

# Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

May 20– May 24, 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 20

5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion	9:00 am
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## Tuesday, May 21

4 <sup>th</sup> Cougars with Character	8:45 am
5th Grade Kick Ball	
5 <sup>th</sup> Cook out	

## Wednesday, May 22

Early Release	1:45 pm
5th Grade Clap Out	

## Thursday, May 23

5 <sup>th</sup> Grade End of Year Trip	
Allen PK Celebration	10:30 am

## Friday, May 24

Khanna & Hudson PK Celebration	10:00 am
Early Release	1:45 pm

## **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

#### **Cougar Summer Reading Club**

Rising 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents looking to keep the reading momentum for your CES Cougar? We are hosting a Reading Club, June 10 – July 17, from 8 am – 12 pm, Monday – Thursday. The day will include direct instruction from CES teachers as well as self-paced, computer based enrichment. Invites were sent out on Monday May 17. If interested, seats are still available. Please reach out to Mr. Roach.

#### **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/>

#### **Parent Input for 2024-2025**

The window for taking Parent Input for class rostering ends May 24 at midnight. If you would like to assist us when placing your student, please take time to fill out the brief form. Link below: <https://forms.office.com/r/EMBmCjHC24>

#### **Yearbooks Are Here!**

The 2023-2024 CES Yearbook will be passed out Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Growth Mindset:** “The only way to discover your limits is by pushing past them.” Rick Reilly

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## Upcoming Events

- 6/10 Cougar Summer Reading Club - Rising 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students  
6/17 Summer Reading Program  
7/30 Kindergarten – New Family Orientation 5:30pm – 6:30pm

## 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](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.

**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](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](mailto: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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## WATER SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

In recognition of Water Safety Awareness Month AQUAfin is awarding select AQUAfin school partners a free month of swim lessons for one month (4 lessons).

- ✓ Up to 50 students from your school
- ✓ New Members Only
- ✓ 4 completely FREE Group Lessons
- ✓ Must use during month of May

**SCAN QR CODE TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT**

### Our Locations



#### Mandarin

3993 San Jose Park Drive,  
Jacksonville, FL 32217



#### St. Johns Bluff

2006 St. Johns Bluff Rd S,  
Jacksonville, FL 32246



#### World Golf Village

130 Center Place Way, St.  
Augustine.



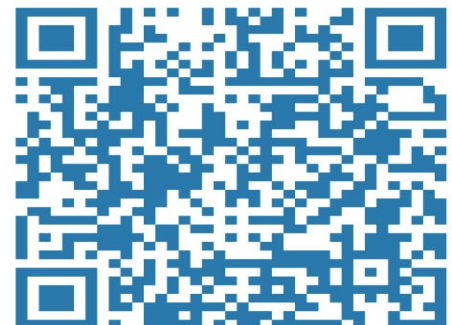
#### Nocatee

43 Hudson Way, Ponte  
Vedra Beach, FL 32081



#### Fleming Island

2276 Village Square Pkwy,  
Fleming Island, FL 32003



**(904) 775-9400**

**AQUAfinSwimSchool.com**

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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). 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



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## 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](mailto: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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## 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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*PTO Business Partners*

*Principal Partners*

**BOZARD**



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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

Strength + Training  
CHEST  
BELT  
SHOULDER

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!

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Entrepreneur FRANCHISE 500 RANKED 2021

Entrepreneur FRANCHISE 500 RANKED 2020

Entrepreneur FRANCHISE 500 RANKED 2019

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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](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 limites para la cantidad correspondiente; pregunte al gerente para más detalles



### > Step 2: SWIPE >

### > Step 3: SAVOR

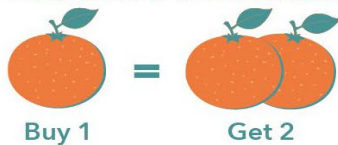


Save on fresh Florida grown produce and enjoy!

¡Ahorre en productos frescos cultivados en Florida y disfrute!



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Double Your SNAP Dollars Here:



Every Saturday 8:30-12:30

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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.

