

# Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

October 2 - October 6, 2023

October Character Counts Traits – Responsibility

**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 8

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, October 2

Book Fair – During School Hours

## Tuesday, October 3

Book Fair – During School Hours

Last Day of Buddy a Thon Fundraiser

## Wednesday, October 4

EARLY RELEASE	1:45 pm
Girls and Boys Basketball	5:30 pm
At Murray Middle School	
Book Fair- Family Night	2:30pm –
5:30 pm	

## Thursday, October 5

Book Fair – During School Hours

## Friday, October 6

Book Fair – During School Hours

World Smile Day

**Growth Mindset:** “The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra.” – Jimmy Johnson

## The Future Begins Here!

### HOT TOPICS

#### *PTO Buddy A Thon Fundraiser*

The last day of our Buddy-a-thon is Tuesday, October 3, and we are so close to our goal, less than \$300 away! If we reach \$11,000, our students will get to vote on a Principal Prank!!

Buddy Stuffing Day is next Tuesday, October 10th, and we hope to see as many of our kiddos there as possible. Register here: <https://www.themegablast.com/join/crookshank> (if you participated last year, use the same login info). Also, *see the Buddy A Thon Flyer below.*

#### *Girls and Boys Basketball Season*

All regular season games are at Murray Middle School. Girls start at 5:30p and boys follow.

10/4	Webster v Crookshank
10/10	Crookshank v Southwoods
10/17	Otis Mason v Crookshank
10/23	Osceola v Crookshank
11/3	Crookshank v Hartley
11/8	Crookshank v Otis Mason
11/18	End of Year Tournament at St. Augustine High School

#### *Cougar Café Lunch Menu*

<https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/JohnCrookshankElementary>

#### *Absence Reporting*

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

#### *Dismissal Changes*

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

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10/3	End of Buddy a Thon
10/9	SAC Meeting 4:00 pm
10/10	Tie Tuesday
10/10	Buddy Stuffing Day
10/13	First Quarter Ends
10/16	Teacher Planning Day – No School for Students
10/16 – 20	Character Counts Week – More information to follow
10/20	National Youth Confidence Day
10/23 – 27	Red Ribbon Week – More information to follow
10/24	Fire Prevention Presentation PK & K
10/25	PTO Boo Fest 5:30pm – 7:30pm
10/27	First Quarter Cougars with Character K-5
10/27	Fall Fashion Friday – Wear your fall colors
10/27	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Host Dance
10/30	First Quarter Cougars with Character PK
10/31	Character Parade

## Running Reminders

### **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.

**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.

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### *Wellness Navigator*

Our new Wellness Navigator, Hilena Coleman has joined the CES Family. As some of you know, this position serves as a facilitator between our school community and local medical, dental and resource services. Mrs. Coleman is excited about working with our Cougar Families.

**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/>

**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.

**Tie Tuesday:** This year we are encouraging students to wear a tie on the second Tuesday of each month: 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.

**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/person/e016892\\_stjohns\\_k12\\_fl\\_us/Ec-RRFqxvNBNmxELeQ6SrQkBULB7vmYDXR98HjnAY3-Q\\_w?e=lrHlDe](https://sjschools-my.sharepoint.com/:b/g/person/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/>

**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.

## *Crookshank Literati Book Fair is Coming!*

Click link to access webpage for Gift Cards: [Literati Book Fairs](#)

FALL 2023

# Come explore our book fair!

✦ John A Crookshank Elementary School ✦

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## PTO Updates

Hello, Cougar Families! 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!

## The Book Fair is this week! Want to volunteer?

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

## Boo Fest

We are VERY excited about our Boo Fest- mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 25th from 5:30-7:30! Stay tuned for more information next week! Would you like to help with planning or volunteering at Boo Fest? Email [CrookshankPTO@gmail.com](mailto:CrookshankPTO@gmail.com) We're going to have a blast!

## Feed the Candy Monster!

Please send in individually wrapped candy (preferably not chocolate) or small prizes to use at Boo Fest. Send them in with your kiddo, and they'll get to feed the Candy Monster each morning!

## Spirit Night

Our next Spirit Night will be Thursday, October 19th at Adventure Landing from 5-8! For only \$15, you get unlimited go kart rides and mini golf! Mention that you're from Crookshank, and we will receive \$5 from each purchase. Thank you!

## 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-ptto.cheddarup.com>

## PTO Membership

Our PTO membership drive just wrapped up. Soon the class with the most members signed up will get their POPSICLE PARTY!!!! Send in the attached form or sign up online here: <https://crookshank-ptto.cheddarup.com>

Thank you!

Your CES PTO Board :)

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## **CROOKSHANK ELEMENTARY**

### **Buddy-A-Thon**

Dear Cougars Families and Friends -

We are kicking off our annual Buddy-A-Thon on **Friday, 9/15!** If you would like to get a head start, here is the link to a short video that will give you some information about the program: <https://youtu.be/VAXYRZFYD9o>

**The funds raised will be used for exciting events and classroom needs, and campus improvements this year.**



The next step is to use this link: <https://bit.ly/3PRy1A2> which takes you to our schools' fundraiser website where you can register and set up your student's personal donation page. On this page, you can invite your family and friends to join our efforts by sending them an email and/or a text.

**This entire process can be completed in less than 10 minutes!**

**If you participated in the past, just login and copy your contacts forward, so you don't have to enter them again.**

So, starting **September 15**, please send out 10 or more valid emails/texts via your student's personal donation page so that they can earn a **Kung Fu Flying Chicken and a Dexter the Dragon Key Chain and Dexter Hair** (students can wear the key chain at school during our Buddy-A-Thon)! And with some donations, their very own Buddy and possibly some outfits for their Buddy!

***Thank you for helping your student help our school!***

**All personal information will be used for this ONE TIME program to support Crookshank Elementary. This information will be kept confidential and will not be sold, reused, rented, loaned or otherwise disclosed.**



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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](mailto: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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*Principal Partners*

**BOZARD**



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## Cougar Partners



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K - 6TH GRADE

## Amazing Athletes<sup>®</sup> P.E.

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



Sport Focus



Sport Relay + Game



Cool Down

Relax + Stretch  
Nutrition  
Motivation



Our weekly classes include a variety of:

- Character Conversations
- Muscle Identification/Work
- Team & Partner Activities
- Fitness Challenges
- Sport-Specific Skills 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](mailto:jax@amazingathletes.com) 615-318-5241 (5239)



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## Enrichment Classes

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Parents' Picks AWARDS 2022

Parents' Picks AWARDS BEST STEAM PROGRAM WORLDWIDE 2022

The Bridge Shark Island

The Race Across Anacanda Swamp



### 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](http://www.challenge-island.com/firstcoast)



Questions?

Inquire at [firstcoast@challenge-island.com](mailto: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



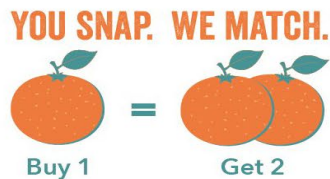
### Step 2: SWIPE

### 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.

