

Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

October 9 - October 13, 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.

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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 9

SAC Meeting 4:00 pm

Tuesday, October 10

Buddy a Thon – Stuffing Day

Tie Tuesday

Crookshank v Southwoods 5:30 pm
at Murray Middle School

Wednesday, October 11

EARLY RELEASE 1:45 pm

Thursday, October 12

Friday, October 13

End of First Quarter

Monday, October 16

Teacher Planning Day – No School for Students

Growth Mindset: “Believe in your children and know that you have given them a great gift.” - Unknown

The Future Begins Here!

HOT TOPICS

Buddy a Thon

Wow! Thanks to YOUR support, we raised \$8960 in our Buddy-A-Thon! The Bear Factory will be at Crookshank on **Tuesday, October 10th** for Buddy Stuffing day! This will go a long way in helping our school get some much-needed items. We are so grateful to you for spreading the word and putting in such a huge effort. There's no family like our Crookshank Cougar family!

Girls and Boys Basketball Season

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

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

Walker Drop Off

Parents and families, instead of walking up or riding a bike up the bus loop entrance, please use the sidewalks along the playground to arrive at the walker gate. It's very unsafe to mix walking/biking and buses.

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Upcoming Events

10/16	Teacher Planning Day – <i>No School for Students</i>
10/20	National Youth Confidence Day
10/23 – 27	Red Ribbon/Character Counts Week – More information to follow
10/24	Fire Prevention Presentation PK & K
10/25	PTO Boo Fest 5:30pm – 7:30pm ** See flyer below
10/27	First Quarter Cougars with Character K-5
10/27	Fall Fashion Friday – Leaf life to the fullest! Wear your fall colors – Orange, Yellow, Red, Brown
10/27	5 th 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.

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/>

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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/personal/e016892_stjohns_k12_fl_us/Ec-RRFxqvNBNmxELeQ6SrQkBULB7vmYDXR98HjnAY3-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.

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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!

Boo Fest

Pre-registration has started for Boo Fest! On Wednesday, October 25th from 5:30-7:30, Crookshank will celebrate with games, trick or treating, delicious food, and lots more fun! Pre-register now at <https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com> or turn in the flyer that was sent home in the Wednesday folders. See the same flyer below.

Feed the Candy Monster!

To help us have lots of treats for Boo Fest, please send in individually wrapped candy (preferably not chocolate) or small prizes by Friday, October 20th. 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-pto.cheddarup.com>

PTO Membership

Send in the attached form or sign up online here: <https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com>

PTO Membership Drive, Class Winner!

Congratulations to Ms. Keating's class for winning the PTO Membership Drive! They enjoyed a delicious frozen Icee party!

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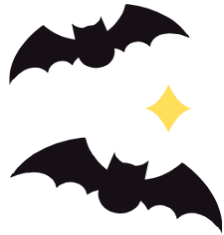
Big Brothers Big Sisters

What a better time than BUDDY STUFFING WEEK to tell you a little about BBBS of St. Johns County! They match children (littles) with a caring adult mentor (Bigs) who provides an added layer of support for the child by being a consistent friend. BBBS offers site-based programs where the Big visits the little at their school (including Crookshank and other schools) and community-based, where the little and Big do activities out in the community. Children who are mentored are less likely to try drugs and alcohol and have better success in school. Please see the flyers below for more information on how you can BE A BUDDY or GET A BUDDY.

We hope you are doing well! Let us know if you need anything! :)

Your CES PTO Board

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



Boo Fest!



A FaB00lous Night with your CES Family!

October 25th 5:30-7:30

Trick or Treat Trail! Games! Food! Photo Booth! Inflatable Games! Silent Auction!



Questions? Want to help with planning? Can you volunteer at Boo Fest?

Email CrookshankPTO@gmail.com



How to Pre-Register:
-Scan the above code OR
-Fill out the form below OR
-Go to <https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com>



Feed our Candy Monster-
Donate bags of
individually wrapped
candy or small prizes by
Friday, October 20th!

**Concessions \$1/\$2 and Photo Booth \$3 (cash only)
Silent Auction- bid to win!**

**Pre-register by Friday, October 20th \$7/family
Walk up Registration at Boo Fest \$10/family**

To pre-register, fill out this section and turn it in to the front office.
If you pre-register and pay online, you do not need to send in this form.

Name/Grade/Teacher for each student attending: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Phone: _____ Parent E-mail: _____

What would you like to do today?:

___ \$7 Pre-register (include payment)

___ \$3 Photo Booth (FREE for PTO Members- you do not need to check this box if you are)

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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
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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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Big Brothers Big Sisters[®] OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY



Dear Parents,

Big Brothers Big Sisters is now enrolling children into the Site-Based mentoring program in your area. Participation in this program will allow your child to build and share a friendship with a supportive, caring, and consistent adult mentor.

Mentoring relationships have been shown to:

IMPROVE ACADEMIC SUCCESS, INCREASE SELF-ESTEEM, and IGNITE POTENTIAL!

Big Brothers Big Sisters believes that within every child is the potential to succeed and achieve their goals. You can help equip your child for success by giving them a mentor – another person to listen, encourage, and motivate them to be their best self. A mentor is another member of your child's cheering section and like you, they want to help! The site-based program allows a mentor to visit with your child one-to-one on-site for one hour each week.

Big Brothers Big Sisters offers an array of training opportunities for your convenience. Should you want receive additional training, please contact your local BBSS staff member. BBBS is happy to assign any additional training at anytime.

Safety is our Number One goal!

- Mentors are carefully screened through in-person interviews, contacting references, and in-depth state & local background checks.
- Mentors are required to complete comprehensive pre-match training provided by Big Brothers Big Sisters.
- Mentors will abide by all SJCS volunteer guidelines on conduct/moral character as well as protocols related to COVID-19.
- Your child will never leave school/site ground with their mentor.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Child

- Must want to participate
- Must be in need of mentorship
- Must complete an in-person interview
- Must commit to one year of participation

Parent/Guardian

- Must sign & return permission forms***
- Must approve child's preferred mentor
- Must reply to all contact with BBBS Staff & mentor
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Contact Rene Worley at (904) 501-5098 or rworley@bbbstjohns.org for any additional questions.

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- Mentors are required to complete comprehensive pre-match training provided by Big Brothers Big Sisters.
- Mentors will abide by all SJCS D volunteer guidelines on conduct/moral character as well as protocols related to COVID-19.
- Professional monthly match support will be provided by BBBS.

You will receive an e-mail from the Learning Exchange which will provide you with the steps to take to sign in. Big Brothers Big Sisters offers an array of training opportunities for your convenience. Should you want to receive additional training, please contact your local BBBS staff member. BBBS is happy to assign any additional training at anytime.

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TRACK + FIELD
CAPTURE THE FLAG
DODGEBALL

AND MORE!!

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



CLASS DETAILS:

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 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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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.

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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

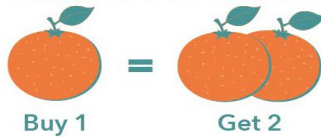


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YOU SNAP. WE MATCH.



Double Your SNAP Dollars Here:



Every Saturday 8:30-12:30

1340C A1A South, St Augustine, FL

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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.



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.

