

Anderson Elementary School



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A Hillsborough County Public School

Upcoming Events*

Aug. 10-First Day of School
 Aug. 18-Open House
 Sept. 5-No School Labor Day
 Sept. 12-Progress Alerts sent home
 Sept. 23-Picture Day (non uniform)
 Sept. 30- Student of the Month & Freestyle Friday
 Oct. 6-Conference Night
 Oct. 12- End of 1st 9 Weeks
 Oct. 13- First day of 2nd 9 Weeks
 Oct. 17- No School
 Oct. 21 Freestyle Friday
 Oct. 24-28 -Red Ribbon Week
 Oct. 27-3rd Annual Trunk or Treat
 Oct. 28- Student of the Month
 Nov. 4-Report Cards online, Awards Assembly & Picture Retakes
 Nov. 11-No School Veteran's Day
 Nov.17-Great American Teach-In
 Nov. 18- Student of the Month & Freestyle Friday
 Nov. 21-25-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 The Greatest School on Earth."**

It was great to see our students with their families at Classroom Visitation and Open House. We are an Anchored 4 Life School. Please see Page 8. We have applied to be a Purple Star of Distinction, which documents 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 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 students excited as they work assignments or listening intently to their teachers. Moreover, it is wonderful hearing friends giggling with one another as they go about the school campus. This year students will participate in three progress monitoring assessments windows based on the new BEST standards. 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



Kindergarten

Kindergarten families! We would like to welcome Ms. Ausby to our Anderson Kindergarten Team! We are excited to have her. She comes with teaching experience in First Grade, so she will get our Kindergarteners more than ready for next year! In Kindergarten, we have been learning about rhyming words, syllables and many fun poems. We have been working on letters, sounds and the sight words; the, I, can, do, boy, girl, the and am. We have been reading some really fun stories. I am sure you have heard about them: "Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom!" and "The Gingerbread Man." We have been learning how to write our first and last name and the letters in the alphabet, too. In Math, we are learning to memorize our 7 digit numbers, and how to count and recognize our numbers 0-10. We are learning about Math Tools and how to work in a Math Community. In Science, we are learning about Science Tools, how to use them and what science is. We are learning how to make careful observations and write about them in our science notebooks. We will be learning about the 5 Senses soon and doing our Skyscraper Challenge! In Social Studies, we are learning about our school rules and how they are like laws in the real world. Please help your child with their homework and show them how to be more independent.

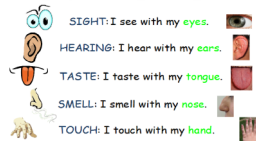
Ms. James, Ms. Dougherty, Ms. Ausby, and Mrs. Parks

First Grade

Welcome First Grade Families!! We are off to a great start. In Reading, we are retelling and talking about characters. In Writing, we will be writing complete sentences with a capital letter and use proper punctuation. In Math, we are subtracting and adding within 10. In Science, we are using our 5 senses to determine how they can help us make observations. In Social Studies, we are learning how to be good citizens in our classroom.

Mrs. Corr and Ms. DiGiangi

THE FIVE SENSES



Staff Spotlight

Hi! I am Nicole Schulz. This is my 6th year teaching at Anderson Elementary and 10th year teaching in Hillsborough County Public schools! I graduated from the University of South Florida with my bachelor's in Elementary Education. I love Math and it is my favorite subject to teach! My goal for this year is to foster my students' love of learning and to challenge them to think outside of the box! Also, to help them grow socially and emotionally and become amazing human beings!



Second Grade

We welcome all old and new faces to Second Grade! We have already had such a great start and we are eager to learn and grow together! This year in Math, we are going to review our math strategies, with adding and subtracting. In Reading, we will be focused on how textual evidence can support our answers as well as expand our vocabulary! We will learn about working together, being kind and what it means to lead. The Second Grade Team is looking forward to this upcoming year and learning many new things as a team!

Mr. Behrens, Mrs. Randolph and Mrs. Lancaster



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, addition and subtraction up to 10, 000 with regrouping and our new standards are rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100. Also, we are learning our multiplication strategies! 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! Please consider joining PTA.

Ms. Schulz, Ms. Gray and Ms. Embry

Fourth Grade

The year has been off to a great start so far. Students are working hard in the subjects of Math, Science, and ELA. In Math, students are working with place value and the base ten system. Next up, we will be working on comparing and rounding numbers using place value. In Science, we are exploring energy and the different forms of energy. In ELA, students are working on comprehension strategies as well as the key details in a story. Please make sure students are practicing their multiplication facts each night, as well as reading for 30 minutes to build reading stamina.

Mr. Forsythe, Mrs. McIntyre and Ms. Vadala



Fifth Grade

We have had an awesome start to the school year in Fifth Grade. The students are working hard and having fun learning! Here are some ways you can help continue that success into the first 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. In Reading, we will be working on Text Structure/Features, Author's Perspective, and Literary Elements. In Math, students will be working on Building a Math Community, Place Value Relationships and Decimals. In Science, students are working on Scientific Observations and Basic Forms of Energy. We must all work together to ensure your child has a wonderful school year and reaches their full potential.

Mr. Becker and Mrs. Miller

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!

2022-2023 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!

Reading Corner

We will be using Achieve 3000 to support instruction.

Mrs. Tasso, Reading Coach

Four Square Vocabulary Building Organizer

A graphic organizer consisting of a large square divided into four smaller squares by a horizontal and vertical line. In the center of the four squares is a circle.

1. Write a key vocabulary term or phrase in the center circle.

2. Write details about the term or phrase in the surrounding four squares. You can include a definition, some characteristics, examples, and/or a sketch.

**This organizer can be drawn or recreated as a foldable.

Achieve 3000 Literacy

Building Vocabulary: Parent Tip Card

Building vocabulary helps students to increase their reading comprehension skills. Students can learn the meanings of words through everyday experiences.

Ways you can use this graphic organizer to support your students with building vocabulary:

- Start a conversation about a word
- Share your personal connections to that word
- Start a favorite word collection or a Word Jar where you pull out different words to discuss
- Share your own sentence using the word
- Scavenger hunt – look for the word(s) in other texts
- Find pictures that represent the words
- Read to and with your children
- Work vocabulary into work and play

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Music Notes

Hello, this is Mr. Puder, the new Music Teacher!

I am excited to be here at Anderson Elementary as we kick off the new school year! I want to share a brief glimpse of our music classes here at Anderson. Each time we meet we do a lot of singing! Throughout the year we will be playing percussion instruments, drumming, learning off instruments and moving to music! This year we are starting a 4th and 5th Grade Chorus. Details will be coming soon.

In future newsletters, I will be sharing insights into our music classroom.

Looking forward to an amazing year together...at the World's Greatest School!

Mr. Puder, Music Specialist



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.
- 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. 2nd-5th Graders will be participating in the fitness tests!

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me. Justin.studzinski@hcps.net

I'm looking forward to a great year at Anderson!

Yours in Health and Fitness,
Coach Studzinski, PE Specialist



Art Board

I am your new art teacher! Instructing is a true passion for me. I am so excited to work with you and your child. It's going to be a year full of fun, adventure and lots of learning. I can't wait to see what the year has in store for us. I thought that you might want to let know a little bit about me. I am married to my wonderful husband Mark and we have two boys. David, who is in Eighth grade and Daniel who is in Seventh Grade. They take most of my free time however, my favorite hobby is gardening. We all like to go boating on the weekends. I have lived in Tampa most of my life, but I was born in Columbus, Ohio and that is still where my mom lives. I graduated from University of South Florida with my Bachelors Degree and then I went to Florida State University to get my Masters Degree. This will be my first year teaching at Anderson Elementary, however, I already feel at home here, because everyone has been so nice caring and helpful. Although I am new to Anderson, I am not new to the county, I have been teaching for 34 years. And I still love it! if you have any questions feel free to contact me. My door is always open. Some of my favorite things are: Colors - Brown and Red Orange... Song - "I'm walking on sunshine" By Katrina and the Waves..... Sport- Football.....Food - pastries.... Artist - Mark Rothko and Cristo

Ms. Clark, Art Specialist



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.

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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PTA/SCHOOL EVENTS TO THE END OF DECEMBER

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

August 26 to September 6 – Krispy Kreme Sale
September 12 – Krispy Kreme Donut Distribution
September 15 – PTA Member Glow Party
September 23 – Picture Day
September 30 – Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones
October 4 – Courtyard Handprint Project
October 5 – BOO Grams Sale Begins
October 6 – Parent/Teacher Conference Night
October 21 – Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones
October 26 – Last day to order BOO Grams
October 27 – 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat
October 28 – BOO Grams Distributed
November 4 – Picture Retake Day
November 10 – Walk A Thon
November 17 – Great American Teach-In
November 18 – Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones
December 2 – Movie Night & Gingerbread Workshop
December 5 to 9 – Gingerbread Workshop
December 14 – Winter Concert & Silent Auction
December 23 – 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!

We welcome the following new employees to our Anderson Staff:

Ms. Ausby-Kindergarten
Mrs. McIntyre-Fourth Grade
Ms. Conforti-VE Resource
Mrs. Tasso-Reading Coach
Mr. Puder-Music
Coach Studzinski-PE
Ms. Clark-Stillie-Art
Ms. Cuevas-Custodian



We wish Mr. Dunn, Music Specialist, well on his retirement from Hillsborough County Schools. He has had a positive impact on our students and their families! We will miss him at Anderson Elementary!



This is our ESE team at Anderson Elementary School: Laura Morgan – Speech Pathologist, Kathryn Parsons – Gifted Teacher, Nancy Conforti – VE Teacher and JoAnna Helak - VE Teacher. We all are excited this school year and to meet the needs of our students.

Listed below is a literacy program through Florida Department of Education. In this program, your child can receive free books for your home library. Please check out this great website!

NEW WORLDS READING INITIATIVE

The New Worlds Reading Initiative is a FREE Florida literacy program for K-5 public or charter school students currently reading below grade level. Thanks to the support and investment of the Florida Legislature, this statewide book delivery program is a collaborative effort with the Florida Department of Education, school districts and other local and state organizations and the University of Florida Lastinger Center. Don't miss the chance to discover more about the New Worlds Reading Initiative. Enrollment flyers are available in English and Spanish.



Guidance Events

Upcoming Events for September and October

Students of the Month Assemblies: August 26, September 30 and October 28

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

Character Trait of the Month (August): Bravery Students started off the school year by learning about bravery in the classroom! Ms. McKinnie visited each room, helping students to understand what being brave looks like. Ask your child why being brave is important.

Character Trait of the Month (September): Kindness

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

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any needs or concerns you might have. My email is breanna.mckinnie@hcps.net. Wishing everyone a healthy and happy 2022-2023 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



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, Sudhinaset, 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).



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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ELEMENTARY-AGED YOUTH

Guidance News

Happy back to school Anderson Families!

I am so glad to be back at the "Greatest School on Earth" now as Bree McKinnie-Bond. Our Eagles do a better job at remembering my name than I do myself!

This year, we are excited to announce that Anderson is an Anchored 4 Life School! This military sponsored program supplies our school and students with several different resources to tackle life's curve balls and challenges. Anchored 4 Life is a peer-to-peer program, meaning our students will utilize the material, together! Different topics such as bullying, making new friends, moving, grief, divorce, kindness etc. are all covered with the resources provided by the program! Students(K-5) will have leadership opportunities to be classroom crew members aka helpers or built-in buddies for our military and other new families! We are so happy to be an Anchored 4 Life school and looking forward to our first year utilizing the program.

Other exciting news, National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) is back for the 22-23 school year! Last year was our inaugural chapter at Anderson. Our 4th and 6th Grade NEHS students painted the car rider sidewalks, replanted our rock garden and collected supplies for the local Humane Society. 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 17. Please let your child's teacher know if interested in participating or let me know.

As the school counselor, I am available for your students to provide solution-focused school counseling services, group activities, classroom guidance, academic goals/questions and any other social emotional learning needs. Please feel free to reach out to me through phone or email. I look forward to my quality time spent with your students and am always happy to help! If there are current concerns for your child and/or family please reach out to me.

Now it's time for our second act- September! Thank you all.
Bree McKinnie-Bond, Guidance Counselor



MEDIA MINUTE

Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to Anderson's Media Center. I am Mrs. Dingle and I want to welcome everyone to the new school year. Students will have an opportunity to check-out books from the media center's collection, as well as a variety of books online. We support MyOn and Axis360. Your child will access these through the virtual library.

Upcoming Events:

Library orientations from now till the first week of September. I will discuss expectations and procedures in the media center.

Scholastic Book Fair: Sept. 30th-Oct. 7th in the Media Center

Online sales are Sept. 30th- Oct. 13th

A portion of the profits help support Anderson's Media Center
Link is provided below



Book Taco: We will be using a reading incentive program called Book Taco. This optional program asks 5 to 10 questions based on a read book. Passing scores can earn rewards.



Items needed for the media center: Tissues, Lysol spray, and wipes. We use all of these daily.



VIRTUAL LIBRARY

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

