
THE COUGAR NEWS

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JOHN A. CROOKSHANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal's Message

Dear Cougar Families:

As our first quarter comes to a close, I am excited by the engagement and the learning I see happening across our school.

Please check out the Important Date section of this newsletter for some very important dates that are coming up for the month of November.

Parents: Please help us keep your child address and phone numbers up to date. If you have moved or change your number, please contact the front office or Ms. Cogar. This is very important so that we are able to reach you in a time of need.

Reminder: School starts at 8:25 a.m. Please make sure your child is in their classroom at 8:25 a.m. so that they are not missing instructional time. Anyone arriving after this time, the parents must come into the front office and officially sign your child in and the child must receive a late pass to give to their teacher.

We also wanted to remind parents that the cut off time for early check out is 2 p.m. every day except on Wednesday it is at 1 pm.

During Dismissal - We ask that all parents hang the parent pickup tag on your rear view mirror as this will expedite the parent pick up line. This is just a reminder of the new state law effective October 1st that prohibits drivers from holding their cell phone in their hands in a work or school zone.

The Fall Festival was a great success. Everyone had a great/fun time. I would like to thank all the faculty, staffs and Administrators for volunteering. Most of all, I would like to thank the PTO members for all their hard work, time and effort in pulling it off.

Sincerely

Marquez Jackson



School Access

We welcome parents and guardians to our school. We ask that all visitors enter the building only through the front office where they can obtain a dated pass. This pass is to be worn on the upper right left shoulder area while on school grounds. Only those who have completed the School Access Form and been approved will be allowed to leave the front office unaccompanied. All others will require an escort. You must also present a state issued ID to obtain entrance to the campus. We use Keep N Track in all schools. When you have been approved you will be able to sign in as a “volunteer”. This is the terminology that indicates the system has completed a background check. Even if you are not planning to volunteer, we ask that you use this sign-in option to indicate that you have completed the School Access Form. One component of safety is knowing who is requesting access to our buildings.

The Keep N Track system will:

- Electronically log visitors and volunteers at check-in
- Print dated badges

Parents are not permitted to go to their child’s class unannounced during school hours or to walk their child to class after the second week of school. If you need to meet with your child’s teacher, please prearrange a meeting with him or her. This is important so that we can keep the school secure and reduce interruptions to the instructional program. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us provide a safe learning environment for the students.

Go to the following link to complete the School Access Form: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>

Yearbook News

Now Selling Yearbook Ads!

Recognize your special students in this year’s
Crookshank Yearbook!

60th Anniversary Edition!

Several ways to send your message:

Love Lines - Up to 35 words/no picture - \$10

1/4 Page Ad with Love Lines & Photos - \$25

Full Page Ad with Love Lines & Photo(s) - \$100

Page Sponsor - Sponsor a club page with your message, name, business name, or business card- \$100

Information will be sent home soon with your student.

Contact Rick Greenough, Yearbook Coordinator, for more information.

FUNDRAISER INFORMATION

BOON SUPPLY

Fundraiser dates: Nov. 11th to Nov. 22nd.

All fundraiser packets should be returned with payments by Nov. 22nd. All orders will be in before Winter Break. You can also order online and it will be mailed directly to you. Look for these packets coming home next week.

John A. Crookshank Elementary School would like to invite all veterans to participate in our

**Veterans Day Celebration:
Friday, Nov. 8, 2019, 9:00 AM,
at Crookshank, by the flagpole**

All of our students PreK-5th will be present with all of our staff to honor your service to us and our country.

Based on the new school security measures, anyone attending the ceremony will need to be cleared by our School Access Process. If you have not already been approved or are not sure, please call the front office for more information, 904-547-7840.

If you are a veteran, we would like you to sit up front and, after the flag raising ceremony, we would like to introduce all the veterans present to our gathering.

Inside the school, we will be featuring a Veterans Wall of Honor for all the family members and friends of Crookshank Elementary students who are veterans.



Basketball News

November 20

Otis Mason Girls vs Crookshank Girls @ Sebastian Middle School 5:30 PM

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December 3

Crookshank Girls vs Osceola Girls @ Ketterlinus 5:30 PM

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Come cheer them on. Don't forget our Cheerleaders as well. They are hard at work in learning new cheers to keep our teams winning.

IMPORTANT DATE

November 8

Veteran's Day Ceremony

November 11

Veteran's Day – NO SCHOOL

November 14

FSA Night Fall Session
Grade 3-5 @ 6 p.m.

November 15

Interim Reports Issued
Honor Roll Assembly @ 9am

November 19

Thanksgiving Luncheon for
Grades PK, KG, 2nd & 4th

November 20

Girls/Boys Basketball Game against Otis Mason
@ Sebastian Middle School
Girls: 5:30 p.m. Boys: 6:30 p.m.

November 21

1st Grade Thanksgiving Assembly
@ 6 p.m.
School Related Employee Reception

November 22

PTO Dance
1st Grade Field Study to Fountain of Youth

November 24

4th Grade Field Study to Colonial Quarters

November 25

5th Grade Field Study to Kennedy Space Center

November 27-29

Thanksgiving Break
Student/Teacher/Staff Holiday