



Anderson Elementary School

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A Hillsborough County Public School

Upcoming Events*

Aug. 10-First Day of School
 Aug. 24-Open House
 Sept. 4-No School Labor Day
 Sept. 11-Progress Alerts sent home
 Sept. 22-Picture Day (non uniform)
 Sept. 29-Student of the Month & Freestyle Friday
 Oct. 5-Conference Night
 Oct. 9-13-Grandparents' Breakfast
 Oct. 12-End of 1st 9 Weeks
 Oct. 13-First day of 2nd 9 Weeks
 Oct. 17-No School
 Oct. 20-Freestyle Friday
 Oct. 23-27-Red Ribbon Week
 Oct. 24th-Annual Trunk or Treat
 Oct. 27-Student of the Month
 Nov. 1-Report Cards online
 Nov. 3-Awards Assembly & CEOs in Schools
 Nov. 6-Progress Alerts
 Nov. 9-Picture Retakes
 Nov. 10-No School Veteran's Day
 Nov. 16-Great American Teach-In
 Nov. 17-Student of the Month & Freestyle Friday

Dear Anderson Families,

Welcome back! I hope you had a great summer. We are so proud of meeting proficiency in Grades 3-5 in ELA, Math and Science at the end of last school year. Our theme this year is "Growing and Soaring Together."

It was great to see our students with their families at Classroom Visitation and Open House. We are an Purple Star School and Anchored4Life School. Both of these programs document and supports we are a military friendly school.

For your child's safety, please do not drop off your child before 7:10, as there is no supervision before this time. We encourage students to eat breakfast each day at school. Most Mondays, students are dismissed at 12:55pm. Please make sure dismissal arrangements have been made. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Follow Anderson on Twitter and Anderson PTA on Facebook. I look forward another great school year! We are off to an awesome start!
 Lydia G. Sierra
 Principal

Dear Anderson Eagles,

I want to thank everyone for such a warm welcome! I enjoyed meeting our Anderson families at Meet the Teacher and our Open House. I am so excited to join our school family and serve as the assistant principal of our wonderful school.

Within these first few weeks, I have seen how happy students are to be in school! They are enjoying seeing and meeting new friends, and are jumping right into new procedures and routines. I have also seen how excited and focused students have been about learning.

This month, teachers will be administering beginning of the year assessments and will be working to plan instruction for their students based on their individual needs and grade level benchmarks. We will continue to progress monitor throughout the year, and will communicate your child's progress. I look forward to supporting our students, in hopes that all students will have an amazing year, growing and soaring to success.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Catherine Kim

Assistant Principal



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Kindergarten

Welcome to Kindergarten! In Kindergarten we have been learning about how to write our first and last names, rhyming words, what syllables are and we have been reading a lot of fun Poems!. We have been working on our Letters and Sounds and learning about how letters make WORDS. We have also been reading a lot of great texts/books. I am sure you have heard about the "Chicka-Chicka-Boom-Boom" story and the "Gingerbread man" story! In math we have been learning about math tools and how to use them. We also are memorizing our 7 digit student numbers. In science we are learning about how to use science tools and how to use a science journal.

We also are learning about what science is. In science we make careful observations and question what we want to know. In social studies we are learning about classroom rules and laws and how they are important to us. Please help your child with homework daily and show them how they can do more things on their own. We strive for Independence in Kindergarten! It's going to be a great school year!

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

First Grade

It's been a great start to a new school year! Our students have been working hard on building a community for learning in all academic areas. The "All About Me" Bags were amazing & a great way to learn about each other. In Reading & Writing, we are reading Fiction & Non-Fiction texts, retelling a text using a topic & key details & using story elements (Beginning, Middle & End) in a literary text & demonstrating knowledge of the basic concepts of print in writing. Next steps are to continue working on building these skills using a variety of texts. In Math, we have been working on building a community in the Math Classroom & improving on our mindset in math using math manipulatives & accountable talk. Next Steps: Addition & Subtraction Strategies within 20. Addition with Three or More Addends & Explore 2D & 3D Figures. In Science, your child is learning about Building a Science Community & using the five senses as tools & making observations. Next steps: learning how to sort objects by observable & measurable properties including size, shape, color, temperature (hot/cold), weight (heavy/light), texture & whether objects float or sink. In Social Studies, your child is learning to identify how rules & laws help us show good citizenship in school & the community. Next steps: Your child will learn how maps & globes can be used to find places & physical features on earth.

Mrs. Zaritsky, Mrs. Corr and Ms. DiGiangi

Staff Spotlight

I'm Coach Mark D. Raynor starting my 38th year with the same passion I had in 1985, when I started teaching. I graduated from USF and hold a MSS from the United States Sports Academy in Daphne Alabama. I took a short retirement and realized there is a teacher shortage. Also Ms. Sierra kept texting me about working here every time I was on vacation. Ha! Besides loving my job, I love most sports and our local teams. I have USF and Lightning season tickets. I make it a point to go to a few Buccaneer, Rays and Rowdies games as well. I have three children and four grandchildren. My S.O. (significant other) Darlene, tries to keep me in check. (a hockey term) I have a dog and cat to hang out with while not at work.

Second Grade

Welcome back to all of our Second Grade Families. We hope you had a chance to relax and are ready for an exciting year. We have 2 field trips planned for this year. Your child will need help at home finding time to read and be read to. Ensuring your child has a breakfast each morning and a good night's sleep will set them up for the best possible day. Second Grade is the best year your child will have and we can't wait to see our students grow this year!

Mr. Behrens, Ms. Holtrup & Ms. Vadala

Third Grade

Hi all you terrific Third Graders and families! We are doing a lot of learning this school year already! In Reading, we are learning about the author's purpose, comparing/contrasting texts, and text features/structures! In Writing, we are really focusing on the Writer's Workshop model and learning many different writing crafts that we can use in our narratives! In Math, we are reviewing place value up to 10,000; plotting, comparing, and ordering numbers within 10,000; rounding within 1,000 and addition/subtraction with regrouping within 10,000. In Science, we are reviewing our process skills. We will also be learning about the different forms of energy, light and heat in the upcoming units! Mondays are Early Release Days- 12:55 Dismissal!!!

Important dates coming up:

August 24th- 5:30-7:30 Open House

August 25th- Freestyle Friday

September 4th- No school- Labor Day

September 14th- PTA Glow Party

September 22nd- Fall Picture Day

September 29th- Freestyle Friday

If you haven't already, it is not too late to join PTA! Be sure and join today!

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

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PTA

Welcome back to our returning families, and to our new students and parents, welcome! We are so excited to have you join our Anderson family! The PTA works hard to support the staff and all Anderson students, but we can't do it without your help. Please join our Facebook page at Anderson PTA to keep up-to-date with relevant school information!

2023-2024 PTA Board:

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Our membership drive is under way! We hope you will join the Anderson PTA this year so that you can be an active part in making decisions that affect our students and our school. Please support our PTA by becoming a member for only \$7 per individual or \$12.00 per family (2 adults). You can join on-line at: <https://anderson.memberhub.com/store>. On behalf of the PTA Board, we wish you a successful school year and look forward to your continued support.

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**Make sure your
child arrives to
school on time.**



Students look great in
their school uniforms!

PTA/SCHOOL EVENTS TO THE END OF DECEMBER

Below is a tentative list of event dates for fall semester (subject to change):

August 10-Boo Hoo Breakfast
August 24-General PTA Meeting at Open House
August 25-Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones
August 24-Krispy Kreme Sale
September 13-Krispy Kreme Donut Distribution
September 14-PTA Member Glow Party
September 29-Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones
October 3-BOO Grams Sale Begins
October 20-Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones
October 31-BOO Grams Distributed
November 17-Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones
December 1-Movie Night & Gingerbread Workshop
December 4 to 8-Gingerbread Workshop
December 14-Winter Concert & Silent Auction
December 22-Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones



Please Like Us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/AndersonPTA>. Keep up to date on all the details throughout the year, including changes to the calendar, upcoming events and shoutouts to our staff and students on doing great things!

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Manager of Safety and Risk Management

De acuerdo con la regulación 40 CFR Part 763.84 (c) y la subartículo E, La Ley de Respuesta de Emergencia sobre el Peligro del Amianto, (AHERA), indica que todos los empleados, ocupantes en el edificio y sus tutores legales son notificados de la disponibilidad de el Proyecto y dirección para la instalación del Plan de Gestión Amianto en su centro laboral. Ud. podrá examinar/revisar la dirección y las indicaciones de el proyecto para su centro laboral, la cuál está disponible durante las horas laborales en la oficina principal. Copias de el proyecto se pueden hacer por un precio definido por copia. El proyecto también está disponible para ser examinado/revisado por los empleados; sin ningún costo o restricción antes o después de el horario de trabajo. La Información proporcionada en el Plan de Gestión incluye el más reciente estudio realizado en su centro laboral, las acciones de respuesta prevista o adoptadas, y la vigilancia periódicas posteriores, haci como las actividades de re-inspección.

Director de Seguridad y Gestión de Riesgos

Hillsborough County Public Schools, in compliance with 2008 Florida Statute -- 1006.147 --adopted its own anti-bullying and harassment policy in December, 2008.

It is the policy of Hillsborough County Public Schools that all of its students and school employees have an educational setting that is safe, secure, and free from harassment and bullying of any kind. The district will not tolerate bullying or harassment of any type. Conduct that constitutes bullying or harassment, as defined in the policy, is prohibited. All Hillsborough County students and employees will receive updated information at the beginning of the school year. Information is also in the Student and Teacher Handbooks. The Hillsborough County Public Schools district expects students and school employees to conduct themselves appropriately for their levels of development, maturity, and demonstrated capabilities with a proper regard for the rights and welfare of other students and school staff, the educational purpose underlying all school activities, and the care of school facilities and equipment.

Florida Statute 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 your school, district, and the state.

Si usted tiene dificultad en entender la información de ésta u otra correspondencia de la escuela, por favor venga a la oficina principal. If you do not understand information, please contact the school office.

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

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We welcome the following new employees to our Anderson Staff:

Mrs. Catherine Kim-Assistant Principal
Mrs. Angela Zaritsky-First Grade
Ms. Molly Holtrup-Second Grade
Mrs. Jill Ford-Fourth Grade
Mrs. Judy Bujnoski-VE Resource
Mrs. Glissette Gonzalez-Social Worker
Ms. Merlin Gonzalez-School Resource Officer
Mrs. Valerie Bullock-Principal's Secretary
_____-Guidance
_____-Psychologist
_____-ELL Paraprofessional



Let's MAKE it GIFTED!!!

Welcome back to another amazing school year! I am Ms. Hope, returning for my FIRST full year at Anderson! I'm overjoyed with the opportunity to service our gifted learners! We will start our program with focusing all the whole gifted learning, using "I'm Not Just Gifted" curriculum for guiding Gifted Children. This curriculum guide specializes in helping our gifted students with self-awareness, resiliency and talent development. In addition, we will be engaged in numerous critical and creative thinking activities with a strong emphasis on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Design challenges. Please keep in mind, the goal of the gifted program is to develop the learner's strengths. Student's Voice and Choice is the culture we will implement throughout the year. One way to give our students this option is with the numerous technology programs provided by our school district. Our gifted students will explore these technologies enrichment options while receiving their gifted services and will be encouraged to continue to use these programs at home and in their regular classrooms.

In addition to digging deeper into the standards being taught in the regular classroom, the GIFTED FOCUS Florida's STANDARDS for the first quarter are: Reading-Justify Thinking (ELA.K12.EE.1); Improving Writing (ELA.3.C.1.5); Vocabulary (ELA.4.V.1.1) Science: Strategic Thinking and Complex Reasoning (SC.4.N.1.7); Math: Mathematical Thinking and Reasoning (MA.K12.MTR.7). Ms. Hope will differentiate the lessons/standards to meet the needs of the gifted learners with an emphasis on their strengths.

We are going to have a GREAT year of Making it Gifted and Growing Together!

Ms. Hope, AGP Teacher



This is our ESE Team at Anderson Elementary School:

Laura Morgan–Speech Pathologist, Maryam Hope–Gifted Teacher, Judy Bujnoski–VE Teacher, JoAnna Helak-VE Teacher and Casey Fraites-Unique Needs Aide. We all are excited to meet the needs of our students and are ready for the school year!

Guidance Events

Upcoming Events for August, September and October

Students of the Month Assemblies: August 25, September 29 and October 27

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

Character Trait of the Month (August): Growth Mindset

Character Trait of the Month (September): Leader of Kindness

Character Trait of the Month (October): 100% Accountability

National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) is back for the 23-24 school year! We can't wait to get back with our returning students and induct new 4th Grade scholars!

The Great American Teach In (GATI) is an opportunity for parents and our community to share their careers, hobbies and/or interests with students. The Great American Teach In is Thursday, November 16. Please let your child's teacher know if interested in participating.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Military children relocate every 1-4 years, three times more often than their civilian peers (Harvard University- Center for the Developing Child).
- The most common factor for children who develop resiliency is at least one stable and committed relationship with a supportive parent, caregiver, or other adult (Berg, 2008; Bradshaw, Sudhinaraset, Mmari, & Blum, 2010; & Hipps, 2011).
- Out of 1.85 million military children, 1.2 of them falls into the K-12 education range of 6-18 years of age (DOD, 2010).

Anchored4Life



ABOUT US

Anchored4Life has teamed up with the United States military to provide a comprehensive transition and resiliency Club for all youth. The peer-to-peer Club positively supports and encourages youth through the mastery of resiliency life skills. Anchored4Life serves schools, home school groups, and Child and Youth Programs.



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