

# Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

November 4 – November 8, 2024

## November 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.

### **Volume 2: Issue 13**

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, November 4**

PTO/SAC Meeting	5:30 pm
Media Center & Zoom	
Spirit Night at Texas Roadhouse	4:00 pm 10:00 pm

### **Tuesday, November 5**

### **Wednesday, November 6**

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

### **Thursday, November 7**

2nd Grade CogGat Screener

### **Friday, November 8**

Jacket Football & Cheer – Morning Arrival

### **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: "Persistence can change failure into extraordinary achievement."** - Matt Biondi

## **The Future Begins Here!**

### **HOT TOPICS**

#### **Turkey Trot! Fun Run**

Get ready to gobble til you wobble at our first Turkey Trot! It's happening Friday, November 22. More details in the PTO section.

#### **November is Family Involvement Month**

Please see the attached resources to see how you can get involved.

#### **School in session 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)

#### **Title I Academic Night 5:00 pm**

Pin this on your events calendar. On November 18, we'll be hosting our Academic Night. This will be an opportunity for families to experience some of the Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies activities your student gets to do during their school day. We hope to see you there.

#### **Varsity Tutors**

Free online resource through Clever. More details in this week's email.

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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**

11/18 Title I Academic Night 5:00 pm  
Mickey Mouse Birthday

11/19 Tie Tuesday

11/21 5<sup>th</sup> Grade NASA Trip

11/22 PTO Turkey Trot  
Dress Like a Turkey or Fall Colors  
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
<del>11/1</del>	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

We are looking for someone to plan a Talent Show for our Cougars! We will help you with resources and volunteers, we just need your creativity and coordination! Email [CrookshankPTO@gmail.com](mailto:CrookshankPTO@gmail.com) if you are ready for this fun opportunity!

### Crookshank Turkey Trot

Get ready to gobble til you wobble at our first Turkey Trot! Is it a race? It sure isn't, but it's going to be a FUN time running, dancing, skipping and jogging (with some special guests and surprises) around our bus loop on Friday, November 22nd. Please spread the word to help us raise funds for educational technology around campus. We have lots of great prizes for our students, including a FANTASTIC mystery prize for the top fundraisers! Thank you for your support! Click here to register (scroll down and click "Add Participant" on the left)

<https://app.99pledges.com/fund/cougarturkt24>

### PTO Meetings

Our next PTO/SAC meeting is on Monday, November 4th at 5:30pm in the Media Center. Come hear what's going on around school! If you can't make it in person, here's the Zoom link:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89964790583?pwd=WxEc80anRcuyCmVfhaJV5rwEEKh5rD.1>

### Volunteer With Us!

New to the signup- Turkey Trot volunteers and help our Literacy Coach fix up her classroom library! Remember to complete the School Access Form to be approved as a volunteer: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>

### 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!

### 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!

### 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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Dear CES Families,

We are gearing up for the **Crookshank Turkey Trot!** This "fun run" will take place on the morning of **Friday, November 22, 2024**. Is it a race? It sure isn't, but it's going to be a FUN time running, dancing, skipping and jogging (with some special guests and surprises) around our bus loop. Students should come to school in comfortable clothes/shoes for running that day. They will also want to bring their **water bottle** and lots of energy!

We are hoping to raise \$10,000 to fund the growing technology needs in our classrooms, as well as some of our student incentive programs. Last year we raised enough for new recess equipment! To make it all happen, we rely on the support of our CES community, staff, and families like yours! **Here's how you can help make it a success:**

#### REGISTER!

First, you can register your student by using the QR code on the flier or visiting the link below. Scroll until you see the **"ADD PARTICIPANT"** link (it is very small, blue text, near the bottom of the page). Your student will earn a prize just for registering and starting their fundraising journey. While all of our Cougars will participate in the Turkey Trot, students must be registered to start fundraising and earn prizes: <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/cougarturkt24>

#### GATHER SUPPORT!

Once your student is registered on the **99 PLEDGES** website, you will receive an email with a link for you to share with those who may be interested in sponsoring your student's run. Students are encouraged to reach out to as many **friends and family** as possible, but please no strangers or door-to-door solicitations. Payments can be made with all major credit cards via the *99 Pledges* website. Outside of standard credit card fees and a very small transaction fee, the site does not charge us a fee for use. Because of this, donors can be assured that their contributions will directly benefit our school! When entering payment information, there is an option for you to leave a "tip" for the website administrators, but this is not mandatory; simply select "Other" in the drop-down menu and enter \$0. Alternatively, donors may send in cash or checks (made out to Crookshank PTO). Cash and check donations should be clearly marked with your student's name. This will allow us to enter the donations into the fundraising site, so students receive their credit toward prizes. Donations will be accepted beginning **Friday, November 1st** until **Wednesday, November 21st**.

#### EARN PRIZES!

Awesome prizes are awarded for meeting donation milestones. Prizes are cumulative; the more money raised, the more prizes awarded. Top fundraising class will also earn **class prizes!** Top earning students will earn a special prize: **Principal for the Day!** Check out the attached *Prize Sheet* for more information.

#### VOLUNTEER!

While the event is not open to spectators, you can cheer for our Cougars by signing up to volunteer on the day of the event. Check out our volunteer website, and make sure you are registered as an approved school volunteer! **Sign Up Genius** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-50513085-volunteer>.

We know we can count on your support in making the **2024 Crookshank Turkey Trot** an amazing experience for our students. If you have any questions about donations, volunteering, or anything else at all, please feel free to email us at [CrookshankPTO@gmail.com](mailto:CrookshankPTO@gmail.com) and we will get right back to you! Thank you so much for your support!

With Gratitude,

Your Crookshank PTO



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Crookshank PTO Presents:

# TURKEY TROT



Friday, November 22, 2024

REGISTER  
TODAY AND  
EARN YOUR  
FIRST PRIZE

Help raise money for CES  
to upgrade classroom  
technology and have fun  
doing it! Ask **FRIENDS**  
and **FAMILY** to sponsor  
your run!



Use the QR Code or the link below to  
**REGISTER** and get started!

<http://app.99pledges.com/fund/cougarturkt24>

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



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## Crookshank Turkey Trot 2024

### PRIZE SHEET

Prizes are cumulative...the more you raise, the more prizes you receive!

Additional prizes will be awarded to CLASSROOMS with 100% REGISTRATION, TOP FUNDRAISING CLASSROOM, and TOP 3 SCHOOL-WIDE FUNDRAISING LEADERS!!

#### REGISTRATION



#### FIRST DONATION



#### \$20 TOTAL DONATION



#### \$50 TOTAL DONATION



#### \$100 TOTAL DONATION



#### \$150 TOTAL DONATION



#### \$200 TOTAL DONATION



#### \$250+ TOTAL DONATION





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## DINE TO DONATE! FUNDRAISING NIGHT



*Support*

**CROOKSHANK  
ELEMENTARY**

**MON., NOVEMBER 04  
4 - 10PM**

**10%  
DONATION NIGHT**

Support Crookshank Elementary by presenting this flyer to the St. Augustine, FL location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to Crookshank Elementary!

**(904) 789-5263  
410 OUTLET MALL BLVD.  
ST. AUGUSTINE, FL**

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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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**ROOFING**  
904 - 669 - 3914

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Orthodontics

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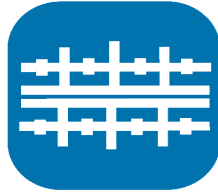


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## Suspicious Activity Reporting App

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.

