

# Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

October 28 – November 1, 2024

October Character Counts Trait – Responsibility

**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 2: Issue 12**

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, October 28**

Scouts of America at Lunch

## **Tuesday, October 29**

Scouts of America in Café 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

## **Wednesday, October 30**

Early Release	1:45 pm
Girls & Boys Basketball	5:30 pm at Murray

## **Thursday, October 31**

Literary Character Parade 9:00 am

## **Friday, November 1**

PBIS Store Open

## **Absence Reporting:**

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

## **Early Checkout/Dismissal Changes:**

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

## **Cougar Café Lunch Menu:**

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

**Growth Mindset: “The secret of getting ahead is getting started.”**

Mark Twain

## **The Future Begins Here!**

### **HOT TOPICS**

#### **Literary Character Parade**

This Thursday, October 31, we will have our annual Literary Character Parade at 9:00 am. Please review the attached Character Parade informational letter to view important details about costumes, location and arrival times.

#### **School on November 11**

To make up for one of the missed hurricane days, just a reminder that Monday, November 11 will be a regularly scheduled school day.

#### **Bullying Education**

If the opportunity presents itself to have a conversation with your child, please feel free to use the following link

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/sdfs/parent/>

#### **Weekend and Holiday Food Bags**

Crookshank offers weekend food bags for students through Blessing in a Backpack. To request weekend food assistance for your student, please email [Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

The holidays are approaching! If you would like to request holiday assistance, please email [Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us)



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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](mailto:CES_transportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

## **HOT TOPICS**

### **Resiliency Florida**

In partnership with Resiliency Florida, we will explore CHARACTER COUNTS! pillar characteristic(s) each month. Attached to the School Messenger email are the Parent Resources for Self-Awareness and Self-Management for September. Moving forward, I will send the parent resources to you monthly. <https://www.buildresiliency.org/>

### **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>

### **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!

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Upcoming Events**

- 11/4 PTO/SAC Meeting 5:30 pm  
Media Center – Zoom
- 11/6 Girls & Boys Basketball 5:30 pm at Murray
- 11/7 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade CogGat Screener
- 11/8 Jacket Football & Cheer – Morning Arrival
- 11/11 Veterans' Day – School is in session
- 11/16 Girls and Boys Basketball Tourney TBD
- 11/18 Title I Academic Night 5:00 pm
- 11/19 Tie Tuesday
- 11/21 5<sup>th</sup> Grade NASA Trip
- 11/22 PTO Turkey Trot  
PBIS Store Open
- 11/25-28 Fall Break and Thanksgiving

## **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**

<del>9/19</del>	12/20	3/28
<del>10/11</del>	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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## 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](mailto:CrookshankPTO@gmail.com)

### BooFest Success!

Wednesday was such a special night for Crookshank! We loved seeing so many of our families at Boo Fest and enjoyed our time together! Thank you to our event sponsors- CVS at US1N, Domino's Pizza at the Shoppes of Northetowne, and Chris Brown from Geico. Thank you to all of the volunteers who generously donated their time and energy. Thank you especially to our amazing faculty and staff who created beautiful booths, helped with setup, and provided so much support. Our Crookshank Community is the BEST!

### Crookshank Turkey Trot

We are ready for our next fun event, the Crookshank Turkey Trot! This is our major fundraiser for this semester as well! On November 22nd, our Cougars will run, walk, skip, dance, and be silly around the Bus Loop with their classmates! Information will be sent home this week in the Wednesday folders and see it below as well.

### PTO Meetings

Our next joint PTO/SAC meeting will be Monday, November 4th at 5:30

### Volunteer With Us!

Click this link to check out volunteer opportunities and ways you can donate to help!

<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/>

### 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

Monday, November 4, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Texas Roadhouse located at 410 Outlet Mall Blvd., St Augustine, FL 32084. Support Crookshank Elementary by presenting the flyer to the St Augustine location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to Crookshank Elementary!

### 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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## CES PTO

### 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...

Check out our volunteer link above for events where we need your help! Donation items are on there, too!

### 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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# Boo Fest!



A FaBOOlous Night with your CES Family!

## October 23rd 5:30-7:30

**Trick or Treat Trail! Games! Food! Photo Booth!  
Inflatable Games! Raffle Baskets!  
Wear a Costume!!!**



Questions? Want to help with planning? Can you volunteer at Boo Fest?

Email [CrookshankPTO@gmail.com](mailto:CrookshankPTO@gmail.com)



How to Pre-Register:  
-Scan the above code OR  
-Fill out the form below

OR

-Go to  
<https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com>



**Concessions \$1/\$2 (cash only)  
Silent Auction- bid to win!**

**Pre-register by Monday, October 21st \$10/family  
Walk up Registration at Boo Fest \$15/family**



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# FILL THE MONSTER'S BELLY!!

PLEASE DONATE BAGS OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED HALLOWEEN CANDY (NO CHOCOLATE) OR SMALL PRIZES FOR THE BOO FEST!

FEED YOUR DONATIONS TO THE CANDY MONSTER  
IN THE MAIN HALL EACH MORNING  
FROM OCTOBER 1ST UNTIL OCTOBER 21ST.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!  
ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT  
[CROOKSHANKPTO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CROOKSHANKPTO@GMAIL.COM)



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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](mailto:crookshankPTOpartners@gmail.com) Business partners can also sign up and make a donation directly at our online store <http://crookshank-ptO.cheddarup.com>. With your support, we can achieve great things!

Warmest Regards,

Annie Oxarart and Lynne Sykes, Community Engagement Coordinators





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## PTO Business Partners

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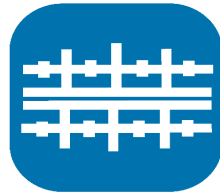
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## Suspicious Activity Reporting App

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.

