

Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

November 18 – November 22, 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.

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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 (No ER Nov 13 – Feb 5)

Monday, November 18

Academic Night 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Mickey Mouse's Birthday

Tuesday, November 19

Tie Tuesday

Wednesday, November 20

Full School Day - Dismissal 2:45 pm

Thursday, November 21

5th Grade NASA Trip

Friday, November 22

Turkey Trot Day! 8:40 am – 12:00 pm
Dress Like a Turkey or Fall Colors
PBIS Store Open

Absence Reporting:

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

Early Checkout/Dismissal Changes:

cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Cougar Café Lunch Menu:

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

Growth Mindset: "You are always free to choose what you do first, what you do second, and what you do not at all." –Brian Tracy

The Future Begins Here!

HOT TOPICS

Title I Academic Night MONDAY NOV. 18

Academic Night is here. This will be an opportunity for families to experience similar Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies activities your student gets to do during their school day. We hope to see you there.

Turkey Trot Fun Run is This Week!!

Students will get their walk, run, skip or hop on at this year's Turkey Trot Fun Run. It's happening Friday, November 22. More details below in the PTO section.

Student Spotlight



Lucy Farrow – Safety Patrol Sergeant Leader

Favorite Hobbies – Dance & Theater

Favorite School Subject – Math

Favorite Part of Patrol – Helping when I can.

Future Goal/Aspiration – A Broadway Star!



Preston Holcomb – Safety Patrol Sergeant Leader

Favorite Hobbies – Reading & Video Games

Favorite School Subject – Social Studies & Math

Favorite Part of Patrol – Helping people.

Future Goal/Aspiration – A Doctor

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Running Reminders

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

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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

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 In 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 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.

Varsity Tutors

Free online resource through Clever.

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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.

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/>

Upcoming Events

11/25-29	Fall Break and Thanksgiving
12/2	PM 2 Testing Window Opens – Testing Schedules will be released Tuesday 11/19
12/3	Zaxbys Spirit Night
12/5	Club and Fall Retakes 7:30 am – 2:45 pm
12/9-13	Holiday Shop
12/12	5th Winter Dance 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
12/13	Class Group Pictures 7:30 pm – 2:45 pm
12/16	Title 1 Holiday Family Night 5:00 pm
12/17	Tie Tuesday
12/19	Venardo's Circus Show 8:45 am-9:15 am 9:30am - 10:00am
12/20	Duct Tape Day PBIS Store

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

11/22	12/20	3/28
1/24	2/13	3/7
4/17	5/9	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 D 24-25 Student Code of Conduct

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolservices/conduct/>

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/>

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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 if you are ready for this fun opportunity!

Crookshank Turkey Trot

Our Turkey Trot is less than a week away! We are almost halfway to our goal- Ima Turkey has lots of prizes left to give! Make sure you register, then share your page via email, text, and social media- it's very easy! Need to register? Click here: <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/cougarturkt24>

Come join us for the fun as a volunteer! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-50513085-volunteer> We can do this together, Cougars!

PTO Meetings

Our next PTO/SAC meeting is on Monday, January 13 at 5:30pm in the Media Center. Come hear what's going on around school!

Holiday Shop (See Flyer Below)

Our elves are busy getting ready for Crookshank's annual Holiday Shop! From December 9th through 13th, our cougars will love shopping for holiday gifts for their family and friends. Gift wrapping is included, and all items are between \$1 and \$5. Stay tuned for the flyer coming home soon! We will need lots of extra elves to help us- sign up as a volunteer! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-50513085-volunteer>

Volunteer With Us!

New to the signup: Holiday Shop Helpers! <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/>

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-pto.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-pto.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>

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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 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!

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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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Crookshank PTO Presents

Holiday Shop



MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH TO
FRIDAY DECEMBER 13TH

Gifts for all family members, even pets!



Want to volunteer? Sign up here!

Questions? Email us at
crookshankpto@gmail.com



Your child's teacher has signed up for a time to shop with our elves either Monday or Tuesday. Students who do not have their money on those days will be able to shop on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday (or until we run out of inventory)!

Please send money in an envelope or baggie!

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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-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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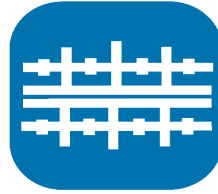
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Our after-school program teaches fundamentals for Baseball and Softball in a safe, fun, and inclusive atmosphere. Grades K - 5 can register at BackyardRule.com or email nate@backyardrule.com

Mondays

RB Hunt

Tuesdays

Crookshank
Otis A. Mason

Wednesdays

Osceola
RB Hunt

Thursdays

VRA



Clinics ~ Camps ~ Fundraisers ~ Team Building ~ Tournaments ~ Special events

BackyardRule.com

Hello Crookshank Elementary!

My name is Coach Nate Fudala and I am so happy to offer to you our Backyard Rule After-School Program, where we teach the fundamental skills for Baseball and Softball in a safe, fun, and inclusive atmosphere! Class will be on Tuesdays from 3:00 pm- 4:30 pm located on school property. Registration is open to boys and girls grades K- 5. We provide all bats and balls, so students do not need to bring any gloves, bats, or other equipment of their own. All of our playing materials are soft and safety is our first priority. This class serves as an excellent introduction to the game and is also challenging and skill sharpening for more experienced players. You can find registration and additional information at the link below, or email me at nate@backyardrule.com anytime! PS, if you use the promo code: CSQ2 at checkout it will reduce the 8-week registration fee to half off, which accounts for the 4 remaining weeks of the semester.

<https://backyardrule.com/registernow/after-school-quarter>

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of gateway council

All fun.
No filter.
Be a Girl Scout.



Imagine it—you and your forever friends.
Dreaming up adventures. Making the whole world
sparkle with your own personal brand of magic.

Every other Thursday
3:00-4:00, K-5 Welcome
Contact Lauren Rowland
Lrowland@gsgateway.org
if you have any
questions!

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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.



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