

Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

September 16 – September 20, 2024

September Character Counts Trait – Fairness

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, September 16

K & 2 Testing – See Schedules Below

PTO/SAC Annual Title I 5:30 pm

Tuesday, September 17

K Testing – See Schedules Below

Tie Tuesday

PTO CES Spirit Night 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Chipotle US 1

Wednesday, September 18

K Testing – See Schedules Below

Early Release 1:45 pm

Thursday, September 19

K Testing – See Schedules Below

Back to School Dance 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Tie Dye Day

Friday, September 20

Teacher Inservice Day – No School for Students

Absence Reporting:

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

Early Checkout/Dismissal Changes:

cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us

The Future Begins Here!

HOT TOPICS

PTO/SAC Meeting

Our first PTO Meeting of the year is Monday, September 16th at 5:30 pm. Meet in the Media Center or on Zoom (link) : <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83622203445?pwd=49d3G8tw2E2k9QBQaRo0fEi72aU8Gb.1> The evening will begin with our Annual Title 1 Meeting, followed by our PTO Meeting and then our SAC Meeting. Come be part of the great things happening at Crookshank.

Volunteers Needed!

Our first Scholastic Book Fair of the year will take place September 9th through 13th! We need lots of volunteers to make it a success! Sign up here to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-50513085-volunteer> Remember to complete the School Access Form to be approved as a volunteer: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>

Gently Used Clothes Needed – Clinic

The clinic is in need of gently used clothes, specifically boys shorts and pants. Please stop by the front office. Thank you!

Receive the Cougar Growl

If you know someone who does not receive our Cougar Growl, please share this link with them.

<https://forms.office.com/r/3348QSs14Z>

Cougar Café Lunch Menu:

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

Growth Mindset: “It doesn’t matter where you are coming from. All that matters is where you are going.” –Brian Tracy

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Car Rider - Parent Drop Off /Pick Up

Some friendly reminders:

1. Please remain in your vehicle when dropping off and picking up. A CES staff member or safety patrol 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 arrival and dismissal run smoothly for our students and staff.

Access to CES

All adults must be registered volunteers to enter the school building during school hours. You must complete the district's Volunteer Application if you wish to volunteer in a classroom, participate in any class activities, chaperone/attend a field study, eat lunch with your student, participate in a parent conference, or attend any performance or event during school hours.

Please follow the link on the John A. Crookshank website or St. Johns County School District websites to apply. <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>
Once registered as a volunteer, all visitors will sign in at the front desk and present a valid state identification to receive a Volunteer Badge that must be worn in while in the building.

Sign in Procedure

In line with a district wide sign in policy, all visitors requesting to enter the building will need to sign and provide an identification card. Thank you for following this safety measure.

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

Positive Behavior Support

PBIS Rewards App

PBIS Rewards has a Family App that will give you some insight into how your child is doing with respect to our PBIS program. The Family App will run on most smart devices, including smartphones and tablets. You can find it in the iPhone/iPad App Store, Google Play, and the Amazon App Store. Just search for "PBIS Rewards Family."

Once you have installed the app, you will have to confirm your relationship to your student by certifying that you are a parent or guardian. Once you have done this you will be able to see your student's progress with PBIS Rewards.

You can add more than one student to the app, even if they go to different schools, as long as the school is using PBIS Rewards. We encourage you to talk with your student about what they must do to be successful with PBIS Rewards and to encourage them when you see them being successful.

PBIS Stores Dates

9/19	12/20	3/28
10/11	1/24	4/17
11/1	2/13	5/9
11/22	3/7	5/28

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, Mrs. Torrente and Mrs. McMahon.

CES Student and Parent Handbook

Please see the link for the CES 24-25 Student and Parent PBIS Handbook: [CES Student and Parent Handbook 24-25.pdf](#)

District Student Code of Conduct

Please see the link for the SJCS 24-25 Student Code of Conduct
<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolservices/conduct/>

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Progress Monitoring

Throughout the school year, your students will be taking the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) progress monitoring system. Three times per year these assessments will be used to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards. Kindergarten – 2nd will be assessed using the Renaissance Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math assessment(s). 3rd – 5th will be assessed using the FAST ELA, Writing and Math and also 5th grade will be assessed in Science. Your student's results from PM1 & PM2 are for informational purposes only, and you will be provided with information about how to access the results after testing is completed. **Testing for PM1 schedule is below.**

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/>

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.

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.

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Home Access Center

The Home Access Center (HAC) is a web-based application that is part of our Student Information System called eSchoolPlus. Please visit the website below to access or sign up for an account at <https://homeaccess.stjohns.k12.fl.us> This system provides parents and students with a daily summary page, schedule and attendance, discipline information, class work, report cards, test scores, and course requests for all students in grades 3-5. If you need assistance with your account, please contact our Computer Operator, Lisa Cogar at 904-547-7846.

School Messenger

School Messenger is a rapid phone, email, and/or text notification system provided by our school district to communicate important or emergency information efficiently. This system will be used for providing accurate information to parents/guardians about daily attendance and safety as well as communication from the principal. For you to receive these messages, please make sure that your contact information is up to date.

Upcoming Events

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| 9/23 | Penny Wars Begins
Sebastian MS Cheer Clinic | 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm |
| 9/24 | Sebastian MS Cheer Clinic
Penny Wars | 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm |
| 9/25 | Penny Wars | |
| 9/26 | Title I Family Movie Night
Penny Wars | 5:15 pm – 7:30 pm |
| 10/10 | Fire Prevention PK,K,1 | |
| 10/11 | End of First Quarter | |
| 10/14 | Teacher Planning Day – No School for Students | |
| 10/15 | Fall Pictures | |
| 10/17 | Cougars with Character K-5 | |
| 10/18 | Quarter 1 PAWS Party | |

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JOHN A. CROOKSHANK
PRESENTS

family

MOVIE NIGHT

A Title I Community Involvement Event



**Thursday,
9/26**

5:15-7:30 p.m.

Come join us for a night of popcorn eating and community building with fellow Cougar families! We look forward to seeing you there!

Keep an eye out for more details in the weekly family newsletter from Mr. Roach!

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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 of 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 take the [Kindergarten/Grade 1/Grade 2] Renaissance [Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math assessment(s)]. Your student's results from PM1 are for informational purposes only, and you will be provided with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the student responds, and each student will see different questions. If you or your student would like to review [Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math] sample items at home, sample test items are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>. The Star Early Literacy assessment typically takes less than 15 minutes to complete. The Star Reading assessment is usually completed in less than 20 minutes, and the Star Math assessment typically takes less than 30 minutes to complete.

8/28	<u>1st/2nd Reading:</u> McNeill, Rodriguez and Baker		
8/29	<u>1st/2nd Reading:</u> Mukherjee, White, Watts, Sarracino and Kamm		
8/30	<u>1st/2nd Reading:</u> Lindsey, Sincoe and Moore		
9/4	<u>1st/2nd Math:</u> McNeill, Rodriguez and Baker		
9/5	<u>1st/2nd Math:</u> Mukherjee, White, Watts, Sarracino and Kamm		
9/6	<u>1st/2nd Math:</u> Lindsey, Sincoe and Moore		
9/9	<u>K Reading:</u> Ramirez	9/10	<u>K Reading:</u> Dingler
9/11	<u>K Reading:</u> McQuaig	9/12	<u>K Reading:</u> Frazer
9/16	<u>K Math:</u> Ramirez	<u>K Reading:</u> Heffernan, Frazer	<u>2nd Reading:</u> Moore
9/17	<u>K Math:</u> Dingler, Heffernan	9/18	<u>K Math:</u> McQuaig
9/19	<u>K Math:</u> Frazer		

Make Up Dates: 9/16, 9/17, 9/18, 9/19, 9/23, 9/24, 9/25, 9/26, 9/27

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

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact:

Joelle Johnson – Joelle.Johnson@stjohns.k12.fl.us (3rd-5th)

Adriana Orta – Adriana.Orta@stjohns.k12.fl.us (K-2nd)

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

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Welcome from your Crookshank PTO!

Come Have Fun With Us

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! If you'd like to come have fun with us! Contact CrookshankPTO@gmail.com

PTO Meetings

Our first PTO Meeting of the year is Monday, September 16th at 5:30 pm, Meet in the Media Center or on Zoom- be a part of the good happening at Crookshank. Zoom link-

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83622203445?pwd=49d3G8tw2E2k9QBQaRo0fEi72aU8Gb.1>

Volunteer With Us!

This week- Help hand out prizes at our very first PBIS Store, and look ahead to helping us with Boo Fest in October!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-50513085-volunteer>

School Access

Remember to complete the School Access Form to be approved as a volunteer:

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>

Coin Wars

Start saving your change for a Star Wars themed COIN WARS!! From September 23rd-27th, bring in money to fill your grade level's bucket in the main hall each morning. You can donate online as well that week. **The winning grade will get their own snack cart!!!** Help us raise \$1000 for our school!

Membership is FREE!

PTO Membership is free this year- we want everyone in our school to be a part of our amazing community and stay in touch to hear the latest information and opportunities! If you signed up at Meet the Teacher or New Family Night, you'll hear from us soon! If you haven't signed up yet, send us an email with your name, kiddo's name, teacher, and grade, and we'll add you to the list!

Spirit Nights

An easy and delicious way to support CES and save yourself a night of cooking! Our next Spirit Night will be Tuesday, September 17th from 5 pm – 9pm at Chipotle- 1753 US Highway 1 South, St Augustine, FL 32084. Mention Crookshank Elementary School (or show the flyer) when ordering and 25% of the event sales will be donated to Crookshank Elementary School. [PTOChipotleFlyer91724](#) When ordering online for pickup use the Code ZF8X9Q4.

Birthday Sign

Give your kiddo a birthday shoutout on our brand new electronic sign for only \$10! Make sure you order no later than the Wednesday before their birthday week- <https://crookshank-pt0.cheddarup.com/>

Online Store

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

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Box Tops

Remember cutting out Box Tops when we were kids? Now it is virtual! Download the app and use code **QPU606JL** and start snapping those receipts- each one adds up to a donation for Crookshank!

PTO Needs...

We are starting to plan October 23rd's Boo Fest! Be a part of the fun and plan to attend! A planning meeting will take place on Zoom Monday, September 23rd at 7:00pm. Here's the link:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83622203445?pwd=49d3G8tw2E2k9QBQaRo0fEi72aU8Gb.1>

Need to Reach Us or Keep Up?

Here are the best ways:

- *Check out our section in the weekly CES newsletter sent by Mr. Roach
- *Read emails and texts sent home highlighting PTO happenings!
- *Check out Class Dojo posts
- *Follow us on Facebook and Instagram
- *Look at the PTO website: <https://sites.google.com/view/crookshankpto/home>

Thank you for all of your support!

Your CES PTO Board

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For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

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CES PTO IS HOSTING

COIN WARS



Monday, September 23rd - Friday, September 27, 2024

Each grade will have a jar in the main hallway every morning until 8:25am. **EVERY COIN or DOLLAR** will count as points for their grade.



Click the QR Code to donate online!



WHAT IS IT?

Coin Wars is a fundraiser where grades compete for the most points. Students & families bring in coins and/or cash to place in their team jar for points. We've added a Star Wars element for extra fun.



WIN WHAT?

Every day, the **GRADE LEVEL** that has the **MOST POINTS** in their jar **FOR THE DAY** will get **EXTRA RECESS**

The **GRADE LEVEL** with the **MOST POINTS** at the **END OF THE WEEK** will win a **SNACK CART** for their **WHOLE GRADE!!!**

GRADE LEVEL	JAR MASCOT
PK	Yoda
K	CP30
1st	BB-8
2nd	R2D2
3rd	Chewbacca
4th	Storm-trooper
5th	Darth Vader

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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!

Can you recommend businesses (including your own!) that can donate resources or products or provide a sponsorship to directly support our activities?

- Several partnership levels are available, all of which entitle your business to receive recognition.
- All donated goods and services valued at each partner level will receive the same benefits.
- Crookshank PTO is a 501(c)(3); all donations are tax deductible.

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,

Annie Oxarart and Lynne Sykes, Community Engagement Coordinators



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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.

