

COUGAR PRESS

From the Principal's desk



Happy New Year!

We hope you and your family had a restful and wonderful Winter Break.

Our school is filled with excitement as we move into the 3rd Quarter!

We are extremely proud of all of our students for their hard work during the Second Nine Weeks. We invite you to join us in celebrating our students' success at the Honor Roll Assemblies: 3rd Grade on January 26, 4th grade January 30, and 5th grade January 31. All assemblies will be held at 9:00 a.m.

Our Character Pillar for the month of January is Respect. We want to congratulate all of our students who were selected to represent their class for the character trait of Responsibility. We will celebrate our students for Respect on Friday, February 2 at 9 am. Remember, parents and guardians, you must be cleared by the district to attend the honor roll assemblies and the Character Pillar recognitions. The School Access Form is located on our school's website at <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>.



We are pleased to support Sebastian Middle School by participating in their second annual family-friendly Harlem Wizards event and wanted to share the following information with you in case you and your students are interested in attending:

Event: Harlem Wizards vs. St. Augustine Strongs (team of teachers and staff from SMS, Crookshank, Ketterlinus, and R.B. Hunt)

Date: Thursday, January 18

Time: 5:30 p.m. (doors open); 6:30 p.m. (game time)

Tickets: \$10/student; \$12/adult (in advance - prices go up at the door! Click here to purchase: <https://harlemwizards.thundertix.com/events/111619>)

Click here to see the Harlem Wizards in action and a sampling of which teachers and staff will be playing on our home team:

<https://youtu.be/IgdqCReE0DA>



We hope to see you at the game!

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DONE WITH IT? DO **GOOD** WITH IT.



Crookshank Elementary will be hosting a clothing and household item drive on Wednesday, March 11th!

Goodwill will be here to collect your household item and clothing that you are no longer in need of.

All students who donate will be entered to win a trip for 5 to the Jacksonville Zoo and one lucky winner will win a trip for four to Disney World!

Every student will receive a valuable coupon book as well!



**The next Boxtop
collection will be Friday
Feb. 2nd.**



**Parents, keep having positive
conversations with your children
about positive attitudes and setting
goals.**



**PTO
NEWS**

**PTO Meeting Jan 22nd @
6:30pm in the Media Center
and**

**Spirit Night Zaxby's
Jan 23rd @ 5pm-8pm.**





**Save the date! Dr. Seuss
Family Reading Night!**
Thursday, March 1, 6:00-7:30 PM
**More information will be
coming home soon!!!!!!**



On January 9, 2018, the St. Johns County School District School Board conducted a public hearing to receive comment from the community related to the final list of recommendations for science instructional resources for this year's adoption. Committees composed of teachers, district content experts, parents and community members compiled the lists. Please visit <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/about/textbooks/adoption/> to view the final recommendation selections.

Board action on the final adoption of science instructional materials is scheduled to take place at the School Board meeting on February 13, 2018. If you would like access to available printed materials or require assistance reviewing the online resources, please call the Instructional Resources and Media Services office at 904.547.3947. Materials are available for review from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM



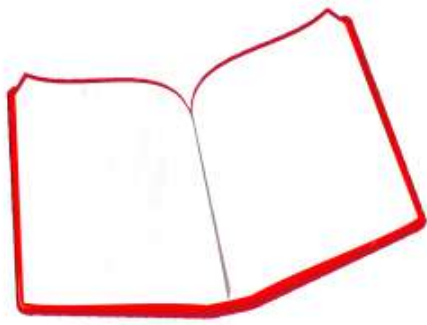
**IS YOUR
INFO UP
TO DATE?**

**Please make sure that your
current contact information is
current and up to date.** This information is vital if your child is sick or injured. Valuable time is often spent calling numbers that are not in service for our students.



Attention Parents:

If you pick your child up in the parent pick up line, we are asking that you wait until you are out of line to talk on the phone. It is safest for our students and employees



LiteracyWeek



TOP SECRET:

IT'S NO MYSTERY...READING IS FUN

DAILY MYSTERIES...

Literacy Hunt BINGO:

- Each student will get a BINGO card on Monday morning.
- Teacher will allow students to work on Literacy BINGO during the week.
- If a student makes a BINGO, he/she may turn his/her card into the Literacy BINGO box in the Media Center.
- Drawings for free books and/or posters will be held daily from the completed BINGO sheets. BINGO Sheets DUE END OF DAY FRIDAY!!

Guess Who's Reading:

- Ten staff members will be photographed reading their favorite book (face will be hidden).
- Classes will make guesses about the mysterious readers and return their guesses to a box in the Media Center. Class guesses DUE end of day THURSDAY!!
- Identities will be revealed on the morning news on FRIDAY.

Focus on Reading:

- Track the number of minutes being read each day (by student / class totals)
- Record the number of minutes in the magnifying glass, and decorate your magnifying glass with pictures, drawings, quotes from the books your class is reading this week!

Mystery Readers:

- We will have mystery readers in our classes and at lunch throughout the week.
- A schedule for these readers will be shared later this week so you can plan accordingly.
- Mystery Readers will also join us during lunch and read to the lunch periods throughout the week.
- Parents and community members will be invited to join us as mystery readers.

Catch the Clues:

- Special morning news features where teachers share tips on reading and kids share their favorite books.

Caught Red Handed— Reading Is FUN:

On FRIDAY, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes will present a FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE parade in which they represent a simile, metaphor, hyperbole, or idiom. We will parade around the bus loop that morning. Details and times will be shared during the week.

CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK...JANUARY 22ND – 26TH



Crookshank Cougars Basketball schedule



St. Johns Elementary Basketball League Master Schedule 2017-2018

WEEK 1

1/11 Thursday Crookshank vs. Hartley @ Gamble Rodgers Middle 5:30 girls/6:30 boys

WEEK 2

1/19 Friday Otis Mason vs. Crookshank @ Sebastian Middle 5:30 girls/6:30 boys

WEEK 3

1/25 Thursday Crookshank vs. Osceola @ Solomon Calhoun Center 5:30 girls/6:30 boys

WEEK 4

2/2 Crookshank vs. Webster @ Sebastian Middle 5:30 girls/6:30 boys

WEEK 5

2/12 Monday Crookshank vs. Southwoods @ The Harris Center 5:30 girls/6:30 boys

WEEK 6

2/23 Friday Osceola vs. Crookshank @ Sebastian Middle 5:30 girls/6:30 boys

March Madness Tournament

3/3 - March Madness Tournament @ Pedro Menendez High School TBD



Test Schedules

Crookshank Elementary Assessment Calendar 2017-2018

Date	Assessment	Who Will Take	Purpose	Results
December 11, 2017-	iReady	Grades K-5	Establish student knowledge	Available to teachers online
January 31, 2018	Computer-Based Testing	Winter Diagnostic		& may be shared
March 6, 2018	FSA Writing	Grades 4-5	Evaluate student learning	Available in late May to early June
	Paper-Based Testing	120 Minutes		
April 10-11, 2018	FSA ELA Reading	Grade 3	Evaluate student learning	Available by FDOE six week after the testing window
	Paper-Based Testing	Two 80 Minute Sessions, 2 Days	& for teacher data score	
April 16-17, 2018	FSA Math	Grades 5	Evaluate student learning	Available in late May to early June
	Computer-Based Testing	Two 80 Minute Sessions, 2 Days	& for teacher data score	
April 19-20, 2018	FSA Math	Grade 3	Evaluate student learning	Available in late May to early June
	Computer-Based Testing	Two 80 Minutes Sessions, 2 Days	& for teacher data score	
April 23-24, 2018	FSA Math	Grades 4	Evaluate student learning	Available in late May to early June
	Computer-Based Testing	Two 80 Minutes Sessions, 2 Days	& for teacher data score	
April 26-27, 2018	FSA ELA Reading	Grades 5	Evaluate student learning	Available in late May to early June
	Computer-Based Testing	Two 80 Minute Sessions, 2 Days	& for teacher data score	
April 30-May 1, 2018	FSA ELA Reading	Grades 4	Evaluate student learning	Available in late May to early June
	Computer-Based Testing	Two 80 Minutes Sessions, 2 Days	& for teacher data score	
May 3-4, 2018	FCAT 2.0 Science	Grade 5	Evaluate student learning	Available by FDOE six weeks after the testing window
	Paper-Based Testing	Two 80 Minutes Sessions, 2 Days		
April 23- May 18, 2018	iReady	Grades 3-5	Establish student knowledge	Available to teachers online
	Computer-Based Testing	Spring Diagnostic		& may be shared
May 7, 2018	Related Arts Final Exams	Grades 2-5	Evaluate student learning	Posted on report card
	Computer-Based Testing	45 Minutes	& for teacher data score	



FACILITATED IEP TRAINING FOR PARENTS

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION
WELCOMES**

**Florida Diagnostic Learning Resources Services (FDLRS)
And
North East Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC)**

Topic: Facilitated IEP Training for Parents

Date/Time: 1/16/18 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Location: Fullerwood Training Center – 10 Hildreth, St. Augustine, FL 32084

GOAL: In an effort to provide parents of ESE students with trainings to increase their ability to actively participate and collaborate with a comprehensive school team, a facilitated IEP training for parents will be provided.

St. Johns County School District
Exceptional Student Education Department
40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084

ATTENTION!

CHARACTER BREAKFAST

"Family-oriented event designed to offer an opportunity for fun and togetherness for everyone from the youngest family members to Grandma."



**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 10, 2018
9:30 - 11:30 AM**



Solomon Calhoun Center, 1300 Duval St., St. Augustine, Florida

Tickets = \$15 per person. Children under 2 free

Tickets available beginning on January 5th at the following locations:

City Bistro, Nettles, Solomon Calhoun Center.

To purchase tickets or for more information go to:

www.kiwanisofstaugustine.com

Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 4th. Limited tickets available.

No tickets will be sold on the day of the event.



Bring your family and have breakfast with your favorite characters: Cinderella, Rapunzel, Trolls, Elsa and Anna from Frozen, Superman, Elmo, Spider Man, Winnie the Pooh & Tigger, Dora the Explorer, Chase from Paw Patrol and Jack Sparrow.

Come dressed in your super hero/princess attire and be ready to dance with the characters with a live DJ, themed breakfast items, many photo opportunities, activities and more!

Sponsored By:



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John A. Crookshank Elementary is an AVID school. AVID's mission and vision to provide a comprehensive model of success for all students, from elementary through higher education.

Crookshank's AVID 2017-2018 Plan

Inquiry is moving students away from superficial memorization and instead promotes critical thinking and a more holistic understanding of the content.

Collaboration allows for academic content to be infused with social development with support from one another to expand their own understanding and views.

As an AVID strong school, we want to celebrate the various colleges and Universities that are represented at CES. Be sure to wear your favorite college t-shirt each Wednesday and help us focus on continuing education for our CES cougars!





Thanks to everyone who encouraged your students to bring in food for the K-Kids food drive! We had a great turnout! Thanks to Ms. Hauber for the great idea of using college teams to motivate our kids!

The Florida Gators squeaked out a victory, with a close second by the Florida State Seminoles. The Georgia Bulldogs were a VERY close 3rd place. The Bulldogs felt

like they should at least give the Gators a victory in the food drive, since they didn't have too many in football this year. :)

The Donations were given to the St. Francis House on Wednesday, December 6, 2017

~ Mrs. Benoit



Crookshank Families:

We are in need of recyclable materials that the students can bring in for the art room!

- recycled CDs
- lids to circular jars
- take out plastic containers
- news paper

Ms. Hauber will have boxes in her room so that the students can place these items or teacher can drop off easily.

Believe it...Achieve it...
Leave your mark



Library Lines



By Mary Linekin, Media Specialist

Our media program is a robust blend of literature and technology. Students in upper grades are learning about STEAM, our focus for the future. STEAM is an acronym sprung from STEM, and stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics. Students in 3rd-5th grades are offered a STEAM related activity within their scheduled library classes. Technology tools they may encounter in the media center are IPODs, laptops, and IPADS. Activities which support both technology and math skills in the library are chess, checkers (strategic thinking and logic), and LEGOS and puzzles for developing spatial skills. Students earn time for these additional activities by demonstrating good behavior.

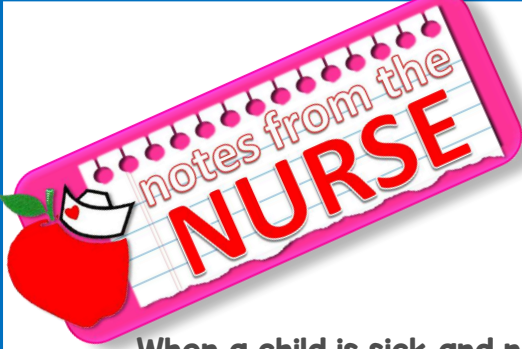


Of course, we have many good books which also support STEAM and AVID. Recently added titles are Ada Twist, Scientist, Iggy Peck, Architect, and Rosie Revere, Engineer, by Andrea Beaty. These are great read aloud books for all ages. Parents are always welcome to check out books from our school library.

We honored Computer Science week recently by offering some classes an opportunity to build a binary bracelet of beads representing the student's name. Students chose two colors of beads, and using a chart that identified each letter of the alphabet in a binary pattern, were able to spell out their initials (16 beads) or one initial (8 beads) and create a corded bracelet. They took away a new understanding of binary code.

Our youngest students are extremely excited about upcoming holidays, and we are happy to continue our popular story time lessons with feature rich audio books which accompany our favorite texts. The sound effects in audio books help students understand the story and enrich their experience. Ask your children how they like the audio books! They should know the term and can tell you about the sound effects.

A fifth grade class made bracelets during resource. It was great fun!



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ILLNESS GUIDELINES

When a child is sick and needs to stay home, parents should contact the school and describe the illness and symptoms. If a medical provider makes a specific diagnosis (such as strep throat, conjunctivitis or chicken pox), let school staff know.

Deciding when to keep your child home from school can be difficult. Here are some guidelines when a child should stay home:

- Fever greater than 100 degrees
- Chills
- General tiredness or not feeling good
- Frequent congested (wet) or croup-sounding cough
- Lots of nasal congestion with frequent blowing of nose
- Vomiting (even just once)
- Diarrhea
- Stomach pain that is accompanied by repeated vomiting or diarrhea. Note: if you child complains of stomach pain for several days, you should call your doctor for advice.
- Symptoms of cold or flu

The two biggest factors when deciding whether a child can attend school is whether he or she is well enough to take part in activities and whether the child's condition will require more attention from teachers or staff than is possible.

PREVENTION GUIDELINES

Hand Washing

Washing your hands is the most significant step for preventing the spread of germs and illness. Here are some important instances when to wash your hands to help control the spread of illness:

- Before you eat
- After using the bathroom
- After coughing or sneezing
- When your hands are dirty
- Before, after, and during preparing food
- After petting an animal

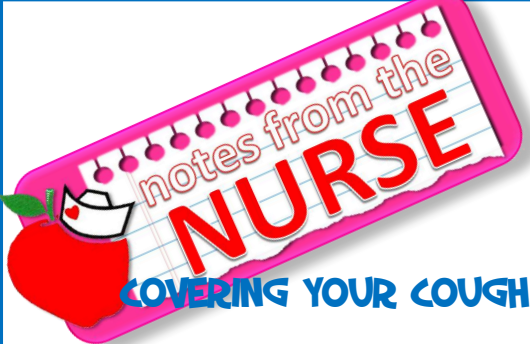
If you do not wash your hands frequently, you pick up germs from other sources then infect yourself when you:

- Touch your eyes
- Or your nose
- Or your mouth

The correct way to wash your hand is:

- First wet your hands and apply soap.
- Next rub your soapy hands together for 20 seconds (about the time it takes to sign the ABC song or Happy Birthday song).
- Make sure both sides of your hand are covered in soap. Don't forget to scrub fingertips and between fingers.

Rinse well and dry your hands.



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It is important to always cover your mouth when you cough to help stop the spread of germs. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advise:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Put your used tissue in the waste basket.
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.

Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds.

FLU SEASON

It is important that we work together to keep our children and school healthy. Protect yourself and others by following these simple steps:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds to help prevent germs from spreading.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth because the virus can spread when your hands touch surfaces that are infested with germs.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing and sneezing and throw away your used tissues, or cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Don't share drinks, water bottles, eating utensils, cell phones with friends.

The flu is not a cold. If you have a stuffy nose, sneezing, sore throat and a hacking cough, you probably have a COLD. If you have a high fever, severe headache, muscle and body aches, extreme tiredness and a dry cough, you probably have the FLU.

If you think you might have the flu while at school, visit your school nurse. Together, you can discuss your symptoms. If the nurse thinks you could possibly have the flu, she can notify your parents and request that you see a doctor.

FOR OTHER HEALTH INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR KIDS, PARENTS, AND TEENS VISIT THIS WEBSITE [HTTP://KIDSHHEALTH.ORG/](http://kidshealth.org/)



CALLING ALL PARENTS TO JOIN THE LICE SQUAD!!!!

PLEASE REVIEW THE INFORMATION TO HELP PREVENT AND CONTROL HEAD LICE. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. PLEASE MAKE IT A ROUTINE TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HEAD ONCE A WEEK ON A REGULAR BASIS, TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT NOT SHARING HATS, COMBS, BRUSHES, HAIR BANDS, ETC. IF HAIR IS LONG, PLEASE CONSIDER WEARING HAIR UP.

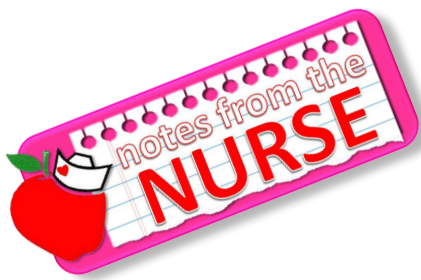


FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON LICE, PLEASE CHECK OUT THESE WEBSITES:

[HTTP://WWW.LICESOLUTIONS.ORG/](http://www.licesolutions.org/)

[HTTP://KIDSHHEALTH.ORG](http://kidshealth.org)

[HTTPS://WWW.CDC.GOV/PARASITES/LICE/HEAD/INDEX.HTML](https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/index.html)



MEDICATION POLICY



Florida Statute 1006.062 authorizes school personnel to assist students in the administration of prescription medications. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to administer medications at home prior to or after school hours. The schools do not keep stock medicine in the clinic.

If your child needs medication during school hours,
please note the following:

All medications (prescription and over-the-counter) must have a medication form signed by both the parent/guardian and the physician ordering the medication. **EXCEPTION:** A student at the middle and high school level may carry a non-prescription, non-emergency medication on his/her person while in school with written permission from the parent/guardian. A copy of the signed permission form must accompany the stated medication at all times.

All medications must be received in the original container with current Rx label including student's name, dosage, frequency of administration, physician's name, and expiration date of medication. Over-the-counter medications must be in the original, unopened container. No medication will be given if presented at school in a plastic bag.

Medications must be brought to school by parent/guardian. Please do not send any medications with your child in their backpack. Medications may *not* be brought to school by the student.

Medication brought to school by a student will be kept in the clinic until a parent/guardian comes to the school with the required paper work. Without the required authorization, the student will not be given the medication during school hours.

Medications should not be transported between home and school on a daily basis. Separate containers should be kept at home and at school.

At the end of the school year, parents are responsible for picking up their child's medication.

The St. Johns County School nurses provide a vital service for our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Health Services at 904-547-7693.

LAST MONTH'S CHARACTER COUNTS WINNERS

Kayden Russell	Ian DeMello	Chase Smallwood	Samuel Carroll	Tommy Petzel	Madison Register
Ms. Cribbs	Ms. McQuaig	Ms. Fortus	Ms. Cantrell	Ms. Preysz	Ms. Lindsey
Pre-K	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade
Landon Higginbotham	Jaime Perez	Luke Kenyon	Emilee Dighton	Norah White	Ana Willets
Mr. Ahr	Ms. Smith	Ms. Elder	Ms. Richardson	Ms. Simcoe	Ms. Hobbs
Pre-K	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	5th Grade
Arielle Gillard	Cash Hasbrouck	Wyatt Hagar	Ammon Perussina	Jesse Perez	Tami Gooch
Ms. Crumb	Ms. Smolek	Ms. Jones	Ms. Robinson	Ms. Vitolo	Ms. Gibson
Pre-K	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	5th Grade
Hunter Ruppert	Jacob Perussina	Landon Wisnewski	Luke Matthiesen	Joyce Dong	Mason Taylor
Ms. Masciarelli	Ms. Werner	Ms. Neilson	Mr. Velsor	Mr. Kennedy	Mr. Miller
Pre-K	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Robert Rodriguez	Anthony Scott	Nathaniel Gill	Isabella Osorio	Yaiza Ramos	Valerie Smith
Ms. Wheaton	Ms. Lloyd	Ms. Angelo	Ms. Courter	Ms. Cacchio	Mr. Whitaker
Pre-K	1st Grade	1st Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Brady Clifford	Robert Nimmons	Ella Stamm	Michael Moore	Palmer Scarpitti	Timothy Gooch
Ms. Mason	Ms. Wolfe	Ms. Ahr	Ms. Keating	Ms. Fernandez	Ms. Brower
Pre-K	Kindergarten	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Collin Faberowski	Raine Berry	Jordan Christensen	Paige Bechtold	Makenzie Rhoden	Charday Wright
Ms. Nottell	Ms. Daniels	Mr. Matthiesen	Ms. Schreiner	Ms. Brown	Ms. Dunn
Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Natalia Zamora	James Baxter	Logan Hall	Josue Betancur	Allie Hendricks	
Ms. Pereira	Ms. Evans	Ms. Hoessler	Ms. Matthiesen	Ms. Allen	
Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	



November's Pillar: Citizenship

Do your share to make your school and community better:

- Cooperate
- Get involved in community affairs
 - Stay informed; vote
 - Be a good neighbor
 - Obey laws and rules
 - Respect authority
- Protect the environment
 - Volunteer

Cougar Coupon Winners		
Date	Student Winner	Teacher
10/27	Zoe Venzon	Smolek
	Alexis Register	Fortus
	Ella Stamm	Ahr
	La'Derricka Patterson	Cantrell
	Keyawn Brady	K. Matthiesen
11/3	McKayla Markovich	Courter
	Marcus Cabral	Keating
	Jamari Vaughn	Vitolo
	Paige Bechtold	Schreiner
	Na'Vaeh Alexander	Fernandez
	Keimara Kelley	Kennedy
	Jahlia Harvey	Hobbs
	Ashli Laroque	Cribbs
	Ava Smith	Wolfe
	Elizabeth James	Jones
	La'Derricka Patterson	Cantrell
	Joshua Jordan	Cantrell
	Gabby Lischio	Preysz
	Tommy Petzel	Courter
	Paige Bechtold	Schreiner
	Ayshsa Jenkins	Lindsey
11/10	Can Westbrook	Fernandez
	Molly Farrow	Cacchio
	Heaven Ferguson	Cacchio
	Kiya Williams	Lindsey
	Anthony Caballero	Hobbs
11/17		
12/1	Juan Rivera	Courter
	Mathew Goodwin	Cacchio
	Trinity Hernandez	Cacchio
	Tommy Petzel	Preysz
	Riley Solano	Hoessler
12/8	Emil Rodriguez	Wolfe
	Jeremiah Evans	Hoessler
	Gabby Rickerson	Dunn
	Thomas Hartley	Nielson
	Markell Clark	Robinson
	Zoey Thorpe	Simcoe
	Tristan Shierling	Fernandez
	McKenna Smetana	Miller
	Triston Allen	Hobbs
	Jahlia Harvey	Hobbs