

Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

November 20 – November 21, 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 20

5th Grade NASA Trip

Tuesday, November 21

Wednesday, November 22

Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day

Ketterlinus Community Dinner at Ketterlinus
Gymnasium 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Friday, November 24

Thanksgiving Break

Growth Mindset: “No matter what your ability is, effort is what ignites that ability and turns it into accomplishment.” – Carol Dweck

Important Reminder

Dismissal changes & Early Checkouts must be completed by 2:00 PM (M, T, TH, F) and by 1:00 PM (W). All changes should be in writing. Please send changes to

[CES transportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:CEStransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

The Future Begins Here!

HOT TOPICS

Coin Wars!

We are happy to share that the Coin War! was a huge success. Our Cougars raised over \$1,000, so it looks like Mr. Roach will be getting a principal prank. Stay tuned. 😊

Thanksgiving Message

As we reflect on the many things for which we are thankful, please allow me to share a few of ours with you: We are thankful for our students who come to school every day ready to learn. They give us all a daily reminder of what is important and why we are here. We are thankful for the trust and support of our parents in creating an outstanding partnership with our teachers. We are thankful for our community business partners who allow us to expand the opportunities and activities for our students. May you find time to say thank you to our teachers, instructional assistants, support staff, bus drivers, secretaries, nurses, lunchroom staff, custodians, therapists, and administrators who really care about student achievement, safety and have the best interests of our students at heart. Happy Thanksgiving!

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

12/1	Hawaiian Shirt Day	
12/1	Extended Day – K-2 Movie Afternoon	3:30 pm – 5:30 pm (See Flyer Below)
12/4 – 8	PTO Holiday Shop	
12/4	PM2 Testing Window Opens	
12/6	Murray MS Choir at Dismissal	
	Carolin Cougars Lighthouse Performance	
12/7	Picture Retakes	
12/8	Extended Day – 3 – 5 Movie Afternoon	3:30 pm – 5:30 pm (See Flyer Below)
	Festive Holiday Colors Day	
12/11	SAC Meeting	4:00 pm
12/12	Tie Tuesday	

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 returning 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. Please keep your tag displayed until you pick your student up.** 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/>

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.

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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.

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.

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

Holiday Shop

Holiday Shop will take place December 4th- 8th- this is such a special week for our students, as they will have the opportunity to shop for holiday gifts for their families. It is so much fun! Sign up to help here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-holiday1#/> *Please make sure you are an approved volunteer. Also, WE NEED WRAPPING PAPER! If you are out and see a good deal, pick some up and drop it off to the front office. Thank you!

Volunteer With Us!

Holiday Shop from December 4th-8th is our main need right now! Sign up to help here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-holiday1#/>

Spirit Night

December's Spirit Night is at **123 Burger House** on Tuesday, December 5th from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Support Crookshank and enjoy Nights of Lights without the weekend crowd!

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-ptd.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

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

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WHEN: FRIDAY DECEMBER 1, 2023

TIME: 3:30PM-5:30PM

HOSTED BY EXTENDED DAY

SHOWING:
THE GRINCH

\$7 PER STUDENT
INCLUDES POPCORN
& DRINK

EXTRA CONCESSIONS
AVAILABLE
FOR \$1 EACH.

PLEASE RSVP BY WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2023!

STUDENT NAME: _____

PARENT NAME: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT #: _____

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WHEN: FRIDAY DECEMBER 8, 2023

TIME: 3:30PM-5:30PM

HOSTED BY EXTENDED DAY

SHOWING:
A CHRISTMAS CAROL

\$7 PER STUDENT
INCLUDES POPCORN
& DRINK

EXTRA CONCESSIONS
AVAILABLE
FOR \$1 EACH.

PLEASE RSVP BY WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6, 2023!

STUDENT NAME: _____

PARENT NAME: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT #: _____

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COMMUNITY
FIRST
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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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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Free Clothing

JOIN US FOR THE

21st

Thanksgiving
COMMUNITY DINNER



THURSDAY, NOV 23, 2023

DINNER served 10am - 2:00pm
MUSIC . FOOD . GIVEAWAYS

VENUE

THE KETTERLINUS GYM

60 ORANGE ST.

ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32084

FOR MORE INFO. CONTACT SHAUN
hdmlabouroflove@gmail.com



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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

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Big Sisters®**

OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY



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J. LEE CONSTRUCTION LLC
ROOFING
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LittleSmiles



Children's Dentistry
and Orthodontics

PREMIER

**MARTIAL
ARTS**

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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!

WWW.CHALLENGE-ISLAND.COM



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

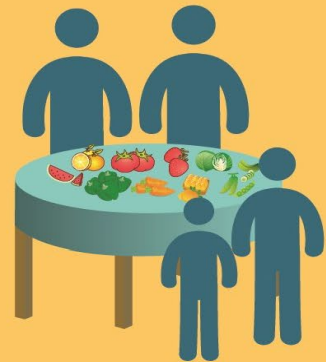
Pase su tarjeta SNAP y reciba dólares equivalentes para comprar frutas y verduras frescas cultivadas en la Florida.

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



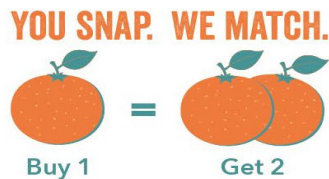
> Step 2: SWIPE >

> 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.

