

Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

November 6– November 10, 2023

November Character Counts Trait – Citizenship

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, November 6

Vision is Priceless – MPR

Tuesday, November 7

Wednesday, November 8

EARLY RELEASE

Crookshank v Otis Mason BB Girls 5:30 pm
at Murray Middle School Boys 6:30 pm

Thursday, November 9

CES Veterans' Breakfast and Recognition
Ceremony 8:45 am

Friday, November 10

Veterans' Day Recognition – No School

Growth Mindset: "A #2 pencil and a dream can take you anywhere." - Shel Silverstein

The Future Begins Here!

HOT TOPICS



Instructional Materials Adoption Social Studies

St. Johns County School District's review of Social Studies resources has concluded. Resources that were selected by adoption committees for submission to the School Board for adoption consideration may be accessed on our website at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/instructional-materials/adoption/>. You may utilize the following link to review the materials: [View Selected Titles](#). All selected resources appear on the Florida Department of Education adoption list. Updates will be posted when appropriate. Some print materials may be available for review. If you would like access to the available printed materials or require assistance reviewing the online resources, please call the Instructional Resources and Media Services office at 904.547.3947. Materials are available for review from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM when district offices are open. For more information about the textbook adoption process, please visit the Florida Department of Education Instructional Materials web page.

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

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Upcoming Events

11/13 – 16	PTO Penny Wars
11/13	SAC/PTO Meeting 5:30pm
11/14	Tie Tuesday
11/16	Interims Issued
11/17	Take a Hike Day CES Family Feast
11/18	Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament – Cheer Competition
11/20	5 th Grade NASA Trip
11/22-24	Thanksgiving Break

Running Reminders

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.

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 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 (yellow) and 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.

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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Child Safety Matters

K-5 students will participate in two Child Safety Matters Lessons during their media resource time in the upcoming months. This program is state approved and meets Florida's requirements for health education. Child Safety Matters (CSM) is a comprehensive, evidence-based curriculum for elementary school students in grades K-5. The program educates and empowers children and all relevant adults with information and strategies to prevent, recognize, and respond appropriately to bullying, cyberbullying, all types of abuse, and digital abuse dangers. The lessons will be facilitated by our school counselor, Bailey Benoit. Please reach out to bailey.benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us with any questions.

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: 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=lrHIDe

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

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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!

PTO/SAC Meeting

Our next PTO/SAC Meeting will take place on Monday, November 13th at 5:30. We will discuss upcoming events, especially the Holiday Shop scheduled for December 4th-8th! Mike Strausbaugh, the Safety Specialist for St. Johns County Schools, will come and talk to us about security in our schools.

Coin Wars!!

Get your Mario Karts ready for COIN WARS! From November 13th-17th, bring in your change and add it to your grade's bucket each morning when you get to school. We will count it each morning, and the grade level with the most that day will get extra recess. Coins and bills all boost your total! The grade level with the most at the end of the week will get their very own snack cart! If we hit \$1000, we will play an extra special prank on Principal Roach! Want to give your grade level a boost by donating online? Donate online here: <https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com> See the flyer below for details.

Volunteer With Us!

Penny Wars 11/13-11/17 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-44913450-volunteer>
Holiday Shop signups coming soon! Please donate wrapping paper!

Spirit Night

Our next Spirit Night is this **Tuesday, November 14th**, at **Zaxby's** on SR16 from 5-8. Save yourself a night of cooking and support CES! Show the flyer below when you go!

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>

Jacksonville Icemen Game

Wednesday, January 31st will be Crookshank Night at the 7:00 game! Our Carolin' Cougars will perform the National Anthem, and we will receive \$5 from every ticket sold! Tickets to an Icemen game makes the perfect holiday gift! Purchase your tickets using this link to sit with your Crookshank friends and to benefit our school: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Crookshankelementary> See the flyer below for additional details!

Thank you for your support,

Your CES PTO Board

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1...2...3...4 Mario declares a

COIN WAR!

NOVEMBER 13TH–17TH

Help Mario & friends collect money by adding coins or bills to your grade's jar every morning!

Leaderboard will be posted daily!

THE RULES:

- Each grade will have a jar in the main hallway every morning until 8:25. **COINS** or **BILLS** count!
- Every day, the grade level that has the most points in their jar for that day will get **EXTRA RECESS!**
- The winning grade level will win a **SNACK CART!**

PRIZE

If we raise **\$1000**, we will play a Principal Prank!



Donate Digitally

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT CROOKSHANK ELEMENTARY

RAISE SOME Toast. RAISE SOME Money.

**10% OF THE PROCEEDS
FROM COLLECTED RECEIPTS WILL BENEFIT**

Crookshank Elementary PTO

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
5:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**

ZAXBY'S



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AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION ONLY:

120 HARVEST LANE
SAINT AUGUSTINE, FL
(904) 547-2129

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COMMUNITY
FIRST
Credit Union
just be yourself



Join the Crookshank Elementary Chorus for their God Bless America performance with the Icemen on Wednesday, January 31st!

Wednesday, January 31st
Doors Open: 6:00pm
Puck Drop: 7:00pm
Vystar Veterans Memorial Arena

\$5 of each ticket purchased through the link below or the QR code above will be donated back to Crookshank Elementary!

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT:

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/Crookshankelementary>



Gerry Brown | gerry@jacksonvilleicemen.com | (407)-758-8713

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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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5th Grade is now selling

WORLD'S FINEST[®] C H O C O L A T E



All proceeds will go to our end of year Universal trip!

Each bar is \$1.00

Each box is \$60.00

Buy as many as you'd like. You can pay by check (made out to: CES) or cash.



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PTO Business Partners

Principal Partners

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K - 6TH GRADE

Amazing Athletes[®] 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 615-318-5241 (5239)

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Enrichment Classes

Check out our Bestselling STEAM Book Series!

Entrepreneur FRANCHISE 500 RANKED 2022

Entrepreneur FRANCHISE 500 RANKED 2021

Entrepreneur FRANCHISE 500 RANKED 2020

Entrepreneur FRANCHISE 500 RANKED 2019

Entrepreneur FRANCHISE 500 RANKED 2018

5 YEARS STRAIGHT!

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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



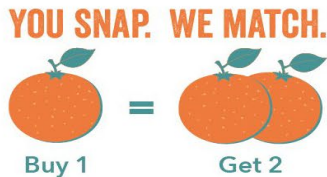
Step 2: SWIPE

Step 3: SAVOR



Save on fresh Florida grown produce and enjoy!

¡Ahorre en productos frescos cultivados en Florida y disfrute!



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.

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.



FORTIFYFL CLICK HERE TO REPORT
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.