

The Cougar Press



A Letter from the Principal's desk

Cougars! Believe It! Achieve It!

The fall season is often associated with harvest time. We are excited about our harvest this season. Parents and school employees have been working with students and planting seeds of good citizenship, responsibility, fairness, caring, trustworthiness, and respect in our children at John A. Crookshank.

We enjoyed seeing many of our 3rd-5th grade parents and students who came out on Tuesday, September 26th for our Curriculum Night/Annual Title I Meeting. We look forward to seeing you at our Pk-2nd Grade Curriculum Night/Annual Title I Meeting on Tuesday, October 3rd from 6-7 p.m.

September has been a month of celebrations. On September 22nd, we recognized our students in grades K-5 at our Summer Reading Olympics Award Ceremony. On September 28th, we recognized our students in grades PK-5 at our Character Counts! Celebration for the character trait of "Fairness." We love having our students' families be a part of our celebrations. If you or another family member would like to attend a daytime event on campus, please make sure you have been cleared through the SJCS. If you have not been cleared, unfortunately, you will not be able to attend. For more information, please contact, Ms. Elaine Carson at 547-7840.

If you and your family are in need of assistance due to Hurricane Irma, please contact our School Counselor, Ms. Bailey Benoit at 547-7852 or Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Curriculum Nights/Annual Title I Meetings

Due to Hurricane Irma, we have modified our Curriculum Nights/Annual Title I Meetings (Open House Event). Our new dates are:

September 26th @ 6 p.m. Grades 3-5

October 3rd @ 6 p.m. Grades PK-2

Parent Drop Off/Pick Up

We know you value your child's education as much as we do. We want all of our students to have a fresh start in the mornings but we need your help. Please make sure your child is in their homeroom by 8:30 a.m. each day.

We also ask for your assistance in making sure your child has been picked up by 3:15 p.m. (2:15 p.m. on Early Release Wednesdays).

PTO

The next PTO meeting will be Monday, October 9th @ 6:30 p.m.

Spirit Nights: Chik-Fil-A on Thursday, October 5th 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Zaxby's on Tuesday, October 24th 5-8 p.m.

Fall Festival @ Crookshank Elementary on Friday, October 27th

Report Cards

The first quarter ends on Friday, October 13, 2017. Report cards were originally scheduled for release on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. Due to Hurricane Irma, we will be postponing the release to Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

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We need you! Consider Membership on the 2017-18 School Advisory Council

Crookshank's School Advisory Council is a team of school parents, teachers and staff members, community partners and administrators who meet monthly to discuss school improvement initiatives. The SAC Team membership must be representative of the ethnic, racial, and economic community served by our school and 51 percent of School Advisory Council must be school parents. We are looking for parents who willing to participate on this year's School Advisory Council. I ask you to please consider this important work and communicate your interest to Fannethia Vitolo, SAC Chair at Fannethia.Vitolo@stjohns.k12.fl.us All parents and guardians are invited to attend the monthly School Advisory Council meetings, which will be held in the school Media Center. Please plan to attend the next School Advisory Council at 4 p.m. on September 21st in the Media Center. We welcome your ideas and active involvement.

St. Johns County School District Accreditation Review

It's once again time for our school district's accreditation review. Accreditation surveys and inventories are open and the end survey date has been extended and will be available through October 13th. Parents of students in grades PK-2 have an opportunity to take the survey on October 3rd at the Curriculum Night/Annual Title I Meeting. Parents can also take the survey when their child is being picked up from Extended Day.

Students: Grades 3-5 students should complete one survey and one inventory. Grades K-2 students do not participate in surveys and inventories at all. It is important that 3-5 grade students take the ES survey and the ES inventory.

3-5 Student Inventory: <http://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/28722/16873>

3-5 Student Survey: <http://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/28721/16873>

Parents: Parents complete one survey:

Parent Survey: <http://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/28637/16873>



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.

Ways to help your student at home:

Showing Interest in His/Her Progress

- TALK TO YOUR STUDENT ABOUT SCHOOL.
- BE AWARE OF YOUR STUDENT'S CLASSES AND HIS/HER PERFORMANCE IN EACH. PRAISE YOUR STUDENT'S STRENGTHS, AND HELP HIM/HER FIND WAYS TO IMPROVE IN AREAS OF WEAKNESS.
- ASK TO LOOK AT YOUR STUDENT'S BINDER.
- REVIEW YOUR STUDENT'S TUTORIAL REQUEST FORMS TO SEE WHAT KINDS OF QUESTIONS HE/SHE IS ASKING IN CLASS.
- FIND OUT WHO YOUR STUDENT'S FRIENDS ARE.

BE ENTHUSIASTIC AND SUPPORTIVE. YOUR STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN AVID WILL KEEP HIM/HER MOTIVATED AND EXCITED AT OUT REACHING THE GOAL OF ATTENDING A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.

Encouraging Good Study Habits

- PROVIDE A QUIET PLACE FREE OF NOISE AND DISTRACTIONS WHERE YOUR STUDENT CAN STUDY AND DO HIS/HER HOMEWORK.
- SHOW THAT YOU CARE BY ASKING YOUR STUDENT WHAT TOPIC(S) HE/SHE IS STUDYING IN A PARTICULAR CLASS.
- BE POSITIVE AND GIVE PRAISE WHEN YOUR STUDENT TAKES NOTES.
- BE AN AUDIENCE FOR YOUR STUDENT-LISTEN AS HE/SHE RECITES OR SHARES WHAT HE/SHE IS READING.
- ASK QUESTIONS TO HELP YOUR STUDENT CLARIFY OR THINK MORE DEEPLY ABOUT WHAT HE/SHE IS READING.

Volunteer to help your student prepare for tests by asking the questions he/she has written from lecture or textbook notes.

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!



LAST MONTH'S CHARACTER COUNTS WINNERS

SOHPA RIGGS	OLIVIA GOLL	SADIE ULLMAN	STORM BERRY	OLIVIA TROUPE	TAYLOR PELCHAT
MS. CRIBBS	MS. JONES	MS. VITOLO	MS. CRUMB	MS. NELSON	MR. KENNEDY
PRE-K	1ST GRADE	3RD GRADE	PRE-K	1ST GRADE	4TH GRADE
TRACE TAYLOR	KATHY BAXTER	REID PAYNE	JA KAYLIN WHITTY	ELISH DOYLE	JULIA HANSEN
MS. WHEATON	MS. ANGELO	MS. CACCHIO	MS. MASON	MS. AHR	MS. FERNANDEZ
PRE-K	1ST GRADE	4TH GRADE	PRE-K	2ND GRADE	4TH GRADE
GIOVANNI RODRIGUEZ	ZANDI BEDFORD	ELLA BLACK	FIONA SANZONE	JAMIE SMITH	BROOKLYN BADGER
MS. NOFTEL	MR. MATTHEISEN	MS. BROWN	MS. PEREIRA	MS. HOESSLER	MS. ALLEN
KINDERGARTEN	2ND GRADE	4TH GRADE	KINDERGARTEN	2ND GRADE	4TH GRADE
BRAYDEN HAYES	DREW SIMPSON	AUGUST LASSITER	ELLA BRINK	BRANDON WARD	AMARION ROBERSON
MS. MCQUAIG	MS. CANTRELL	MS. LINDSEY	MS. SMITH	MS. RICHARDSON	MS. HOBBS
KINDERGARTEN	2ND GRADE	4TH GRADE	KINDERGARTEN	2ND GRADE	5TH GRADE
JADEN DIETZ	ANNA LYNN	EVAN HARRIS	DAMIEN BROOKINS	ELIZABETH O'SHELL	ARIANNA BENNETT
MS. SMOLEK	MS. ROBINSON	MS. GIBSON	MS. WERNER	MR. VELSOR	MR. MILLER
KINDERGARTEN	2ND GRADE	5TH GRADE	KINDERGARTEN	2ND GRADE	5TH GRADE
BENJAMIN WINCHESTER	ALENA LUSK	SADIE VAN RYSDAM	MORGAN KAISER	KOHIE BALZER	MERRICK BEAMISH
MS. LLOYD	MS. COURTER	MR. WHITAKER	MS. WOLFE	MS. KEATING	MS. BROWER
1ST GRADE	3RD GRADE	5TH GRADE	KINDERGARTEN	3RD GRADE	5TH GRADE
ELLIANA WARRING	BRANDEN VAUGHN	BROOKE BIRKETT	BROOKLYN MILLER	NAZERRA BLAZER	
MS. DANIELS	MS. SCHREINER	MS. DUNN	MS. EVANS	MS. MATTHIESEN	
1ST GRADE	3RD GRADE	5TH GRADE	1ST GRADE	3RD GRADE	
ALEXIS REGISTER	THOMAS SCHMEDES		ABIGAIL MARIOTTI	SARAH O'SHELL	
MS. FORTUS	MS. PREYSZ		MS. ELDER	MS. SIMKOE	
1ST GRADE	3RD GRADE		1ST GRADE	3RD GRADE	



September Character Fairness

Play by the rules.

Take turns and share.

Be open-minded; listen to others.

Don't take advantage of others.

Don't blame others carelessly.

Cougar Coupon Winners

Date	Student Winner	Teacher
8/18/2017	ARCHER DEBARROS	EVANS
	HEAVEN FERGUSON	CACCHIO
	CAIDYN RICE	SCHREINER
8/25/2017	MARQUIS KELLEY	LINDSEY
	ELLA BLACK	EVANS
	LUCIA DOREGO	BROWN
9/1/2017	MAEGAN BLAIS	WOLFE
	LILY LUKE	FERNANDEZ
	PALMER SCARPILLI	FERNANDEZ
	LINDSEY LOADHOLTZ	FERNANDEZ
	JAKOB WISE	CRUMB
	TAMI GOOCH	GIBSON
9/22/2017	JASON ULLMAN	DUNN
	GIBSON SIGMON	LINDSEY
	TAKIAH WILLIS	PREYSZ
	CHASE SMALLWOOD	FORTUS
	RAHEEM LAWRENCE	ANGELO



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help buy the things it needs
most. All those Box Tops
really add up!

**Our first pick up of Boxtops
from classrooms will be on
Friday Oct. 13th. Please have
your child start bringing them in
if you haven't done so yet. Each
classroom has a manila envelope
in their classroom for
these. Thank You!**

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

