

Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

May 13 – May 17, 2024

May 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, May 13

4 th Grade Testing Reading	
PTO/SAC Meeting	5:30 pm

Tuesday, May 14

4 th Grade Testing Math	
Tie Tuesday	
2nd & 3rd Cougars with Character	8:45 am

Wednesday, May 15

Early Release	1:45 pm
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Thursday, May 16

1st Grade Ceremony	8:45 am
Alumni Walk	2:15 pm
Spring Concert & Madagascar	5:30 pm

Friday, May 17

K Celebration	8:45 am
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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

State Testing Wrapping Up

4th Grade FAST testing wraps up our State Testing Assessment schedule. Make Ups will be given through the end of the window, May 24.

Registration (New Students and Returning Students)

It's that time again. Both new student and returning student verification for the 2024-2025 school year has opened. If you have not already, please register and complete your student's returning verification information. This helps us plan for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have specific questions, please reach out to our **Data Entry Operator – Ms. Lisa Cogar**
<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment/update/>

College and Career Night

Thank you to the following schools and businesses that participated in our College and Career Night Event.

AquaFin Swim School
Big Brothers Big Sisters
City of St. Augustine Fire Department
St. Johns County Fire Rescue
St. Johns River State College
St. Johns County School District Transportation
SJCSO (dispatch and crossing guards)
First Coast Technical College
Flagler College
Flamingo Septic
Sebastian Middle School

Cougar Quest Summer Camp

Looking for a summer camp. Please see the flyer below.

Growth Mindset: "I am always learning what I cannot do YET in order to learn how to do it." -Vincent Van Gogh

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Upcoming Events

5/20	5 th Grade Promotion	9:00 am
5/21	5 th Grade Kick Ball and Cook out	
	4 th Cougars with Character	8:45 am
5/22	5 th Grade Clap Out	
5/24	Last day of School: Early Release	1:45 pm

Running Reminders

Sign in Procedure: 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

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.

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

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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.

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.

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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CES COUGAR QUEST SUMMER CAMP



Who: Grades K - 5th

When: June 3-July 3, 2024

Days/Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday | 7:00am-4:00pm

Cost: Cougar Quest is FREE for students! We are able to provide this opportunity at no cost through grant funding



The festivities will include:



Pizza Mondays



Hands-on learning activities
for each weekly theme



Amazing adventures!



Register here!!

<https://rb.gy/4Oetbq>

Check out our RoboThink
Summer Camp!!

<https://rb.gy/eOle6i>



For any questions or concerns please contact Camilla Sparrow-Evans at
904-547-7843 or Camilla.Sparrow@stjohns.k12.fl.us

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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 See the flyer below for available positions.

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-pto.cheddarup.com>

Sincerely,

Your CES PTO Board



CROOKSHANK PTO



IS LOOKING FOR LEADERS!

This year has been filled with fun events for our families, successful fundraisers and improvements in our classrooms as well as around campus. To continue this progress, we need YOU! Several of our board and committee chairs are “graduating” from Crookshank, and we need more helpers so that we can continue to offer the events and activities that we have all enjoyed. We’d love some new ideas and fresh faces to join our fun, drama free group!

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS NEED TO BE FILLED FOR THE 2024-2024 SCHOOL YEAR:

POSITION:

President in Training

Vice President

Treasurer in Training

Events Planner Chair

Fundraising Chair

Spirit Night Chair

DESCRIPTION:

A supervisor role who “GETS THINGS DONE!” Responsible for running and managing all aspects of the PTO and holding meetings.

A crucial assistant to the PTO President. Handles all tasks and assists with all things PTO.

Handles all banking and finances. Ensures books are kept up and the budget is in check

Plans 3-4 events per year.

Plans approximately 3-4 fundraisers.

Plans 1 per month with local restaurants and/or establishments.

If interested please email us at crookshankpto@gmail.com no later than Monday, May 6 ,2024. Voting will take place at the PTO meeting on Monday, May 13, 2024

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

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

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring system that is administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will participate in the third administration PM3 of the **Grades 3, 4 & 5 Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Reading and Mathematics Assessment[s]**. The results from PM3 will show how well your student has mastered the grade level content standards, and you will be provided with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

Your student's FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get less or more difficult depending on how a student responds, and each student will see different questions from a common item bank. Each test attempt (PM1, PM2, and PM3) will present items that cover the entire test "blueprint," meaning students will encounter items representative of the standards within the subject or grade level. For more information on the test design, please visit <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>. If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

5/1 – **3rd Reading**: McVay, Keating, Matthiesen, Simpson, Bikowski, Coriell

5/2 – **3rd Math**: McVay, Keating, Matthiesen, Simpson, Bikowski, Coriell

5/6 – **5th Reading**: Miller, Acs, Brown, Sarracino, Fernandez

5/7 – **5th Math**: Miller, Acs, Brown, Sarracino, Fernandez

5/13 – **4th Reading**: Kennelly, Skanes, Smolek

5/14 – **4th Math**: Kennelly, Skanes, Smolek

5/16 – **4th Reading**: Allen, Zaletel

5/17 – **4th Math**: Allen, Zaletel

****Make Up Dates:** 5/3, 5/8, 5/10, 5/15, 5/20, 5/21, 5/22, 5/23, 5/24

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.

*** Calculator Policy**—For Grades 7–8 FAST Mathematics assessments, approved handheld scientific calculators may be used. For Grade 6 FAST Mathematics, a handheld four-function calculator may be used.

*** 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 the box 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 test items and passages) after the test.

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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.

*** Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test (e.g., for lunch, an appointment), he or she will not be allowed to return to that test. 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 – Joelle.Johnson@stjohns.k12.fl.us **Bailey Benoit** – Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us

For more information about the FAST program, please visit the portal at 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

PAWS UP!

Ashley Torrente

Assistant Principal

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Patrick Roach

Principal

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Christi Thomas

Assistant Principal

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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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**Big Brothers
Big Sisters®**

OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY



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Children's Dentistry
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



Sport Focus



Sport Relay
+ Game



Cool Down

Relax + Stretch
Nutrition
Motivation



CLASS DETAILS:

Our weekly classes include a variety of:

- Character Conversations
- Fitness Challenges
- Muscle Identification/Work
- Sport-Specific Skills Activities
- Team & Partner 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

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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

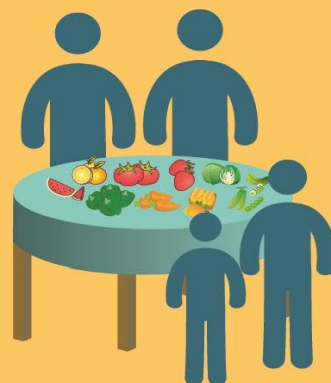
Pase su tarjeta SNAP y reciba dólares equivalentes para comprar frutas y verduras frescas cultivadas en la Florida.

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



> Step 2: SWIPE >

> Step 3: SAVOR

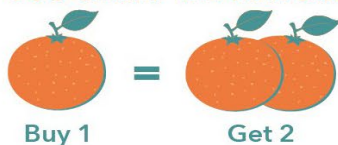


Save on fresh Florida grown produce and enjoy!

¡Ahorre en productos frescos cultivados en Florida y disfrute!



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.

