



## Anderson Elementary School

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A Hillsborough County Public School

- April 12-Awards Assembly
- April 18-NEHS Field Trip
- April 22-Progress Alerts Sent
- April 25-Student of the Month, Talent Show
- April 26-PTA K-5 Science Field Trip (in house)
- May 6-10 Staff Appreciation Week
- May 13-17 -Fifth Grade Week
- May 22 -Student Success Celebration, Student of the Month
- May 23 -Awards Assembly
- May 24 -Last day of school
- \*tentative and subject to change\*

Anderson's Got Talent! Thank you students for your outstanding performances and to Mr. Puder, for directing the Talent Show. What about the staff Lipdub!

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) for Grades 3-5 & Sunshine State Standards testing in Science (Grade 5) will take place during the month of May. Testing begins promptly at 8:00 am, each day of testing. Please make sure your student is present and on time each day of testing. Please refer to the testing calendar sent to families.

We have had a busy academic school year. We look forward to seeing STAR (K-2), iReady (K-5) and FAST (Gr. 3-5) results. As we monitor data, we are seeing lots of "Green" (green is great...green means growth)! We will be giving each student a green item to wear to remind them to continue to do their best as we end the school year. We will celebrate our students' academic success on May 22 with a schoolwide event for K-5.

Florida Statue 1010.215, Educational Funding Accountability, requires school financial reports as part of the annual school report. This law specifies the contents of the report and requires comparative data for our school, district and the state.

A few important dates are as follows: May 6-10 is Staff Appreciation Week, May 13-17 is Fifth Grade Week and May 24 is the last day of school with dismissal is at 11:25. Please plan accordingly.

As we plan for next year, please make sure your student information is correct and update if necessary by calling the school, Marisa Thomann, Data Processor.

As the school year comes to a close, please continue reading over the summer and visit the public library. Thank you for supporting our school and for being an integral part of your child's education. We make a great team!

The tentative first day of school next year will be Monday, August 12, 2024. Information for 2024-2025 school year will be sent home over the summer.

Have a great summer!  
Lydia G. Sierra, Principal

Dear Anderson Families,

It's a very busy yet exciting time of year for all our students. Our teachers are preparing our students for the next grade level, and students are working hard as we are moving towards the end of the school year. Students in Grades K-2 are finishing up end of the year state and district testing. Students in Grades 3-5 will be taking the **FAST Reading on May 1st**, and **FAST Math on May 8th**. 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will also be taking the **State Science Assessment on May 14th**. It is very important for students to be present and on time for the day of testing. Thank you for encouraging your child to do their best and working with your child's teachers.

Mrs. Kim, Assistant Principal

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### Kindergarten

What a year in Kindergarten!  
Wow! Time flew this year. It's been a great year of learning in Kindergarten. We are wrapping up with end of the year testing. We are doing the STAR Reading and Math test in April and the iReady Reading and Math test in May. We know every student will do their best and try. We will let you know how your child did on these tests after they are over. Make sure your child gets plenty of rest. Continue to read each night and help your child learn more new sight words. Please have your child get on MyOn too. It's a great free reading resource. It's a free sight through Clever your child can access. It has so many books that your child can have read to them. We wish your child a wonderful Summer and a wonderful journey of learning ahead. Best wishes!

Sincerely,  
Ms. James, Ms. Dougherty & Mrs. Parks

### First Grade

First Grade Families,

We are so proud of our First Graders for working so hard this year! We still have another month of learning and growing so keep up the good work!

In Reading and Writing, your child has been learning about text features, retelling, vocabulary and writing about the problem and solution in a story.

In Math, your child has been learning Ordering Numbers to 100, measuring length in inches and centimeters and exploring addition and subtraction within 100. Next steps are learning to identify coins and bills and their value.

In Science, your child has been learning how to differentiate Living and Non-living things and what living things need to live. Next steps are learning about parts of a plant and making observations that plants and animals closely resemble their parents.

In Social Studies, your child is learning to recognize that money is a method of exchanging goods and services.

Have a great summer!

Mrs. Zaritsky, Mrs. Corr and Ms. DiGiangi

### Staff Spotlight

I am Michael Puder and I am in my third year here at Anderson Elementary. I originally hail from Minnesota, but became a "Florida" native in 2003. I love teaching music and seeing students grow as they make connections in every area of life. My beautiful wife, Kandi, and I have five adult children who visit frequently. Education starts in the home and I am so thankful for all that parents do to nurture and instill a love for learning. I have the privilege of working with amazing children and see their giftings and abilities grow and blossom.

## Second Grade

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Families:

The school year is fast approaching the end and we can see the summer. We have been learning so much this year. It is so important for your child to be reading all summer long to maintain their current learning. Please visit the public library all summer. This will help your child enter next year the best that they can! Enjoy your summer, get the chance to explore and relax, and recharge those learning batteries for the new school year that will be here before you know it.

Mr. Behrens, Ms. Holtrup, & Ms. Vadala

## Third Grade

Hi all you terrific Third Grade families! We can't believe that this school year is already winding down and we have begun preparing for our upcoming end of the year tests! In Reading, we are reviewing standards learned this year and are in the business of portfolios. In Writing, we are continuing to fine tune our writing skills by planning and writing our expository essays in preparation for 4<sup>th</sup> grade! In Math, we are still building our fact fluency for our multiplication and division facts 0-12s as well as reviewing all standards learned this year! In Science, we have been learning about the parts of plants, their functions and how scientists classify plants and animals. Next, we will be learning how plants and animals respond to the changing seasons! Have a great summer and visit the library for books to read.

**Important dates coming up:** May 1<sup>st</sup>- FAST PM3 ELA Test, May 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>- iReady Reading Spring Diagnostic, May 8<sup>th</sup>- FAST PM3 Math Test, May 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> iReady Math Spring Diagnostic, May 24<sup>th</sup>- Last Day of School

Ms. Schulz, Mrs. Gray-Flint & Ms. Embry

## Fourth Grade

Students have been working so hard in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade!!!! We have seen some amazing growth in students this year! In Math, students are finishing up with add and subtracting decimals as well as working with measurement and data. We will then be reviewing for our FAST Assessment. In Science, students are working on learning about plants and plant reproduction. Students learned about Earth's rotation and revolution as well as moon phases. In Reading, students are working on their novel studies as well as completing their final push towards their FAST Assessment. Students are working on their narratives for writing, as well as working on timelines. Please make sure students are working on their Achieve 3000 articles as well as completing their iReady minutes. Students are showing so much growth and we are so proud of them! Students can complete iReady at home if they are absent from school! Keep up the great work! We are almost to the finish line!

Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Iwanicki

## Fifth Grade

We want to thank everyone for a very successful school year! 5<sup>th</sup> Grade is excited for the upcoming events. Students have been working extremely hard all year long and have been making phenomenal growth educationally but also as individuals. The fifth-grade week schedule has been sent out. Please read over the events so that your student can be prepared for those days. End of year testing is upon us. You can see the dates and the subjects listed below. Please make sure your student is prepared and on time for those days. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to us. Again, thank you for all your help. Without all parties helping each other we would not have seen the growth that we have.

May 1st: FAST Reading

May 8th: FAST Math

May 14th: SSS Science

Mrs. McIntyre and Mr. Becker

# TEACHER & STAFF Appreciation Week May 6-10

MONDAY

Roses are Red  
Violets are Blue...

Make a Poem For  
Your Teacher

WEDNESDAY

Our Favorite Thing  
About Our Teacher Is...

Tell Your Teacher What  
You Like Most About  
Her/Him

TUESDAY

We Couldn't Have  
PICKED Better  
Teachers

Bring Your Teacher a  
Single Flower

THURSDAY

Teacher, You're the  
BEST!

Make a Homemade Card  
For Your Teacher

**FRIDAY Thank You Anderson Teachers!**  
Bring a Small Token of Appreciation for Your Teacher



Make sure your  
child arrives to  
school on time.



Students look great in  
their school uniforms!

Anderson Elementary.....  
Growing & Soaring Together!



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## Reading Corner By Mrs. Tasso Reading Coach

### Summer Reading

It is important for kids to continue reading during the summer to prevent summer learning loss.

#### FREE Summer Reading Challenges, Reading Rewards Programs, and Contests for Kids

These are great at home summer reading program ideas to help your kids read books all summer! (What's better than free stuff reading!)

#### Reading Rewards Programs 2024

Free summer reading programs for kids that have prizes for reading:

- Your Local Library
- Sonlight Free Summer Reading Challenge
- Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Challenge
- Scholastic Summer Challenge
- Half Price Books Summer Reading
- Veritas Press
- Chuck E Cheese Summer Reading
- Professional Sports Teams Reading Challenges
- Local Business Reading Rewards

### Guidance Events

#### Upcoming Events for April and May

Students of the Month Assemblies: April 25 and May 22

Students will be recognized at an assembly in our Reading Courtyard.

Character Trait of the Month (April): Bravery

Character Trait of the Month (May): Leadership

## AGP-Gifted By Ms. Hope AGP Teacher

### AGP Highlight!

Congratulations to Molly W., Xara M., Aislyn G., Nicholas M., Madeline G., Matthew H., Bryce T., and Angel B. for their artwork submission for the district's Earth Day PSA Contest-" Planet vs Plastics". Our focus standard during this project was "Thinking Creatively and Critically" (G.K.12.4). The student identified as gifted will be able to think creatively and critically to identify and solve real-world problems. We're proud of their creativity and critical thinking skills used to spotlight the importance of saving our planet!



AGP (Academically Gifted Program) artists and critical thinkers also researched the importance of Earth Day (April 22) and used a variety of resources such as "Plastic: The Trash That Lasts" from Science in the News, "Earth Day", from MyOn, "Biscuit's Earth Day Celebration", by Alyssa Capucilli, "The Top 10 Ways You Can Travel Green", by Steven Goldsworthy, and "Earth Day" on Flocabulary.com, just to name a few! We loved digging deeper to learn more about Earth Day! We used our