



## Anderson Elementary School

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### Upcoming Events\* .....

Aug. 10-First Day of School

Aug. 19-Open House

Sept. 6-No School Labor Day

Sept. 7 -Progress Alerts sent home

Sept. 30-Reading Night

Oct. 1 - Student of the Month

Oct. 9- End of 1st 9 Weeks

Oct. 21-Conference Night

Oct. 25-29 -Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 28-2nd Annual Trunk or Treat

Oct. 29- Student of the Month

Nov. 1 -Report Cards online

Nov. 5-Awards Assembly

Nov. 11-No School Veteran's Day

Nov.18-Great American Teach-In

Nov. 22-26-Thanksgiving Holidays

\*tentative and subject to change\*

Dear Anderson Families,

Welcome back! I hope you had a great summer. Our theme this year is **"Anderson Sets the Stage for Success."**

It was great to see our students with their families at Classroom Visitation and Open House.

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 Families,

Welcome Back Eagles! I am so proud of the hard work students and teachers put in last school year despite these unprecedented times. Already this school year, it has been wonderful seeing our learners excited as they meet success working on an assignment, or listening intently to their teachers as they share new information. Moreover, it is particularly gratifying hearing friends giggling with one another as they go about the school campus. I look forward to supporting our students, in hopes that all students will have an amazing year of learning. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Tracey F. Winfield  
Assistant Principal



### Anderson Elementary School



### Staff Spotlight

### Kindergarten

Welcome to Kindergarten!! We have been learning rhyming words, syllables and many fun rhyming poems. We have been working on letters and sounds and the sight words; the, I, can, do, it, boy, girl, we and am. We have been reading some really fun stories. I am sure you heard about "The Gingerbread Man!" We have been learning how to write our first and last name, our letters and label our illustrations. In Math, we have been learning our 7 digit student number, learning about numbers 0-10 and how to write and spell and recognize the numbers, count backwards and learn about the calendar. In Science, we have been learning what a scientist is and does, and using science tools. We will be learning about the 5 Senses and doing a group activity building Skyscrapers soon. In Social Studies, we have been learning about our school rules and class procedures. Remember to help them with their homework M-Th, and show them how to be more independent. Welcome to Kindergarten, where we are setting the stage for success!!

Ms. Dougherty, Ms. Duke, Ms. James and Ms. Parks

### First Grade

First Grade is off to a great start! We want to take a moment and thank all the families that participated in our Open House night. It was wonderful to get to meet you and answer all your questions! In Reading, we have been working on identifying characters in a story, reviewing short vowels and learning new sight words. In Writing, we are learning about narrative writing and coming up with topics we would like to write about this year. In Math, we are wrapping up Unit 1: Exploring the Counting Sequence and we will soon begin Unit 2: Counting On and Counting Back. In Science, we finished a unit on the Nature of Science and we are starting a new unit on Properties. We are looking forward to a great school year!

Mrs. Atwood, Mrs. Corr and Ms. DiGangi



Hello Anderson Families! My name is Ms. McKinnie, Guidance Counselor at Anderson Elementary. I am thrilled to be back this school year. I am a proud UCF and USF alumni. Go Knights and Bulls! Born and raised in South Tampa, I am so happy to call Anderson my home. My goal this year is for each and every student to have a better understanding of problem-solving, decision-making and coping skills. Our theme, "Setting the Stage for Success" is exactly what social emotional learning is all about. Also, if you're looking for a great movie to watch, Disney's "Inside Out" will be referenced in and outside of my office. :) I am looking forward to a great year!

## Second Grade

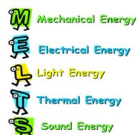
Second Grade is so excited to be back at school. We have spent the summer resting and we know that this year is going to be exciting. This year, we are working on reading the text and finding evidence to support our answer. The beginning of the year, we are learning how to work as a community and what it means to be a leader. We are reviewing our strategies for how to add and subtract. We cannot wait to start to add and subtract with greater numbers. This year is going to be the best ever!

Mr. Behrens, Ms. Peabody and Mrs. Randolph



## Third Grade

In Reading/Writing, we have had an amazing start to the school year! Our 3rd Graders have already built their foundations for learning in Math, Science, Reading and Writing. As we continue in Reading and Writing, we will look into the challenges and impacts of long journeys and explorations. During this upcoming unit, students will engage in the reading of different texts and genres around the topic of study and corresponding questions. In Math, we will be diving into the patterns of multiplication such as finding patterns in a multiplication chart. We will be working on learning to fluently multiply and divide within one hundred, using strategies such as knowing that  $8 \times 5 = 40$ , one knows  $40 \div 5 = 8$ . In Science, we will be finding differences in basic forms of energy such as light, heat, sound, electrical and mechanical energy. We will also be learning that energy has the ability to cause motion or create change.



Forms  
of  
Energy

Ms. Gray and Mr. Perez

## Fourth Grade

Hello parents/guardians! We have enjoyed getting to know our students and looking forward to an excellent year! Thank you to all the parents who attended open house and help support our classrooms. In Reading and Social Studies, we are learning about citizenship, rights, responsibilities and naturalization. We will be reading articles about citizenship and answering text-based questions. In Writing, we are reviewing convections and preparing for the FSA Writing. This is the first year students will take the FSA Writing. FSA Writing consists of answering a writing prompt using four paragraphs, text evidence from sources and proper convections. In Math, we are learning multiples and factors and we will be finishing up and we will be starting Multiplicative Comparisons soon. For example, if Tommy has a dog that weighs 20 pounds and Sarah's dog weighs 5 times as much as Tommy's dog, how much does Sarah's dog weigh? Please have your child continue to practice their multiplication facts, as that will help them during this unit. In Science, we are finishing up working with what scientists do and are moving into forms of energy such as light, heat, electrical, sound and motion by wind/water. We will explain that energy is the ability to cause a change and do work. Try having your child identify different types of energy around them in the real world and explain the change or work that is being done by that energy. As always, please check your child's take-home folder daily. Thank you so much!

Mr. Becker, Ms. Embry and Ms. Salas

## Fifth Grade

It has been an awesome start of the school year in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. The students are working hard and having fun learning! Here are some ways you can help continue that success into the 1st 9 nine weeks and the rest of the school year: Have your child read at home each night. Ask your child questions about what he/she reads to build comprehension. Please check your child's weekly newsletter for what they are learning and other important information coming home. We appreciate your help and support. We must all work together to ensure your child has a wonderful school year and reaches their full potential. In Reading, we have been focusing on main idea, supporting details and summarizing. Students have been enjoying their creative side in writing a narrative piece and will continue into the Writing Process. In Math, students are working with Mr. Forsythe on multiplying whole numbers by 1- and 2-digit factors, as well as dividing by two-digit divisors. Please make sure students are completing their Math homework nightly, as well as practicing their Math facts. In Science, students are working on learning about Process Skills and the Nature of Science. We are starting with our unit on the different forms of energy. This 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks are off to a great start!

Mr. Forsythe, Mrs. Miller and Ms. Schulz

## 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!

### 2021-2022 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.

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

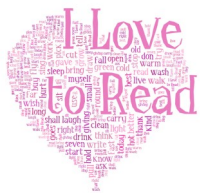


Students look great in  
their school uniforms!

## Reading Stage

Here are a few tips and ideas to help cultivate a love of reading at home!

- Let them hold the book as you read
- Allow them to turn the pages
- Point to the words as you read so they can follow along
- Invite them to read the pictures and talk about them
- Ask them questions about their reading
- Discuss with them whether they liked this book, why or why not?
- Read with them every night
- Have them read to siblings



**Anderson Elementary.....  
Setting the Stage for Success!**



  
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### School Board

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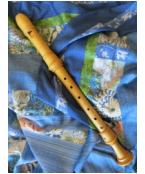


## Music Notes

We are busy learning to read notation and trying to find our singing voices. Some students are still fishing for accurate pitches. Younger students are also working on keeping a steady beat without accelerating or slowing down along with feeling the difference between groups of two and four beats to a measure.

Some students are anxious to begin playing on recorder and are frustrated that I have delayed the lessons. You can't blow on a recorder while wearing a mask. Blowing gently on a recorder sends a lot of lung aerosols into the classroom for everyone to breathe. The recorder lessons will be delayed until when it is safer to play them in class. Until then, they can practice with YouTube at home. Remember: blow softly, begin each note with the tip of your tongue and use your left hand to cover the top three holes. Your right hand covers the bottom four holes. Good luck!

By Mr. Dunn, Music Specialist



Aug./Sept. 2021

## MEDIA MINUTE

Monthly Newsletter



Inside the Issue

### WELCOME TO THE MEDIA CENTER

My name is Angela Dingle and I am the Media Specialist at Anderson. I have over 21 years experience with the school district. I am very proud of the resources we have available from the district and here at Anderson. I look forward to a wonderful year.



#### VIRTUAL LIBRARY

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

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR

September 30th- October 8th  
There will be in-person and online shopping available  
[www.scholastic.com/fair](http://www.scholastic.com/fair)

#### SLAM SHOWCASE

Be a part of the annual S.L.A.M. Showcase.  
Read from the S.S.Y.R.A. list  
visit  
<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/6604>  
for more information

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In accordance with 40 CFR Part 763.84 (c) and Subpart E, Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) all employees, building occupants, or their legal guardians are notified of the availability of the Asbestos Management Plan for your facility. Management plans for your site are available during normal business hours for review in the main office. Copies of the plan can be made for a nominal price per copy. The plan is also available for review by employees; without cost or restriction, before work begins in any area of the school or building. Information provided in the management plan includes the recent facility survey, response actions planned or taken, and post periodic surveillance and re-inspections activities.

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 esta disponible para ser examinado/revisado por los empleados; sin ningún costo ó restricción antes ó 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 ó adoptadas, y la vigilancia periódicas posteriores, haci como las actividades de re-inspección.

Director de Seguridad y Gestion 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.

**Coach's Corner**

Welcome back Eagle Families! We're so excited to get back to learning about health and wellness while also having a lot of fun in the process. I'd like to share with you some recommendations to help your child be prepared for Physical Education.

**Needs:**

- Shoes that cover their feet. No sandals of any kind, no crocs, no heels. Students cannot participate without shoes
- Dress for the weather. We are under the covered court early in the year but it is still very hot
- Girls with skirts or dresses should have shorts underneath

**Optional:**

- Students may bring a water bottle out to class. Water only is encouraged. The ants tend to find anything else with sugar in it, including sports drinks.
- A hat or sunglasses can be worn if not a distraction (more relevant in the Winter when we will be out in the field).

Out on the court we have been working on establishing our learning environment and movement concepts, such as: locomotor movements (walk, run, skip, slide, gallop, hop, jump, leap), directions, pathways and levels. See if your student can demonstrate all of the locomotor movements they've learned!

Next up is the Fitness Unit. We will be discussing the Four Components of Fitness: Cardiorespiratory Endurance, Flexibility, Muscular Endurance and Muscular Strength. 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders will be participating in the fitness tests!

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me. [jesse.andrieu@hcps.net](mailto:jesse.andrieu@hcps.net)

I'm looking forward to another great year here at Anderson!

Yours in Health and Fitness,  
Coach Andrieu, PE Specialist





UPDATE ON PTA SCHOOL EVENTS TO THE END OF DECEMBER

Due to the Reopening Plan created by the district, we have had to make some changes to the calendar of events. The following is the revised calendar... but dates are subject to change again. Changes from the previous calendar are noted by an asterisk (\*). Please note the grandparents breakfast has been cancelled.

August 30 to September 10—Krispy Kreme Sale on Now!  
September 16—Krispy Kreme Donut Distribution Day  
September 17—Handprint Project  
September 24—Freestyle Friday and Sno-Cones  
October 4—Boo Grams Go on Sale  
October 28—2nd Annual Trunk or Treat  
October 29—Boo Grams Distributed  
October 29—Freestyle Friday and Sno-Cones  
\*November 5—PTA Member Glow Party in the Cafeteria from 5:30—7:30 pm  
November 13—1st Annual Anderson Garage Sale under the Covered Court from 8 am—2 pm  
November 17—Walk-A Thon  
\*November 18—Great American Teach-In (TBD if in-person or virtual)  
November 19—Freestyle Friday and Sno-Cones  
December 2—Winter Concert & Silent Auction under the Covered Court from 5:30-7:30 pm  
December 3—Movie Night & Gingerbread Workshop Preview  
December 6-10—Gingerbread Workshop  
December 17—Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones  
December 20-January 3—NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)



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 calendar, upcoming events and shoutouts to our staff and students on doing great things!



We welcome the following new employees to our staff:  
Ms. Ford-Secretary

Mr. Randolph and Ms. Register -Student Nutrition



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.



Ms. McKinnie  
School Counselor

## Guidance News

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Hello Anderson Families! I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself- or for those coming back to Anderson, hello again! My name is Ms. McKinnie, the school counselor at Anderson Elementary. I am thrilled to be back this school year! Our theme, "Setting the Stage for Success" is exactly what social emotional learning is all about. I am looking forward to a great year.

### *What does a counselor do?*

A School Counselor is someone who is committed to engaging and supporting all students in learning. I work closely with parents, teachers and school administrators by counseling, consulting, and coordinating programs designed to help all students develop their educational, social, and personal strengths.

### *Who can ask for help?*

Any one! Don't be shy. As a school counselor I am here to help students, families and school personnel with your student's social, emotional and academic needs.

### *How can you reach me?*

Please feel free to email me at anytime. I am available over the phone by calling the front office.

email: [Breanna.mckinnie@hcps.net](mailto:Breanna.mckinnie@hcps.net)

## Guidance Events

### Upcoming Events for September and October

Students of the Month Assemblies: 10/1 (for Sept.) and 10/29 (for Oct.) –Students will be recognized at an assembly in our Reading Courtyard. Students of the Month will celebrated in their classroom.

### Mindset of the Month (August): Leader of Kindness

Students started off the school year by learning about kindness in the classroom! Ms. McKinnie visited each room, helping students to understand what being kind looks like. Ask your child why being kind to others is important.

### Mindset of the Month (September): Self Awareness

### Mindset of the Month (October): 100% Accountable

In reflecting on our lives, there is no doubt that our students have felt some level of mental health impact due to this pandemic. Mental health is so important and I want you to know that I am here for our students and your family. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any needs or concerns you might have. My email is [bree.mckinnie@hcps.net](mailto:bree.mckinnie@hcps.net). Wishing everyone a healthy and happy 2021-2022 school year!

## School Counselor Services at Anderson Elementary

**School Counselor Mission Statement:** To provide social, emotional and academic support to students, families, and school personnel. Anderson Elementary's school counselor is Ms. McKinnie.

### Specifically, school counselors engage in:

- Consultation - School Counselors work with parents and teachers
- Behavior Interventions - School Counselors assist students by developing interventions to improve or resolve the student's problem.
- Intervention may focus on the student, family, or educational system.
- Performance Monitoring - School Counselors provide support and ongoing monitoring of student's academic and behavioral progress toward measurable goals.
- Staff Development - School Counselors provide information on learning and behavioral support strategies.
- Collaboration and Liaison Activities - School Counselors collaborate with other professionals (e.g., teachers, mental health specialists, other support staff) to improve services for students.

### School Counselors also,

- Assist students with motivation, coping, self-esteem, decision-making and peer relations
- Group counseling for students
- Facilitate school-wide service learning projects
- Classroom guidance
- Character Education
- Child Study Team (CST) chairperson
- 504 chairperson
- Problem-Solving Leadership Team (PSLT) chairperson
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS-RtI) team member

If you have questions or concerns about a child attending Anderson Elementary and would like to seek the school counselor's help, please complete the following and turn into your child's teacher

Name of Anderson Student: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Person Completing this Form: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relation to Student (circle one): Parent    Teacher    Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Concern (circle one):      Academic      Behavioral      Social/Emotional