

Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

March 10 – March 14, 2025

March Character Counts Trait – Trustworthiness

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 – **Reminder below**

Monday, March 10

PTO Meeting 5:30 pm
SAC Meeting 6:00 pm

Tuesday, March 11

Tie Tuesday

Wednesday, March 12

Early Release 1:45 pm

Dress in Spring colors for Plant A Flower Day

Thursday, March 13

Field Day
5th Grade Sebastian Registration
End of Quarter

Friday, March 14

Teacher Planning Day – No School for Students

Spring Break March 17 -21

Growth Mindset: "Don't be afraid to fail. Be afraid not to try." – Michael

Jordan

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>

The Future Begins Here!

HOT TOPICS

Field Day

Field Day is Thursday, March 13. Please remember to send your student to school with a water bottle and a hat. Sunscreen is optional

State Testing: Progress Monitoring 3

PM3 Testing begins April 1 with 5th Grade FAST Writing. K-2 STAR testing starts April 16. The full testing schedule will be forthcoming.

Kindergarten Registration is Now Open

To help get us prepared for the 2025-2026, we encourage you or other families who have incoming Kindergarten Cougars to register. This will help us with our budget as well as rostering.

Community Relations – 2025-2026 Start Time

Please note the new school start / dismissal times for the 2025-2026 school year follows the 2024/2025 on the district website. <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schools/hours/>

The changes to the school arrival and dismissal (Times and Tiers) for the 2025-2026 SY were public as of the School Board Workshop this past Tuesday, March 04, 2025.



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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

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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

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

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

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.

Family Portal Access to STAR & Cambium

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

<https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com>

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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

- 3/25 Quarter 3 PAW Party 4th-5th
Spirit Night at Chipotle from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- 3/26 Volunteer Breakfast 9:00 am
- 3/27 Quarter 3 PAW Party 2nd-3rd
Report Cards
Cougars w/ Character PK, K & 1st
- 3/28 Quarter 3 PAW Party K-1st
PBIS Store
Cougars w/Character 2nd-5th
- 4/1 FAST Writing Test 5th
- 4/2 PTO Buddy a Thon Stuffing Day
- 4/3 Visual and Performing Arts Night 5:30 pm
School Librarian Day
Writing Test 4th

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	3/7
1/24	2/13	3/28
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 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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JOHN A. CROOKSHANK ELEMENTARY
2025 Yearbook!

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1/8 Page \$15

Ad Submission Deadline 2/14/2025

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OR return this form with

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Teacher _____	
Grade _____ Student ID _____	
Address _____	
City _____ ST _____ Zip _____	
Email _____	
Phone (____) _____ - _____	

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Parents, please note the proceeds from yearbooks may be used towards students, faculty staff, volunteers, incentives, supplies, rewards and other items. A portion of these proceeds benefits your child's school.
Padres, por favor, tenga en cuenta que los ingresos de los anuarios pueden usarse hacia estudiantes, profesores, personal y incentivos y recompensas. Una parte de las ganancias beneficia la escuela de su hijo.
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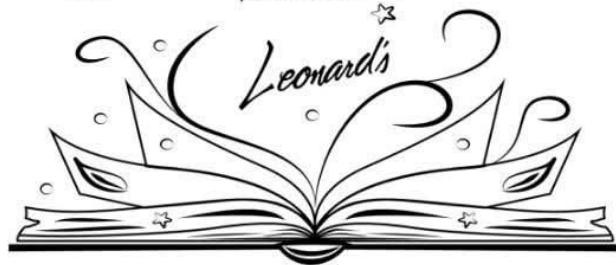
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A limited number of yearbooks have been ordered and may not be available later, so please reserve your copy today.
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Crear un anuncio anuario

Deadline: 2/14/2025

(Limited availability)

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Welcome from your Crookshank PTO!

The Buddy-A-Thon

We've kicked off our last fundraiser of the year. It's a great program with an amazing message- **Be a Buddy, Not a Bully!** Register here to get started: <https://www.themegablast.com/join/crookshank> - See Flyers 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 CrookshankPTO@gmail.com if you are interested! – See Flyer Below

Spirit Night

Thanks for supporting Crookshank last Tuesday at Marco's Pizza! Don't forget to mark your calendar for March 25th- Spirit Night at Chipotle from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

Volunteer With Us!

New to the signup: pass out ribbons and popsicles at Field Day on March 13th!

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

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- <https://crookshank-ptto.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-ptto.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 from the PTO Board

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Crookshank Elementary is excited for Reading Buddy-A-Thon!



Our Buddy-A-Thon runs 2/20/25-3/21/25. It is like a walk-a-thon except instead of walking, participating students get to pick a huggable, lovable Buddy. Buddies are 16" in size and "department store" quality.

Students will get to help "build their own" buddy on "Buddy-A-Thon Day" at our school soon after the conclusion of our program.

Please support our efforts by registering TONIGHT and sending as many emails and texts as possible to friends and family via our system.

The funds raised will be used towards our student programs and events.

STEP 1

PARENTS: Please register your student and help them send 10+ emails/texts TONIGHT!

<https://bit.ly/3PRy1A2>

- Help your student pick the Buddies and Outfits they hope to earn.
- Don't forget to include your own email address so you can donate online too!
- Send emails/texts to grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, co-workers, neighbors & anyone that wants to help your student and our school.
- **EARN PRIZES!** All students that send 10+ valid emails/texts will earn a Golden Coop Keychain, Fidget Minis, Lanyard, and entered in the DAILY PRIZE DRAWING! Return Golden Ticket Friday 2/21!



STEP 2

EARN AWESOME PRIZES (all prizes are cumulative)

\$50+ in donations raised

- Get a Buddy of your choice!
- + Readers are Leaders T-shirt
- + Heart Insert
- + Birth Certificate
- + Reading Chart



\$100+ in donations raised

Get your Buddy an outfit of your choice



\$200+ in donations raised

Get all 12 of the Dexter Squad



\$275+ in donations raised

Get a Buddy donated in your name to the

Wolfson Children's Hospital



\$350+ in donations raised

Get a Glow in the Dark Blanket!



\$425+ in donations raised

Get a second outfit! Plus, for every additional \$125, get another outfit.



\$500+ in donations raised

Get a second Buddy of your choice!



All personal information will only be used for this program and will be kept confidential and will not be sold, reused, rented, loaned or otherwise disclosed.



GOLDEN TICKET - Please sign & return to school on Friday, February 21st to earn your Golden Coop Keychain, Fidget Minis, and Lanyard and ENTERED IN DAILY PRIZE DRAWING!

Yes, I registered and sent 10+ emails. Emails will be confirmed.

Student: _____

Teacher: _____ Gr: _____

Parent Signature: _____



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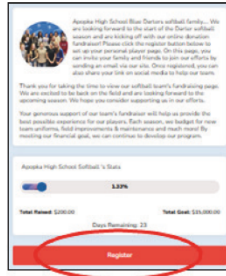
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Student Registration Instructions



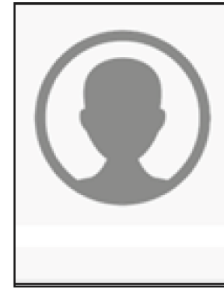
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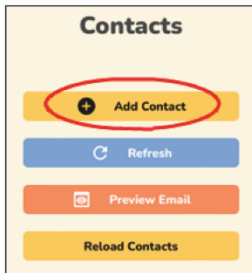
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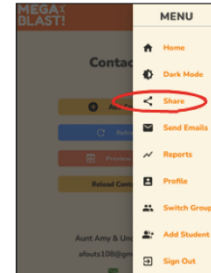
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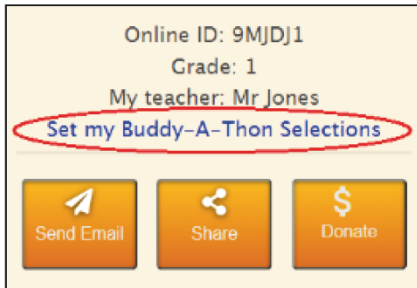
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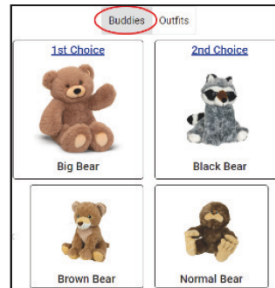
Click Send



Share It



Set My Selections



Select Buddies



Select Outfits

*If you participated in previous years, click "Reload" and previous contacts will refresh for this year.



Now, complete the Golden Ticket coupon on the other side to earn your...



Golden Coop Keychain, Fidget Minis, and Lanyard.



TURN IN GOLDEN TICKET FRIDAY 2/21/25

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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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IS LOOKING FOR LEADERS!

This year has been filled with fun events for our families, successful fundraisers, and improvements in our classrooms as well as around campus. To continue this progress, we need YOU! Several of our board and committee chairs are “graduating” from Crookshank, and we need more helpers so that we can continue to offer the events and activities that we have all enjoyed. We’d love some new ideas and fresh faces to join our fun, drama free group!

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS NEED TO BE FILLED FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR:

POSITION:	DESCRIPTION:
President	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A supervisor role who “GETS THINGS DONE!” Responsible for running and managing all aspects of the PTO and holding meetings.
Vice President	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A crucial assistant to the PTO President. Handles extra tasks and assists with all things PTO.
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintains all records of the PTO, takes minutes at meetings, maintains events records, and updates website.
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handles all banking and finances. Ensures books are kept up and the budget is in check
Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publicize school needs by soliciting donations and Business Sponsors.
Events Planner Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plans 3-4 events per year. Works closely with the Fundraising Chair.
Fundraising Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plans approximately 3-4 fundraisers. Works closely with the Events Chair.

If interested, please email us at crookshankpto@gmail.com no later than Monday, April 28, 2025. Voting will take place at the PTO meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025.

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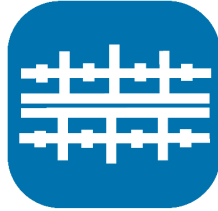
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ANCIENT CITY



SOCCER CLUB



Ancient City Soccer Club

present their

After-School Project

2nd-5th Grade Students are invited to join our experienced soccer coaches for a fun filled 75-minute practice at

Crookshank on Wednesdays.

Our aim is to introduce your child to the fundamentals of the sport of soccer whilst building upon character development, physical literacy, and teamwork skills.

Join us straight after school on Wednesday, 3pm – 4:15pm (**until Feb 5th and then 2pm-3.15pm thereafter**).

Session Runs: Wednesday, 29th January– Wednesday, May 14th

Tournament at Gamble Rogers MS: Friday, May 16th

Cost: \$150 (No session on 19th March; Spring break)

REGISTER: Go to www.ancientcitysoccer.com

Click on “register now” and select ACS Afterschool Program as the season

Contact: Andy Carey at schools@ancientcitysoccer.com

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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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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.

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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.

