

Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

February 5 – February 9, 2024

February Character Counts Trait – Caring

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, February 5

Scholastic Book Fair
PTO Valentine's Grams Sales Begin

Tuesday, February 6

Scholastic Book Fair
PTO Valentine's Grams
Interim Reports Issued

Wednesday, February 7

Early Release 1:45 p
Scholastic Book Fair Family Night 2:30p – 5:30 p
PTO Valentine's Grams

Thursday, February 8

Scholastic Book Fair
PTO Valentine's Grams

Friday, February 9

Scholastic Book Fair
PTO Valentine's Grams
Football Jersey Day

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>

The Future Begins Here!

HOT TOPICS

Kids Heart Challenge Continues - 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. 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**.

Teacher of the Month Contest - Here is an opportunity to recognize your student's teacher. 95.1 WAPE's Teacher of the Month will honor the area's BEST TEACHERS! Nominations are open now! Each month the WAPE morning show, Dex & Barbie T will name of Teacher of the Month who will receive some amazing gifts along with a plaque to display for all! Nominations can be made here: <https://www.wape.com/fp/951-wape-honors-jacksonvilles-best-teachers-with-teacher-month-award/>

Book Fair - The materials available for purchase at the Book Fair were not selected by the St. Johns County School District. We encourage parents to review their child's wish list and have a conversation about what they are allowed to purchase at the book fair before sending money to make purchases. Use the following link to access the Scholastic Book Fair webpage for more information on the books being offered. <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/crookshankelementaryschool>

Growth Mindset: "Starting each day with a positive mindset is the most important step of your journey to discovering opportunity." – Jay Samit

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Upcoming Events

2/12	SAC Meeting	4:00 p
2/13	Tie Tuesday	
2/15	Valentine's Dance	3:00 p – 5:00 p
2/16	Random Acts of Kindness Day	
2/19	Presidents' Day – No School	
2/21	Carolin' Cougars Performance at SAHS	5:30 p
2/23	Punctuation Day	
	Last Day of Kids' Heart Challenge	
2/26	Title I Math and Science Night	5:30 p – 6:30 p

Running Reminders

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

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 [CES transportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto: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!"

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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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.

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

Wellness Navigator: If you are in need of medical, dental and other resource services, please contact our Wellness Navigator, Hilena Coleman – hilena.coleman@stjohns.k12.fl.us As some of you know, this position serves as a facilitator between our school community and local medical, dental and resource services.

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/>

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.

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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!

Valentine Grams

Valentine Grams will be on sale in the main hall from 8:00 am – 8:25 am during the week of February 5th - 9th and they are only \$1! Each Gram will come with an adorable mochi squishy and a card with a message. We will distribute them in time for Valentine's Day! Want your kiddo to receive one from you? Print off the flyer below (we will also send it home in Wednesday folders), fill out your message and kiddo's information, and send it in to drop off at our table! We will have blank cards at our table as well, for students to fill out when they purchase one for their teachers, family, or friends. Thank you for your support!

Come Have Fun 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

Souper Bowl

We need your help! Thursday, February 8th from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, we will celebrate the "Souper Bowl" with our faculty and staff! We serve soups, toppings, and desserts of all kinds to our hardworking faculty and staff is a wonderful day for all! Can you help? We are looking for donations of food, funds, and volunteers! Here's the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-47270810-souper#/>

Book Fair

Get ready for our next book fair, hosted by our Media Center! From February 5th - 9th, your kiddo's class will have the opportunity to shop for books and other treasures. On Wednesday, February 7th, from 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm, you will have the opportunity to shop for your young reader at our Family Event! Can you volunteer? Even an hour helps! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-47268143-spring#/>

Online Store

Have you visited our online store? It has EVERYTHING from shirts, swag, birthday sign info, and business partner registration! It is so easy! <https://crookshank-pt0.cheddarup.com>

Sincerely,

Your CES PTO Board

One Team!
One Goal!
Success for All!

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5th Grade is now selling

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

Each bar is \$1.00

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

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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Principal Partners

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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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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.

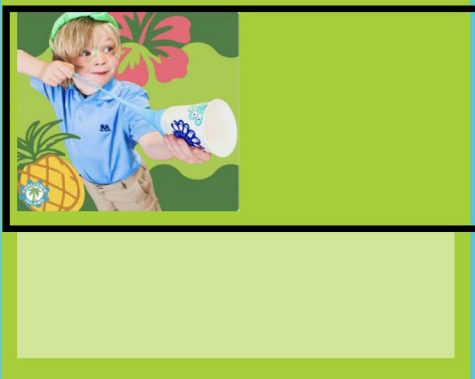
Every island features its own unique set of thematic destinations. Each destination offers a unique engineering challenge

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



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

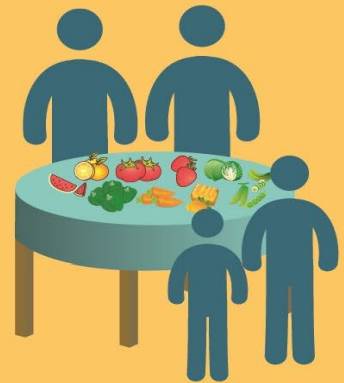
Pase su tarjeta SNAP y reciba dólares equivalentes para comprar frutas y verduras frescas cultivadas en la Florida.

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



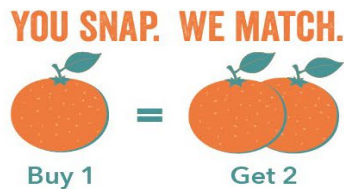
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> Step 3: SAVOR



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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.



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