rd</sup> grade ELA (Bikowski, Simpson)  
September 16 – Kindergarten Math (Belardo, Heldenbrand), 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Math (Bikowski, Simpson)  
September 19 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade ELA (Coriell, McVay, Keating, Matthiesen)  
September 20 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Math (Coriell, McVay, Keating, Matthiesen)

Thanks,

Crookshank Elementary School

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ST JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
IN COLLABORATION WITH  
ST JOHNS COUNTY PUBLIC AGENCIES

PRESENTS

# CONNECTING FAMILIES TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES

***October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022: All parents and guardians are invited to join us as we meet virtually with local community agencies to learn more about the resources and services that are available to children and families in St Johns County***

**Join on your computer, mobile app, or room  
device via link below**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

**Or call in (audio only) 904-420-0831  
Phone Conference ID: 200 422 557#**



**This meeting will be  
held via Microsoft  
Teams platform**

**6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

**10/4/22**

**PLEASE JOIN OUR SAC TEAM: EMAIL [RACHAEL.MILLER@STJOHNS.K12.FL.US](mailto:RACHAEL.MILLER@STJOHNS.K12.FL.US)**

## **SAC Meetings** **2022-2023**

**All meetings are held in person and virtually at 4:00 pm**

**Dates:**

September 15, 2022

October 20, 2022

November 17, 2022

December 15, 2022

January 19, 2023

February 16, 2023

March 23, 2023

April 20, 2023

May 18, 2023

**SAC Chair:** Rachael Miller

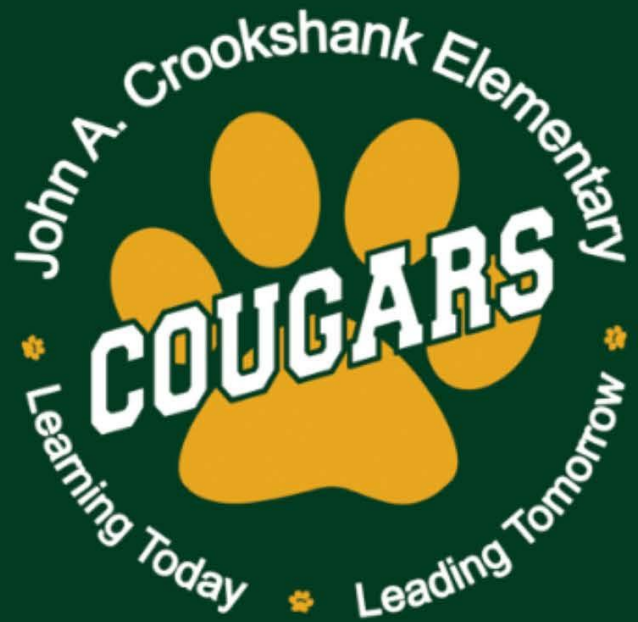
**We are looking for a secretary and treasurer. Contact Rachael Miller if you are interested.**

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### **Mission**

Our professional learning community at John A. Crookshank Elementary School is dedicated to the development of students' academic, social, and emotional well-being. We will plan purposeful lessons and instruct standards using best practices, so all students are equipped with the growth mindset skills necessary to address and overcome challenges they may face in their future.

### **Vision**

John A. Crookshank Elementary School faculty and staff members believe working together, we all succeed.





# FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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