

Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

January 22– January 26, 2024

January Character Counts Trait – Respect

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, January 22

Read My Shirt: Wear a shirt with a great message!
PK 2nd Quarter Cougars with Character Assembly
8:40 am – 9:10 am

Tuesday, January 23

100th Day of School
Read My Cap/Hat: Wear a cap/hat with a great message
PTO- Bingo for Books/New World's Reading Initiative
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 24

Early Release 1:45 pm
Snuggle Up and Read: Wear your PJs and bring a stuffed friend to school to share a story together!

Thursday, January 25

Reading exercises your brain! Wear exercise clothes while you read.

Friday, January 26

Dress like a vocabulary word or an idiom. An idiom is a widely used saying or expression containing a figurative meaning that differs from the phrase's literal meaning. For example, "under the weather" is an idiom universally understood to mean sick or ill.

PM2 Testing Window Closes

The Future Begins Here!

HOT TOPICS

Literacy Week

January 22 – 26 (Events in weekly calendar)

Kids Heart Challenge - Kids Heart Challenge is Coming— Register Today and Complete Finn's Mission!

Hello, Crookshank Elementary School students and families! I am excited to share with you that I've accepted the American Heart Association's Principal's Challenge. If 50% of our families register at **Click Here**, our school will earn an additional \$500 in US Games gift certificates to further support physical activity and the health of our students, families, and staff.

Any student that completes Finn's Mission this year will be entered into a drawing to win 2 tickets to the 2025 Super Bowl in New Orleans! Our school can potentially win a \$10,000 school gym makeover when our students and facility members complete 18 Finn's Mission! I am so excited for us all to help create a community of lifesavers and want every one of our staff, students, and families to join me by completing Finn's Mission at **Click Here**.

Absence Reporting:

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

Dismissal Changes:

cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Cougar Café Lunch Menu:

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

Growth Mindset: "Every mistake you correct is progress." – Unknown

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Upcoming Events

1/29	Title I Literacy Night Event	5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
	Kids Heart Challenge Begins	
1/30	Family Technology Workshop	5:30 pm
	CES PTO Spirit Night at Applebee's on SR 312	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
1/31	Jacksonville Icemen Game Crookshank Night	7:00 pm
2/5	PTO Valentine's Grams Sales Begin	
2/6	Interim Reports Issued	
2/9	Football Jersey Day	
2/12	SAC Meeting	

What's New

Sign in Procedure Change In line with a district wide sign in transition, beginning Tuesday, January 16, the following steps will be taken for sign-in and sign-out at schools. The keyboards will be removed, and all activity will be completed through use of an identification card.

Instructional Materials Adoption (Science) St. Johns County School District's review of Science resources will begin soon. If you are interested in serving on the CES Science Review Committee, you can reach out to our Point of Contact – Joelle Johnson at Joelle.Johnson@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Running Reminders

Dismissal and Checkouts 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 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 a very unsafe mix of 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!"

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.

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/>

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: 2/13, 3/19*, 4/9, 5/14* *(Please note these dates are not the second Tuesday)

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.

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.

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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!

Spirit Night

Mark your calendar! Our January Spirit Night will take place Tuesday, January 30th from 5-8 at Applebee's on SR 312.

Volunteer With Us

We have several PTO Board Positions available for next school year! If you are interested in becoming more involved and joining a well-organized group that brings so much to our school, please let us know- we are a no drama group and have a lot of fun! Contact CrookshankPTO@gmail.com

Spirit Wear 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

Thank you!

On behalf of our PTO Board, we would like to THANK our Crookshank families for all of the support you have given in the first semester. We are growing each year, and our goal always remains to help our school however we can and provide opportunities for our kiddos to have fun! We wish you and your family a happy, healthy holiday season, a restful break, and look forward to more fun in 2024! details!

Your CES PTO Board

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

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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[®] CHOCOLATE



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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11TH ANNUAL

CHARACTER COUNTS!

In St. Johns County

6K 3K

RUN • WALK

Saturday, February 3, 2024
9 A.M.

Palencia Elementary School



Register by January 5, 2024, to receive a race t-shirt and other goodies from sponsoring businesses and community organizations!



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R. J. Murray Middle School – Center for the Arts

SJCCA – Families of current SJCSD 5th graders: All rising 6th grade students are eligible to apply for admission to the award-winning “St. Johns County Center for the Arts (SJCCA) at R.J. Murray Middle School”. To learn more about SJCCA, there will be 2 informational sessions available for all rising 6th grade students:

SJCCA JANUARY INFORMATION NIGHTS

Date	Location	Time
January 16 th	Virtual Meeting: https://tinyurl.com/SJCCA-Information-Night	6:00pm
January 17 th	Arts Info Night at R.J. Murray Middle School	6:00pm

All rising 6th graders can apply for SJCCA until January 31st using their HAC account. Auditions for beginner to advanced SJCCA classes are on Saturday, January 27th at RJMMS. Audition times vary depending on what your student is auditioning for. Please click the following link for helpful audition information and highlights:

<https://www-mms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/sjcca/>



ST JOHN'S COUNTY
CENTER FOR THE ARTS
AT RJ MURRAY MIDDLE SCHOOL



SJCCA AUDITIONS:

JANUARY 27TH, 2024

RJ MURRAY MIDDLE SCHOOL
OPEN TO ANY 5TH GRADER IN SJCSD

BAND. CHORUS. DANCE. THEATRE.
GRAPHIC DESIGN. VISUAL ART.

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RIISING 6 GRADE STEAM NIGHT!

**SCIENCE. TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING.
ARTS, MATHEMATICS.**

JANUARY 23RD, 5:30 - 7:00PM

MEET GRADE 6 AND ELECTIVE TEACHERS

VIEW STUDENT WORK SAMPLES

STEM EXHIBITS

INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO

ARTS ACTIVITIES

PTO AND SPIRIT WEAR

FREE HOT DOGS AND CHIPS

FUN AND DINNER FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

SEBASTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

2955 LEWIS SPEEDWAY, ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32084

Family Technology Workshop



Families will learn how to access Digital Platforms in SJCSD & how these tools help students in all grade Levels.

5:30pm
Tuesday
January 30, 2024

bit.ly/SJCSD-January30Workshop

Topics of Discussion:



Clever - Links for Students



Schoolology



Microsoft 365

Presented by St. Johns County Instructional
Resources & Media Services Department

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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-pt0.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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and Orthodontics



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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
DODGERBALL

AND MORE!!

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



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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Enrichment Classes



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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



ANCIENT CITY



SOCCER CLUB



Ancient City Soccer Club

present their

After-School Project

1st-5th Grade Students are invited to join our experienced soccer coaches for a fun filled 75-minute practice at Crookshank ES on Tuesdays.

Our aim is to introduce your child to the fundamentals of the sport of soccer whilst building upon character development, physical literacy, and teamwork skills.

Join us straight after school on Tuesday, 3pm – 4:15pm.

Session Runs: Tuesday, 30th January– Tuesday, May 14th

Tournament at Gamble Rogers MS: Friday, May 17th

Cost: \$145 (No session on 12th March; Spring break)

REGISTER: Go to www.ancientcitysoccer.com

Click on “register now” and select ACS Afterschool Program as the season

Contact: Andy Carey at schools@ancientcitysoccer.com

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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.

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*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

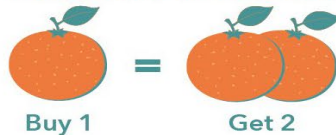


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¡Ahorre en productos frescos cultivados en Florida y disfrute!



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.

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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CLICK HERE TO REPORT
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.