



Anderson Elementary School

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A Hillsborough County Public School

Dear Anderson Families,

Florida State Assessments (FSA) for Grades 3-5 & Sunshine State Standards testing in Science (Grade 5) continues during the month of May. Testing begins promptly at 8:00am, each day of testing. It is typically best for a student to test with their class, rather than testing in a makeup group. Please, make sure your student is present and on time each day of testing.

We have had a busy academic school year. We look forward to seeing iReady (K-5) and FSA (Gr. 3-5) results. When your child's FSA score report is received, you will be notified on how to access your child's testing results.

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 2 –6 is Staff Appreciation Week, May 27 is the last day of school and 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.

The tentative first day of school next year will be Wednesday, August 10, 2022. Information for 2022-2023 school year will be sent home over the summer. Have a great summer!

Lydia G. Sierra, Principal

Tracey F. Winfield, Assistant Principal



Upcoming Events*

April 11-Report Cards post

April 14-Awards Assembly and PTA Walk-A-Thon

April 15- No School

April 28-PTA Glow Party

April 29-Student of the Month

May 2-6 Staff Appreciation Week

May 16-24 Fifth Grade Week

May 25-Student of the Month

May 26-Awards Assembly

May 27-Last day and dismissal at 11:25

August 10-First day of school

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Kindergarten

What a year in Kindergarten!

We have less than 30 days left of our amazing year. We are wrapping up with a lot of end of the year testing. Still continue to read each night and practice sight words. Our big iReady Reading and Math exam will be May 9-12. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest. We know everyone will do great! Some classes will be doing a few projects this last month on Animals and Countries around the world. We hope your child has had a terrific year and has learned a lot. Our goal is for your child to love learning. We wish them a wonderful summer and a wonderful journey of learning ahead.

Love Kindergarten,

Ms. James, Mrs. Hays, Ms. Dougherty and Mrs. Parks

First Grade

Dear First Grade Families,

It's hard to believe the year is almost over. In Science, we are recognizing that an environment contains both living and nonliving things. As we dive into this unit, we will identify examples of nonliving things that are often mistaken for living things, such as clouds and water. In Math, we are learning that 2-digit numbers represent amounts of tens and ones. This topic will strengthen their understanding of the place-value system and prepare them for 2-digit addition and subtraction. In Reading, we are determining problem and solution in a story. The problem - what goes wrong and the solution - how the problem is solved. We are working on **ow** and **ou** in phonics. For Writing, we are writing a beginning, middle and end to a story.

Thank you for all your support this year.

Mrs. Corr, Ms. DiGangi and Mrs. Lancaster

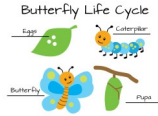
Staff Spotlight

I am Casey Becker and this is my eleventh year here at Anderson Elementary. I am originally from Rochester, New York. I attended SUNY Cortland and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology then went to Roberts Wesleyan College and graduated with a Master's Degree in Elementary Education. I am the husband of a beautiful wife that is also in the Hillsborough School District and the father of two daughters, a two-year-old and a newborn. I am excited to continue teaching young minds to be the best they can be and to push them to work their hardest to achieve the greatness their potential shows they can reach!

Second Grade

Second Grade is ready to wrap up an amazing school year! We have come so far this year and learned so much in such a short time. Money is the hot topic we are learning about in class. Have you looked at your money to see how cool it is? We have been! Another thing we have learned is all about plays and myths. There were even a few we got to act out in class. In Science, we have learned about soil, rocks and we are currently learning about the life cycles of different animals. We have had an amazing year and want to thank all of our wonderful families for their support."

Mr. Behrens and Mrs. Randolph



Third Grade

Hi all you terrific Third Graders and families! We have been doing a lot of learning since our last newsletter! In Reading, we are reviewing standards that we have learned throughout this school year and are preparing for Fourth Grade! In Writing, we are really focusing on the 6 steps of writing success so that our students will be able to successfully write an informative, narrative or opinion essays! Multiplication and division facts have been a focus in Math, as well as data (the different types of graphs), fractions, the different attributes of quadrilaterals and reviewing for FSA Math- which takes place on May 10th and 11th! In Science, we just finished up a unit on exploring the characteristics of the Sun's energy. We learned that the sun's energy can radiate differently from many surfaces on the Earth. We are now starting a new unit on learning what the needs of a seed are. Our new vocabulary word that we have been focusing on is germinate and what is important to a seed when it is going through the process of turning into a plant!

Ms. Gray, Mr. Perez and Ms. Schulz



Fourth Grade

Fourth Graders and Families,

We cannot believe we are in the last nine weeks of school! We still have a lot of learning to do, so make sure you come to school every day. In reading, we are finishing our unit on comparing points of view. We will then focus on comparing poems and plays. We also work on FSA practice questions in class daily. In Writing, we are continuing to work on informative and opinion essays. We are making sure we are adding text evidence and elaboration. In Math, we are currently on our geometry unit. We have finished identifying angles and are currently classifying shapes. In Science, we are learning about animal behaviors and characteristics. Next, we will be learning about food chains. As always, if you have any questions or would like to have a conference with us, please email or call the school.

Ms. Embry and Ms. Vadala

Fifth Grade

In ELA, we will be completing our iReady Diagnostics to see the growth that students have made throughout the year. We will also be reading different articles to figure out the main idea and supporting details of the text with a focus on the different qualities a person can have to help them overcome adversity. Students will be working on explaining the different actions taken by people allowing them to infer the trait they have to allow them to prevail over a challenge. In Math, students are currently working on customary and metric conversions. Students have previously been working on the order of operations, plotting points on a coordinate grid and classifying quadrilaterals and triangles. In Science, students just finished learning about the organs and the human body and their functions. Students are currently working on adaptations for organisms. We are also doing our Hole and the Hill long term investigation which students LOVE! Students are preparing for the Fifth Grade FSA, which will be coming up in May!

Mr. Becker, Mr. Forsythe and Mrs. Miller

PTA

Please join our Facebook page at Anderson PTA to keep up-to-date with relevant school information!

Please visit our PTA School Store online at: <https://anderson.memberhub.com/store>.



PTA April and May School Events

The following is the revised calendar. Dates are subject to change.

APRIL

14th - Walk-A-Thon; Students who raise at least \$25 get a free shirt; Pizza parties for most money raised and most laps ran for each grade!

15th - NO SCHOOL

28th - Glow Party from 5:30 to 7:30 pm - FREE TO ALL PTA MEMBERS

29th - Freestyle Friday; Spirit Sticks Sale During Breakfast; PTA providing sno-cones to all students

MAY

2nd to 6th - Teacher Appreciation Week

16th to 24th - Fifth Grade Week

25th - Freestyle Wednesday! Getting us over the hump to the last day of school; Spirit Sticks Sale During Breakfast; PTA providing sno-cones to all students

27th - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! Early release at 11:25am

Make sure your
child arrives to
school on time.



Students look great in
their school uniforms!

Guidance News

Upcoming Events for February and March

Students of the Month Assemblies: 4/29 (for April) and 5/25 (for May)
Students of the Month will be recognized at an assembly in our Reading Courtyard.

Mindset of the Month (April): Attitude of Gratitude

Mindset of the Month (May): The Time is Now

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any needs or concerns you might have. My email is breanna.mckinnie@hcps.net.

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Each quarter, 4 students in Grades 3-5 will be awarded the MOIR (Most Overall Improved Reward) Mary Baldwin Education Award. This award is a tribute to a 4th Grade Math Teacher - Ms. Baldwin from Saint Leo Grammar School Chicago, Illinois 1959. This award is sponsored by an anonymous donor and is tiered monetarily (\$40, \$30, \$20, \$10). The donor's vision/criteria is to recognize students that have improved overall. Congratulations to our students receiving this award! We appreciate this donor supporting our school and

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Coach's Corner

Hello Eagle Families! In P.E., we are wrapping up our basketball unit and will be moving in to throwing and catching, specifically, with a frisbee. Students will learn how to throw and catch the frisbee properly and how to play an informal variation of "Frisbee Golf". A perfect activity for those hot summer days at the beach, park or even the pool! After Frisbee, we will be starting our Spring fitness tests (Cardiorespiratory Endurance- PACER (running) Test, Flexibility- Sit and Reach Test, Muscular Endurance- Push-ups/Curl-ups). This is our Second through Fifth Grader's chance to assess their fitness levels and see how much they've improved from their Fall pre-test. First Graders will be participating in fitness activities, but scores are not recorded.

Enjoy these interesting heart/health facts from the American Heart Association:

1. To burn off all the calories from just one soda, a child must ride their bike for about 30 minutes. So, watch out for those fattening sodas!
2. The heart pumps about 83 gallons of blood each hour. That's one hardworking organ!

Thank you for your support!

Coach Andrieu, PE Specialist

Thank you to the following business partners for supporting our school:

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Keller, Tijuana Flats, South Tampa YMCA, Burger Monger,
Extreme Juice, Dairy Joy, Jeremiah's and Burgess Civil



Upcoming Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week- May 2 - 6

May 2, Monday-Please have your child create a poem for their teacher.

May 3, Tuesday-Please have your child send in a single flower for their teacher.

May 4, Wednesday-Please have your child tell their teacher what they like most about her/him.

May 5, Thursday-Please have your child make a homemade card for their teacher.

May 6, Friday-Please have your child send in any small token of appreciation.



We ask for your participation to thank our teachers and staff. (Participation is optional.)

For the past few years, Ben Burgess of Burgess Civil has been our "CEO in Schools." He has shadowed Ms. Sierra for the day, attended bus duty for student supervision, observed instruction, met with Fifth Grade Students, attended Awards Assemblies, was a guest on Morning Show, made announcements on the intercom, brought students to lunch in the "Principal Taxi," attended meetings with administration etc. Each year for the Great American Teach In, he also brings large equipment and shares his education and profession with students. Burgess Civil recently made a substantial donation toward our digital marquee. Because of this donation, we are ready for construction! We hope to have a ribbon cutting ceremony this summer. Thank you to Mr. Burgess, Burgess Civil for supporting our school and providing Anderson Eagles the ability to communicate digitally with our community!

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MEDIA MINUTE

Monthly Newsletter



MyOn Reading Challenge

The results are in and the top readers for the Spring Reading Challenge are- Kindergarten: Charlotte G., 1st Grade: Isaac M., 2nd Grade: Matthew H. 3rd Grade: Gabriella M., 4th Grade: Charneese N., 5th Grade: Jocelyn S. Congratulations to those students. They will be receiving a prize from our Book Fair.



Summer MyOn Reading

MyOn is available to all students in the district. We hope our students continue with their reading.

Axis 360 is another option for students to read this summer. It is a digital library that can be accessed through The Virtual Library. Students can access through Clever.

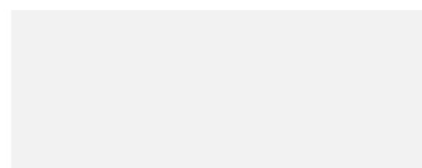
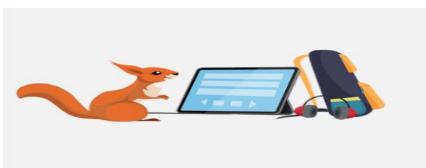
Hillsborough County Public Library will be having reading incentives and activities for our students.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Dingle

I hope everyone has an amazing Summer and continue their literacy adventure.

VIRTUAL LIBRARY

Go to:
<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/library>
to access amazing resources



Hello families!

We have had a wonderful year. This year we have had a blast incorporating the 7 Mindsets curriculum with Student of the Month, different guidance activities and art projects. I appreciate your student's enthusiasm and effort during their time spent with me. I want to give a special congratulations to the 4th and 5th Grade Students inducted in Anderson's Inaugural National Elementary Honor Society. They play as great role models for our younger Eagles.

May is our dedicated to our last Mindset, #7 THE TIME IS NOW! As the school year wraps up we will embrace every moment, act with purpose and get in the zone to finish the school year strong.

Thank you parents for all your support this school year. Please applaud your students for their awesome year!
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Have a great summer,
Mrs. McKinnie-Bond, Guidance Counselor



Parents of students with individual educational plans (IEP) receiving special education services during the 2021-22 school year, **Make Your Voice Heard by completing the FDOE BEE online ESE Parent Survey**, <https://www.esesurvey.com/altlogin.php>. All Information provided will remain confidential.

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Avoid Summer Learning Loss

It hard to believe that our school year is almost over. Students have learned many new things this year. As they prepare for summer vacation, I would encourage families to keep learning as a focus throughout the summer months while your student is on vacation. It only takes 2-3 hours of work per week to prevent learning loss over the summer. Below are ways you can prevent learning loss over the summer months.

Ways to incorporate reading into your summer plans:

- Reading four-to-five books (for older students) and multiple books each week for younger readers can have a positive impact.
- Take a trip to your local library
- Bring a book with you to the park or the beach
- Read a chapter in the morning, when your child is used to learning and before other plans cause distraction
- Create a reward system for finishing books and/or chapters

Ways to keep math skills active and avoid the summer brain drain:

- Students can [increase their math retention](#) by 2/3 simply by doing 10 minutes of math per day in the summer
- Get Outside! Regular physical activity can lead to increased concentration and improved math skills.
- Take math everywhere. Math can be worked into most situations- calculating road trip distance, counting change at the supermarket, playing with math apps.

Music Notes

Third, Fourth and Fifth graders are learning to play recorders! They can locate my lessons and practice at home on YouTube using Visual Musical Minds. Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzPP1EvzOWkQkPXJMWk0c64KPBssoljyg>

If that fails, follow the file path: Youtube>Visual Musical Minds>Playlists>Recorder

Happy practicing!
Mr. Dunn, Music Specialist

