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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 off7:55 amSchool Opens for all students:8:00 amSchool Start Time:8:25 amSchool Dismissal Time:2:45 pm ** Wednesday 1:45 pm - Reminder below

<u>Monday, February 17</u>

Presidents' Day – No School

<u>Tuesday, February 18</u>

Murray electives selections 9:00 am Tie Tuesday Big Smiles **PTO Spirit Night – Marco's – Flyer Below**

Wednesday, February 19

<mark>***Early Release*** 1:45 pm</mark> Big Smiles

<u>Thursday, February 20</u>

Buddy-A-Thon Program! Kickoff 8:45 am - 9:00 am - PreK $- 2^{nd}$ 9:15 am - 9:30 am - $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$ PTO Family Magician Show 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

<u>Friday, February 21</u>

Absence Reporting:

https://forms.office.com/r/12VxCbyJv9/#submitabsences

Early Checkout/Dismissal Changes: cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Cougar Café Lunch Menu: https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/JohnCrookshan kElementary

The Future Begins Here!

HOT TOPICS

Family Literacy Night - Reschedule

PTO-INK! Family Literacy Night: Bingo for Books, has been rescheduled for **February 27** at 5:30 pm. It'll be a night of family fun, starting with dinner. We need at least 25 families before the deadline. Come join us for a night of family fun. See flyer below.

CES SAC Survey

Please take the time to fill out our 24-25 SAC survey. This helps us drive our instructional focus, including the selection of our 25-26 School Improvement Plan (SIP) Goals. Thank you. https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=8IMKlo81

Thank you!

Wawa US1 S, Youthful Medical Spa, Catina Louie US1 S and Metro Diner US1 S for making us feel loved on our Teachers' In-Service Day.

Buddy a Thon

We are kicking off our last fundraiser of the year on February 18th. It's a great program with an amazing message- **Be a Buddy**, **Not a Bully!**

Kick Off pep rallies will be held on Thursday, 2/20, at 8:45-9:00 for PreK-2nd, and 9:15-9:30 for 3rd through 5th grades to get everyone hyped about it!

Monday, February 24th, PTO will be in the main hallway Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings collecting tickets and passing out prizes. The grade that raises the most funds will get their own snack cart! Buddy Stuffing Day will take place on Thursday, April 3rd.

Growth Mindset: "If plan A didn't work, the alphabet has 25 more letters" Claire Cook

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<u>Running Reminders</u>

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. <u>https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/</u> 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 <u>CES transportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>

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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 <u>https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/health/</u> <u>https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/health/illness/</u>

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 <u>bailey.benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> 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.

Family Portal Access to STAR & Cambium

The Family Portal can be used to access your student's results for FAST STAR & Cambium. <u>https://flfast.org</u> <u>https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com</u>

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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 <u>https://homeaccess.stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> 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

- 2/27 Literacy Night Bingo for Books 5:30 pm
- 2/28 Dress Like a Super Hero : Superman's Birthday
- 3/4 Goodwill Bag it Up
- 3/5 PK Field Study Mosquito Control9:00 am 11:30 am
- 3/7 PBIS Store
- 3/10 PTO Meeting 5:30 pm
- 3/13 Sebastian Registration
- 3/14 Teacher Planning Day No School for Students



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: <u>CES Student and Parent Handbook 24-</u> <u>25.pdf</u>

District Student Code of Conduct

Please see the link for the SJCSD 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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new worlds reading



Join New Worlds Reading, Investing in Kids, & Crookshank Elementary for a

Literacy Night-NEW DATE

HAVE FUN WHILE:

• Free Giveaways!

- Learning strategies, tips, and tools to support your child's reading development!
- Enjoying a free meal for registered participants.
- Participating in reading activities and games

February 27 THURSDAY 5:30 pm

Crookshank Elementary School 1455 N. Whitney Street, St. Augustine



Pre-register with the QR code:



#NewWorldsReading

newworldsreading.com



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ATTENTION PARENTS: Recognize Your Student in the JOHN A. CROOKSHANK ELEMENTARY 2025 Yearbook!

Don't miss out on the chance to design your child's page in the yearbook! This page is dedicated to you, your family and your child's accomplishments and memories. Go online today to purchase your ad and take part in this special tradition.

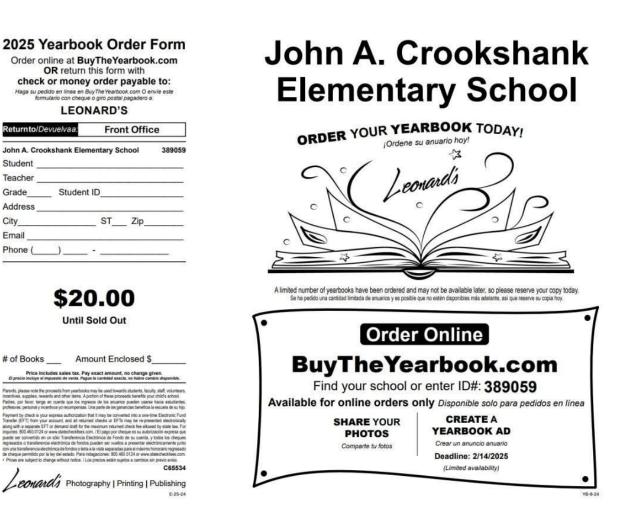
> Visit Leonard's Pictavo Community at BuyTheYearbook.com

Find your school or enter School ID# 389059

Full Page	\$100	1/4 Page	\$25
1/2 Page	\$50	1/8 Page	\$15

Ad Submission Deadline 2/14/2025

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Welcome from your Crookshank PTO!

The Buddy-A-Thon

We are kicking off our last fundraiser of the year on February 18th! It's a great program with an amazing message- **Be a Buddy, Not a Bully!** Register here to get started: <u>https://www.themegablast.com/join/crookshank</u> - See Flyer Below

WE NEED YOU!

Several members of our PTO Board are graduating to middle school next year, and we are looking for new leaders! If you would like to be more involved at Crookshank and part of the fun that we have as a group, please consider joining the PTO Board! The board consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Chair, and Community Partner Coordinator. Reach out to us at <u>CrookshankPTO@gmail.com</u> if you are interested! – See Flyer Below

Spirit Night

Two nights to add to your calendar! Save yourself a night of cooking and support Crookshank by joining our February and March Spirit Nights! Tuesday, **February 18th**, all day- both Marco's Pizza locations **(see flyer below)** Also, Tuesday, **March 25th** 5 pm-9pm- Chipotle

Volunteer With Us!

Thank you to those who donated and volunteered for our Souper Bowl last week! Our faculty and staff were SO grateful. We couldn't have done it without you! <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-50513085-volunteer#/</u>

PTO Meetings

Our next PTO/SAC Meeting will be on March 10th. Join us in the Media Center or on Zoom (link to come).

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- <u>https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com/</u>

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! <u>https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com</u> Free classroom delivery!

Box Tops

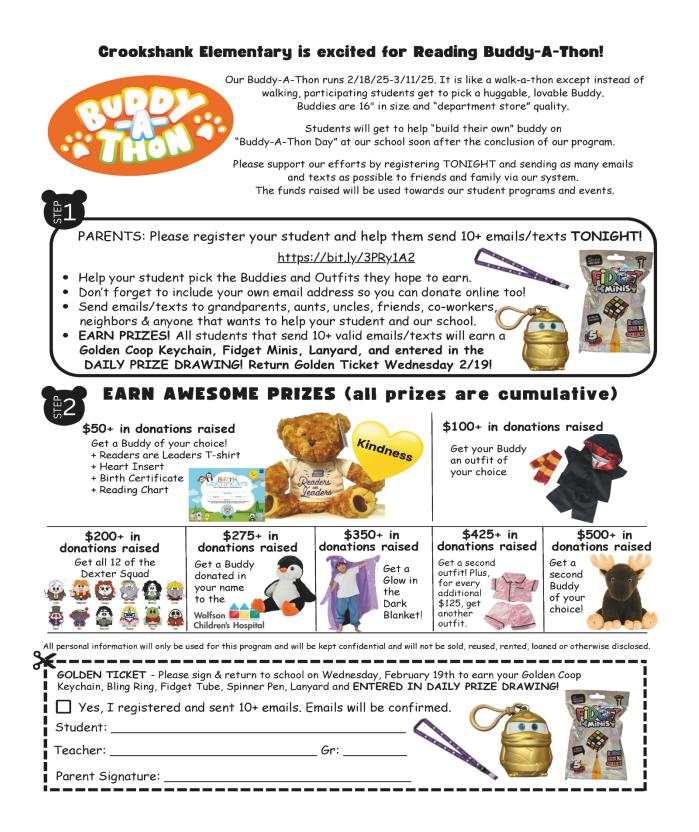
Remember cutting out Box Tops when we were kids? Now it is virtual! Download the app and use code **QPU606JL** and start snapping those receipts- each one adds up to a donation for Crookshank!

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 from the PTO Board





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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

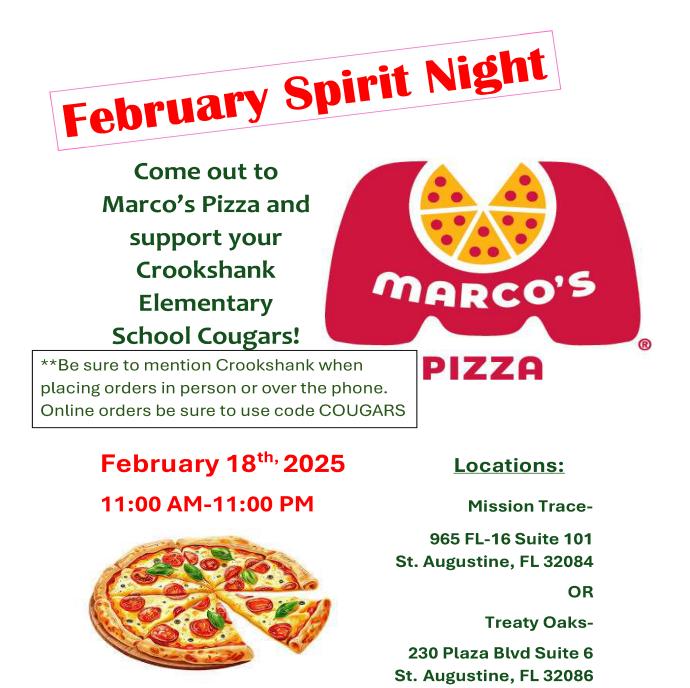
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meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025.



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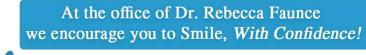
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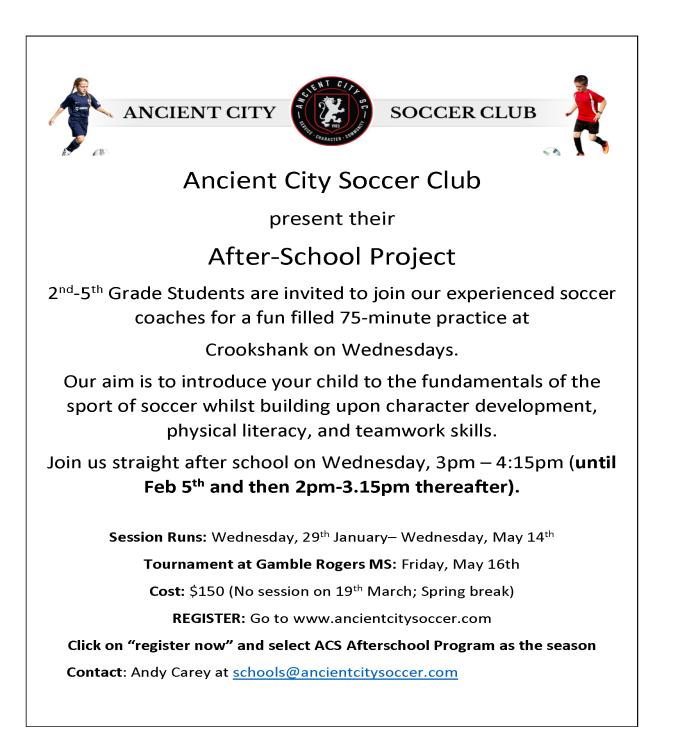
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Our after-school program teaches fundamentals for Baseball and Softball in a safe, fun, and inclusive atmosphere. Grades K - 5 can register at BackyardRule.com or email nate@backyardrule.com



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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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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Cougar Growl Family Newsletter February 17– February 21, 2025 February Character Counts Trait – Caring

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.





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.

