

# Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

March 18 – March 22, 2024

March Character Counts Trait – Trustworthiness

**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.

## Volume 1: Issue 29

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, March 18

Teacher Planning Day – No School for Students

### Tuesday, March 19

Students Return  
Tie Tuesday

### Wednesday, March 20

Early Release 1:45 pm

### Thursday, March 21

### Friday, March 22

Dress Like a Teacher Day  
Report Cards

### **Absence Reporting:**

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

### **Dismissal Changes:**

[cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

### **Cougar Café Lunch Menu:**

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

## The Future Begins Here!

### HOT TOPICS

#### **State Testing Dates**

The final round of State testing begins April 1. Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will showcase their writing skills, 5<sup>th</sup> grade on April 4 & April 5, 4<sup>th</sup> grade on April 8 & April 9. Specific homerooms and testing days can be viewed below. Next week, K-2 Star testing and additional 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> schedules will be available for viewing on our website.

#### **Title I Bedtime Story Family Night**

On Thursday, March 28, from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm, we will be hosting a Title I Parent Involvement event we're calling Bedtime Story Night. The evening will include snacks and bedtime stories read by CES teachers, staff, and admin. We encourage your student(s) to wear their favorite pj's for the night. Please use this link to RSVP:

<https://forms.office.com/r/nt5zt6vudr>

#### **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/>

**Growth Mindset:** Be at least 20% better than you were the day before. By Friday, you'll be 100% better. – Unknown

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## Upcoming Events

3/26	CES PTO Spirit Night from 5 pm - 9 pm at Carmelo's	
3/28	Title I Bedtime Story Night	5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
3/29	Student and Teacher Holiday – No School	
4/1	Colgate Dental Van	
4/2	3rd Quarter PAW Party Treaty Park PTO Fun Run Kickoff	Grades 4 & 5
4/3	Colgate Dental Van	
4/4	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade State Writing Assessment 3rd Quarter PAW Party Treaty Park	Grades 2 & 3
4/5	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade State Writing Assessment 3rd Quarter PAW Party Treaty Park	Grades K & 1
4/8	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade State Writing Assessment SAC Meeting	4:00 pm
4/9	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade State Writing Assessment	

## 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.

**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](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](mailto: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/person/e016892\\_stjohns\\_k12\\_fl\\_us/Ec-RRFxqvNBNmxELeQ6SrQkBULB7vmYDXR98HjnAY3-Q\\_w?e=lrHlDe](https://sjschools-my.sharepoint.com/:b/g/person/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/>

**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](mailto: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!

### Come Have Fun With Us

PTO elections will take place at our final meeting in May. If you have ever considered joining us, now is a great time! There are many ways to become more involved, some with very little time commitment! Let us know if you'd like to come have fun with us! Contact [CrookshankPTO@gmail.com](mailto:CrookshankPTO@gmail.com)

### Spirit Nights

Our March Spirit Night is Tuesday, March 26th from 5 pm - 9 pm at one of our favorite pizza places, Carmelo's! See the flyer below for info. Carmelo's is located at 146 W. King St., St Augustine, FL 32084. Mention Crookshank Elementary School when ordering and a portion of your purchase will benefit the school.

### 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>

### Fun Run

We are so excited to be planning Crookshank's first ever Fun Run on April 26th! Please stay tuned for information and ways that you can help!

Sincerely,

Your CES PTO Board

One Team!  
One Goal!  
Success for All!

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Don't feel like cooking?  
Come out and support  
*Crookshank Elementary!*  
Who doesn't love pizza??!!??

# MARCH SPIRIT NIGHT

March 26, 2024

5-9 PM

Located at:

146 W King St

St Augustine

Mention CES when  
ordering!



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1455 N. Whitney Street  
Saint Augustine, FL 32084  
(904) 547-7840

<http://www.ces.stjohns.k12.fl.us>

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the computer-based **Grade 4 and 5** Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Writing assessment on **April 4<sup>th</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup>, & April 9<sup>th</sup>**. The B.E.S.T. Writing assessment is administered in one 120-minute session, and students may work up to half of a typical school day.

**4/4 –5th Writing: Acs, Miller, Brown, Sarracino**

**4/8- 4<sup>th</sup> Writing: Allen, Zaletel, Skanes, Smolek**

**4/5 –5th Writing: Fernandez**

**4/9- 4<sup>th</sup> Writing: Kennelly**

If you or your student would like to review the computer-based practice test at home, the practice tests and answer keys are available at <https://fsassessments.org/families.html>

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing **or** during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them**. If your student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by clicking a checkbox beside the statement in the secure browser indicating they understand the testing rules.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they click the box to accept the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states that because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, students may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including the passages, prompts, and writing responses) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites. Please make sure your student understands this policy prior to testing and remind them that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. **While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.**
- **Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. In addition, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) employs Caveon Test Security to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.

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- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (e.g., for lunch, an appointment), he or she **will not** be allowed to return to that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.
- **Testing Accommodations**—If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL) or a recently exited ELL, please contact the school to discuss the testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact **Joelle Johnson** at [Joelle.Johnson@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Joelle.Johnson@stjohns.k12.fl.us) For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at [FLFAST.org](http://FLFAST.org)

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,

Patrick Roach, Principal

**PAWS UP!**

**Ashley Torrente**

Assistant Principal

[Ashley.Torrente@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Ashley.Torrente@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

**Patrick Roach**

Principal

[Patrick.Roach@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Patrick.Roach@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

**Christi Thomas**

Assistant Principal

[Christi.Thomas@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Christi.Thomas@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

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# CHEER

## TRYOUTS

MARCH 19TH @ 6:00 P.M.

**TRYOUT CLINICS**

**WEEK 1:**

FEB 26th & 28th

Session 2: 6-8

**WEEK 2:**

MARCH 4th & 6th

Session 2: 6-8



ALL CLINIC DAYS & TRYOUTS HELD AT SPARC ATHLETICS

94 Thomas Industry Way #103. St. Augustine, FL

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SJMSAA  
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## 2024 Spring Challenger Baseball (March-May) (Saturday game times 10 AM @ St. Augustine Little League Complex)

Spring baseball for Special needs athletes of all levels of ability. Everybody hits! ...and walks, runs or wheelchairs around the bases. We have coach pitch or T Ball stand, whatever makes your athlete comfortable. Jerseys and hats provided at the first game. Just great exercise, fresh air and fun!

No Registration Fee. Just sign up, show up and play!

Games are played at 10 AM on AD Davis Field at the St. Augustine Little League Fields (Osceola Elementary School Rd. off SR207)

**As you can see from the picture above, most of our current athletes are Adults. We are attempting to start up a new program for Athletes < 15.**

You can sign up for the adult team or <15 team @ [www.mysall.org](http://www.mysall.org) or Contact: Brad Bradshaw - [bebradshaw2@msn.com](mailto:bebradshaw2@msn.com)

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5<sup>th</sup> Grade is now selling

## WORLD'S FINEST<sup>®</sup> 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

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](mailto:crookshankPTOpartners@gmail.com) Business partners can also sign up and make a donation directly at our online store <http://crookshank-ptu.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*

**BOZARD**



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## Cougar Partners



**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<sup>®</sup> P.E.

PROGRESSIVE SKILL-BASED SPORTS LESSONS

### PLAY

BASKETBALL  
FOOTBALL  
VOLLEYBALL  
SOCCER  
BASEBALL  
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](mailto: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](http://www.challenge-island.com/firstcoast)



Questions?

Inquire at [firstcoast@challenge-island.com](mailto: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



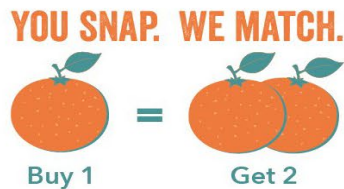
### > Step 2: SWIPE >

### > 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.