

Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

September 4 – September 8, 2023

September Character Traits – Fairness

Mission: The professional learning community at John A. Crookshank Elementary School is dedicated to collaboration in developing purposeful instructional delivery models. We work together to create intentional learning opportunities that develop the whole child and provide our students with the foundational skills and growth mindset to be both academically and socially emotionally successful. We celebrate individual accomplishments, value diversity, respect exceptionalities, and partner with our families to meet the unique needs of each student.

Vision: To develop lifelong learners, nurturing collaborative critical thinkers.

Volume 1: Issue 4

Early Car Rider Drop off	7:55 am
School Opens for all students:	8:00 am
School Start Time:	8:25 am
School Dismissal Time:	2:45 pm *
* Wednesday	1:45 pm

Monday, September 4

No School – Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5

Reading Testing – Dingler and Moore

Wednesday, September 6

Math Testing – Dingler and Moore

Thursday, September 7

Reading Testing – Ramirez, McQuaig, T.Ahr, Taylor

Reading Testing – Acs, Miller, Brown, Sarracino

Friday, September 8

Math Testing – Ramirez, McQuaig, T.Ahr, Taylor

Math Testing – Acs, Miller, Brown, Sarracino

Upcoming Dates:

9/11 – 9/29	State Testing Window
9/11	PTO/SAC Meeting 5:30 pm
9/12	Interims Issued
9/12	Tie Tuesday
9/15	Buddy a Thon Kick Off
9/15	International Dot Day
9/18	Open House 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
9/25	Title I: Dinner- Game Night 5:30 – 7:00 pm
9/29	Last Day of Buddy a Thon Fundraiser
10/2-6	Fall School Book Fair
10/4	Book Fair- Family Night 3:15pm – 5:30 pm
10/6	World Smile Day

The Future Begins Here!

HOT TOPICS

PTO Buddy A Thon Fundraiser Coming Soon!

Our first fundraiser of the year is almost here, and it is a fun one! The Buddy-A-Thon is an amazing program that benefits our school and teaches our kiddos the value of kindness to others- win win! Students who raise more than \$50 will get to pick and build their own buddy- the Bear Factory will be at our school with the stuffing machine in October! Last year our Buddy-A-Thon raised over \$10,000, which went a LONG way to helping our school.

School Book Fair is Coming 2023 -2024

The CES Book Fair is on the way. The Book Fair will take place October 2-6.

Wellness Navigator

Our new Wellness Navigator, Hilena Coleman will join the CES Family on September 19. As some of you know, this position serves as a facilitator between our school community and local medical, dental and resource services. We look forward to Mrs. Coleman joining the team.

Thank you for the Donation

We recently received a Wonderful Book Donation to our Media Center. There were 2 boxes left in our front office by a mysterious donor. These books are some of our student's favorite titles and they will be checked out immediately. Please contact the front office as we love to say thank you!

Absence Reporting:

<https://forms.office.com/r/12VxCbyJv9/#submit-absences>

Dismissal Changes: cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Growth Mindset

Quote: "Don't let the behaviors of others destroy your inner peace." – Dalai Lama

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Classroom Libraries: New Florida Law and State Board of Education Rule state that starting July 1, 2023, all books available to students must be reviewed by a certified media specialist. As a result, SJCS D staff is investing time and resources to support the robust classroom libraries that our teachers have built. Our first step in the process is to sort the classroom libraries into two groups, those that are listed in Destiny and those that are not. Destiny is the program we use to inventory and track circulation of library materials. Titles listed in Destiny have already been reviewed and approved by a certified media specialist. Therefore, the books in Destiny will remain in the classroom. Books that are not in Destiny must be stored until they are approved. Approving titles for a school collection is a process guided by SJCS D School Board Rule 4.131 School Library Media Services linked here: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/board/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2022/09/4-131.pdf> The effort to add titles will be ongoing. We believe that access to books by elementary students is critical to growing into successful and informed readers. Our elementary students have time in the media center on a regular basis to select books for checkout. Please ask them about their library books and read together often.

Clinic News: If you have any clinic questions, please call or email Nurse Roxane Smith at 904-547-7832
<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/health/>

CES Student and Parent Handbook: Please see the link for the CES 23-24 Student and Parent PBIS Handbook
https://sjschools-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/e016892_stjohns_k12_fl_us/Ec-RRFqxvNBNmxELeQ6SrQkBULB7vmYDXR98HjnAY3-Q_w?e=lrHlDe

District Student Code of Conduct:

Please see the link for the SJCS D 23-24 Student Code of Conduct
<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolservices/conduct/>

Free Breakfast and Lunch: John A. Crookshank Elementary is a site for free breakfast and lunch. Breakfast starts at 7:45 am for our Extended Day students and stops at 8:25 am. We encourage all of your students to have breakfast each morning and lunch in our café.

Parent Drop Off and Pick:

Some friendly reminders:

1. Please remain in your vehicle when dropping off and picking up. A CES staff member will assist with your student exiting and entering the vehicle.
2. Remember, the PPU line is a hands-free zone, so help us keep kids safe AND keep the line moving by saving phone calls and texts for later.”
3. Please pull up as much as you can to keep the line moving. Try to avoid large gaps in the line so we can make dismissal run smoothly for our students and staff!”

Student Car Tags: If your student is a returning car rider, please make sure to get a new 23-24 Car Tag. This applies to all new Cougars as well. Our staff will be looking for the new tags when calling students in the afternoon and releasing students to vehicles. If you need a new car rider tag, they can be picked up in the front office. Make sure to have your identification.

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Tie Tuesday: This year we are encouraging students to wear a tie on the second Tuesday of each month: 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12, 1/9, 2/13, 3/19*, 4/9, 5/14* *(Please note these dates are not the second Tuesday)

You've Been Caught ROARing! We are starting a new PBIS positive recognition program this year called *You've Been Caught ROARing!* Students will be recognized for going above and beyond to meet the CES Guidelines for Success – **Personal Best, Act Responsible, Work Together, Show Respect**. Students who are recognized will receive a recognition slip and then become eligible to win a t-shirt and lunch with Mr. Roach and Mrs. Thomas.

Walkers: Just a friendly reminder that the walker gate is for students and parents/guardians who arrive on campus as walkers. The walker gate opens up at 8:00 am in the morning and 3:00pm in the afternoon.

School Advisory Council Member Interest

A school's SAC is a diverse group of stakeholders of a school, established through Florida law, with the shared goal of increasing student achievement in a safe learning environment.

As a member, you would:

- Attend monthly meetings on the following dates: 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11, 1/8, 2/12, 3/4, 4/8, 5/13
- Act as a council member according to established procedures by making suggestions and recommendations representative of the views of parents, citizens and community organizations of the school community.
- Participate in activities aimed at obtaining parent and community support and assistance for school related to problems.
- Carry out council assignments including approve professional learning activities and/or educational supplies for which teachers request funds.
- Become knowledgeable about personnel and material resources of the school and community and the school's programs.
- Act as resource person for the SAC, especially in the solutions of community related problems which affect the school and its students.
- Assist in obtaining community resources to aid the school's education program.
- Serve as a communication link between SAC, the community and the school.

If you are interested in being part of our SAC, please attend our first meeting on September 11 at 5:30 pm. If you would like more information, please reach out to our SAC President, Rachael Miller – rachael.miller@stjohns.k12.fl.us

**One Team!
One Goal!
Success for All!**

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State Testing: K – 2 Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring system that is 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 take the **Kindergarten/Grade 1/Grade 2 Renaissance Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math assessment(s)**. Your student's results from PM1 are for informational purposes only, and you will be provided 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. If you or your student would like to review [Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math] sample items at home, sample test items are available at <https://flfast.org/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star>.

The Star Early Literacy assessment typically takes less than 15 minutes to complete. The Star Reading assessment is usually completed in less than 20 minutes, and the Star Math assessment typically takes less than 30 minutes to complete.

9/1- 1st Math: J. Ahr, Rodriguez, 2nd Math: Baker, Kamm

9/5- K Reading: Dingler, M. Moore

9/6- K Math: Dingler, M. Moore

9/7- K Reading: McQuaig, Taylor, Ramirez, T. Ahr

9/8- K Math: McQuaig, Taylor, Ramirez, T. Ahr

Make Up Dates: 8/30, 9/5, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/21, 9/22, 9/25, 9/26, 9/27, 9/28, 9/29

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact:

Joelle Johnson – Joelle.Johnson@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Adriana Orta – Adriana.Orta@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Bailey Benoit – Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us

For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at FLFAST.org.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,

Patrick Roach

PAWS UP!

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State Testing: 3-5 Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring system that is 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 **Grade [3/4/5/Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) ELA Reading [and Mathematics] assessment[s]**. Your student's results from PM1 are for informational purposes only, and you will be provided 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 ELA Reading [and Mathematics]** sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

9/1 – 5th Math: Fernandez

9/11 – 4th Reading: Allen, Zaletel, Lindsey, Smolek

9/1 – 4th Math: Kennelly

9/12 – 4th Math: Allen, Zaletel, Lindsey, Smolek

9/7 – 5th Reading: Miller, Acs, Brown, Sarracino

9/14 – 3rd Reading: McVay, Keating, Matthiesen, Simpson

9/8 – 5th Math: Miller, Acs, Brown, Sarracino

9/15 – 3rd Math: McVay, Keating, Matthiesen, Simpson

9/18 – 3rd Reading: Coriell, Bikowski

9/19 – 3rd Math: Coriell, Bikowski

Make Up Dates: 9/5, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/21, 9/22, 9/25, 9/26, 9/27, 9/28, 9/29

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to access any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom). If your student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test may be invalidated.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**— All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by clicking the box in the secure browser indicating they understand the testing rules.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**— The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they click the box to accept the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states that because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, students may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items and passages) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites. Please make sure your student understands this policy prior to testing and remind them that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.
- **Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated.
- **Testing Accommodations**—If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL) or a recently exited ELL, please contact the school to discuss any testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

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PTO Updates

Hello, Cougar Families! By now we are all settled into our school routines, and we're ready for the fun we have planned over the next few months. Join us for the events that we are excited to bring to Crookshank! Our main goal is to keep building the wonderful sense of community that we are so lucky to have at our school. Whether it be the excitement of planning and volunteering, to attending activities with your family, know that your participation is so appreciated and valuable. Stay tuned for all of these opportunities. Thank you for your support, and please let us know if you need anything!

First PTO Meeting!

PTO Meetings are taking on a whole new format this year that will make it easier for you to get more information! Join us in the cafeteria at 5:30 on Monday, September 11th for a quick PTO meeting, a quick SAC meeting, and a presentation from Mike Strausbaugh, our School Safety Specialist, to hear about safety in our schools.

Mark your calendars!

Friday, September 15th: Buddy A Thon kickoff (more info to come!)

Tuesday, September 19th, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm: *Chipotle Spirit Night*, [see flyer below](#). For online or app orders use code **MQBKW3N**. (**In person orders count as well, just let them know you are with Crookshank!)

Spirit Day

Spirit Day is every Friday- need some swag to wear? Place an order, and we will deliver it to your kiddo's class! Purchase a field trip shirt here as well! <https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com>

PTO Membership

Our PTO membership drive is happening now! The class with the most memberships by September 29th will win a POPSICLE PARTY!!!! Send in the attached form or sign up online here: <https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com>

We are working on our Fall Event for October 25th- can you help? Email CrookshankPTO@gmail.com

You are doing great, keep it up! GOOOOOOOOO Cougars!

Your CES PTO Board :)

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One Goal!
Success for All!*

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CHIPOTLE

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PTO Business Partners

Dear Crookshank Parents and Guardians,

We are looking for local businesses to support activities throughout the year at John A. Crookshank Elementary School and welcome the extended school community of parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and guardians to help us identify local or national businesses that might be interested in partnering with the school. Below are some areas where business partner contributions make a huge difference at Crookshank!

Fun school events and resources including:

- Holiday and other celebrations to bring our families together
- Learning and positive behavior incentives to encourage our kiddos
- Teacher Appreciation events

Funding for other critical items, such as:

- Technology and software to enhance curriculum
- Providing classroom aids in the form of supplies or learning resources
- Field Studies and other programs that will impact our students
- Teacher/student supplies to restock classrooms when the supplies run out

Partnership Levels

PRINCIPAL'S PARTNER \$1,000

- Sponsor name & logo promoted via school newsletters, social media, and PTO website
- Featured on Electronic Marquee/ School sign
- Business banner displayed on CES fence for the school year (banner provided by business)
- Opportunity to distribute promotional material at school events
- Featured at Open House Events

COUGAR PARTNER \$500

- Sponsor name & logo promoted via school newsletters, social media, and PTO website
- Business banner displayed on CES fence for the school year (banner provided by business)
- Opportunity to distribute promotional material at school events

CUB PARTNER \$250

- Sponsor name & logo promoted via school newsletters and social media
- PTO Website

PAW PARTNER \$100

- Sponsor name & logo promoted via school newsletters and social media

If you are an individual or business owner interested in participating, or know of a business that might be interested, please email crookshankPTOpartners@gmail.com Business partners can also sign up and make a donation directly at our online store <http://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com>. With your support, we can achieve great things!

Warmest Regards,

Frani Heilman and Annie Oxarart
Community Engagement Coordinators



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PTO Business Partners

Principal Partners

BOZARD



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K - 6TH GRADE

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PROGRESSIVE SKILL-BASED
SPORTS LESSONS

PLAY

BASKETBALL
FOOTBALL
VOLLEYBALL
SOCCER
BASEBALL
TRACK + FIELD
CAPTURE THE FLAG
DODGEBALL

AND MORE!!

CLASS DETAILS:

LEARN

NUTRITION
SELF-CONFIDENCE
TEAMWORK
MOTOR SKILLS
CONDITIONING

PERFORM

SPEED
AGILITY
FLEXIBILITY
STRENGTH
COORDINATION

CLASS OVERVIEW

Warm-Up
Moving -
Stretching



Cool Down
Relax • Stretch
Nutrition
Motivation



Our weekly classes include a variety of:

- Character Conversations
- Fitness Challenges
- Muscle Identification/Work
- Sport-Specific Skills Activities
- Team & Partner Activities
- Supervised-Sports Game Play

2023/2024 at Crookshank Elementary

Thursdays 3:00-4:00 Oct 5-May 16

FREE Registration, \$15.00/class (paid monthly)

SPOTS STILL OPEN, *Don't miss out! Sign up today!!*

Click *HERE* or Scan to Enroll

Contact us about a staff or sibling discount

Minimum registrations required to start class



Matt & Julie Kocher jax@amazingathletes.com 615-318-5241 (5239)

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Fast Facts About Our Islands

Challenge Island is made up of an archipelago of fun, whimsical, yet fully standard-aligned islands.

Each Island has its own unique cross-curricular theme and features a map and passport.

Every island features its own unique set of thematic destinations. Each destination offers a unique engineering challenge

During every Challenge Island class or field trip, STEAM Teams visit one of those 100's of destinations and collaboratively tackle the challenge using only a treasure chest of low-tech supplies and their boundless imaginations!



About Challenge Island

Challenge Island is the World's #1 STEAM Program. With 130 locations across the USA and worldwide, we have partnered with 10,000 schools and served 5 million children through our field trips, after school classes and summer programs. Our bestselling STEAM Adventure book series can be found in stores everywhere.



2023-2024 Schedule

Crookshank Elementary

TUESDAYS 3:00-4:00pm

Fall Session: 9/5 – 12/5

Spring Session: 1/16 – 4/30

Cost:

You can attend our program for the 2023-2024 school year at no charge!

REGISTER AT:

www.challenge-island.com/firstcoast



Questions?

Inquire at firstcoast@challenge-island.com

Call us at: 904-447-9547

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DOUBLE YOUR SNAP BENEFITS WITH



Step 1: SPOT



Go to the EBT booth at a participating market before you shop.

Va a la caseta de SNAP al mercado participante antes de comprar.

Swipe Your SNAP card and receive matching dollars to buy Florida-grown fresh fruits & veggies.

*match limits may apply ask manager for details

Pase su tarjeta SNAP y reciba dólares equivalentes para comprar frutas y verduras frescas cultivadas en la Florida.

* Pueden aplicarse límites para la cantidad correspondiente; pregunte al gerente para más detalles



Step 2: SWIPE

Step 3: SAVOR

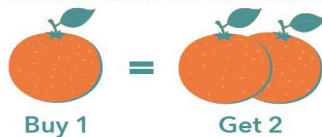


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Suspicious Activity Reporting App

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

Submit A
Tip Online

Download On The
App Store

Get It On
Google Play



Important Notice

Florida Statute 943.082 states that if, following an investigation, it is determined that a person knowingly submitted a false tip through FortifyFL, the Internet protocol (IP) address of the device on which the tip was submitted will be provided to law enforcement agencies for further investigation, and the reporting party may be subject to criminal penalties under s. 837.05. In all other circumstances, unless the reporting party has chosen to disclose his or her identity, the report will remain anonymous.



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