

Upcoming Events*

- Dec. 2 PTA Movie Night, Gingerbread Store & bidding on baskets
 - Dec. 14-Winter Program
 - Dec. 15-Gr. 5 JA BizTown Field Trip
 - Dec. 16-NEHS Induction
 - Dec. 22-Gr 4 & 5 mining field trip
 - Dec. 23-Student of the Month, End of 2nd Quarter & Freestyle Friday
 - Dec. 29-Jan. 6 Winter Holidays
 - Jan. 9-Students return
 - Jan 16-MLK No School
 - Jan. 27-Student of the Month and Freestyle Friday & sno cones
 - Jan. 30-Report Cards post
 - Feb. 3-Awards Assembly
 - Feb. 9-Picture Day
 - Feb. 13-Progress Alerts
 - Feb. 17-No school
 - Feb. 24-Student of the Month, Freestyle Friday and sno cones
- *tentative and subject to change*



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Dear Anderson Families,

We have a very busy academic second semester. We ask for your assistance in making sure students arrive to school on time and are not signed out early, as well as attend school regularly. I will continue to monitor and notify families of students with excessive absences, tardies and/or sign out early from school. As the second semester approaches, we do not want students missing instruction.

Families will be invited to attend the Awards Assembly on Feb. 3. All visitors will need to have valid photo ID when visiting our campus, as this is a HCPS Policy.

Without a valid photo ID, visitors will not be able to be on our campus.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. With all of us working together, we can ensure that our students are successful! Thank you for your support. We wish you and your families a wonderful Winter Holiday! Students return on Monday, January 9.

Lydia G. Sierra, Principal



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Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten students were adorable for the Winter Program. They are doing amazing! We are half way through the year. In Reading, we are working on how to retell a story and share key details (the most important parts of the story). Please continue to read with your child over the holiday and work on sight words. The more sight words your child knows, the better and more confident they will be as a reader. In Math, we are working on numbers to 100 and then we will be celebrating our 100th day in January! We will also be learning about 2D & 3D shapes. In Science, we have been doing experiments. We have been learning about Matter and how it changes. We will be moving into Force and Motion after winter break. Please continue to encourage your child to do more on their own. Have a wonderful and restful holiday and a very Happy New Year! We will see you back on January 9, 2023.
 Ms. James, Ms. Ausby, Ms. Dougherty

First Grade

In Math, we are doing data analysis, understanding the difference between a pictograph and picture graph. We are also answering questions based on those graphs. In Science, we are moving into learning about the stars in the sky and that they are not evenly scattered. There are too many to count. In Writing, we are writing a narrative that retells two or more sequenced events. In Reading, we are identifying details in an informational text. Wishing all of our families a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year !!!
 Mrs. Corr, Ms. DiGiangi, & Mrs. Lancaster

Staff Spotlight

I am Mrs. Gray-Flint and this is my 3rd year teaching at Anderson Elementary, the Greatest School on Earth! I graduated from the University of South Florida & stayed in this amazing city ever since. Being born & raised in Ohio, will forever keep me an Ohio State fan though! It is no secret that my favorite subject is Science. I earned my Bachelor's in Health Sciences & a minor in Astronomy. I am so lucky to have spent time teaching about the star and constellations at the MOSI planetarium and now get to spread my love for space with my students. Our class was recently given the opportunity to send out postcards to space. We are patiently waiting on their return & are so excited! This school year, I was able to take my love for Science & become Anderson Elementary's Green Team Member. Our class has been learning ways that we can better help our planet & took a pledge to go green. My goal for this year is to grow my students' passion for problem solving. I am looking forward to many great memories to come!

Second Grade

Second Grade is so excited to be going on our second field trip to the Tampa Theatre. In Reading, we've been analyzing character perspective and sequencing events in fiction and nonfiction texts. In Math, we are adding and subtracting numbers to 1,000. In Science, we have been working on STEM Fair. Don't forget to read every night!

Mr. Behrens, Mrs. Randolph and 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 claim/author's perspective, character development/character perspective, comparing/contrasting texts, and text features/structures! In Writing, we are really focusing on how to form an opinion and respond to a prompt here opinions are stated and support by text evidence. In Math, we are building our fact fluency with facts 0-12s. As well as, using problem solving to solve multiplication/division problems, solving problems with multiple operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication or division) and learning how to find area! In science, we have been leaning about different physical properties and various ways that we can measure/describe objects. We will be learning about the law of gravity and outer space!

Ms. Schulz, Ms. Gray and Ms. Embry

Fifth Grade

When we return from the winter holiday, the following information/content will be what we cover in class. In ELA, we have just finished studying that it is important to learn from other cultures. We are learning about the focus of what people can do to bring about a positive change while tying in the standards of author perspective and continuing the standards of summarizing and identifying main idea with supporting details. In Math, please continue working on multiplication and division with your student. After the winter holiday, we will be moving into adding and subtracting fractions, as well as mixed numbers. This concept can easily be tied into cooking while friends and families prepare for the holidays. In Science, we will be finishing up the Science Fair and starting to get into Earth Science. The first concept of Earth Science will involve Earth, stars and the moon. We will be identifying what is happening/caused by the rotation and revolution of Earth. In Social Studies, we will be learning about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Please sign up for Class Dojo.

Fifth Grade Team

December 14 was our Winter Program. We thank Mr. Puder, Music Specialist for organizing this event. This was a great experience for our students and our families enjoyed the program. Well done students!



Congratulations! Thank you for promoting the Legends of Learning Thanksgiving Challenge. Congratulations **Brooklyn Ulsh**! Brooklyn was 1 of 5 student winners. Thankyou for supporting science!
Shana Tirado, K-5 Science Supervisor



Make sure your child arrives to school on time.



Students look great in their school uniforms!

HCPS Calendar Change

Due to Hurricane Ian our school calendar has changed.

- **We will extend six Early Release Days into full school days.**

The following Mondays will now become full school days:

- **November 7**
- **November 14**
- **November 28**
- **December 5**
- **December 12**
- **December 19**

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Guidance Events

Upcoming Events for October and November

Students of the Month Assemblies: December 23 and January 27

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

Character Trait of the Month (December): Live to Give

Character Trait of the Month (January): Attitude of Gratitude

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

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

- Burgess Civil
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NEHS

On December 16 our induction ceremony was held. The following are returning members: Sam Ferullo, Alexis Jason, Miles Lancaster, Chloe Lott, Kenzington Schimpf and Jacob Wyche. The following were inducted: Patrick Belcher, Ben Wilkes, Angel Berry, Sadie Bracken, Dominic Comier, Mason Day, Rhett Fugler, Benicio Martinez, Hung Ngo, Michael O’Keefe, Enaaya Omar, Edwin Roque, Bryce Troutman and Mikayala Vilano. We congratulate these students and their families.

Mrs. McKinnie-Bond and Mr. Behrens, NEHS Sponsors



Art Board

Mia Parker in third grade is representing Anderson elementary in the Young at Art exhibition at the Tampa Museum of Art in the month of January 2023. She created a piece of artwork with the title of "Hide and Seek, Repeat". It was made with her favorite colors, yellow and purple (which are complementary colors). The size of the work is 6" x 16" and has three shapes drawn in it: a circle, a rectangle and a triangle. They seem to disappear and then reappear. Congratulations Mia we are all so proud of you. Way to go!

Ms. Clark, Art Specialist





MEDIA MINUTE

Monthly Newsletter



Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

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

Here are some upcoming events:

12/24/22-01/09/23: MyOn Winter Reading Challenge. Scan QR code below for details

01/23/23-01/27/23: Celebrate Literacy Week: Activities will be planned and shared with teachers and students

04/17/23-04/21/23: Scholastic Book Fair



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



12/24/22-
01/09/23

MyON Reading Challenge

Learn at Home Activities for Fluency

Fluency refers to the rate, expression, and smoothness with which a person reads. Although pacing is a part of it, we prefer to focus on the quality of reading over the speed. Fluent readers read as though they are talking. They attend to punctuation, use phrasing rather than reading word for word, use different voices to represent characters in dialogue, and change their tone and pace to reflect the mood of what they are reading.

Me, We, You Strategy

When introducing new reading material, use the Me, We, You strategy:

Me- You read the text to your child. Talk about new vocabulary that comes up. Be expressive!

We- Read the text together. This stage helps with accuracy because your child has support with unknown words before they are expected to read them on their own. You may need to stay at this stage for some time before asking your child to read independently.

You- Have your child read the text.

Easy Reads

Provide a collection of books that you read fluently. Allow them to choose one of these books to read at the start of a reading session, so that they are starting with success. Give specific feedback, for example, "You read that book at just the right speed. Let's read it again. This time, remember to look at the exclamation marks and read those sentences in an excited voice."

Personal books

Children are often more motivated to read books that have been created for them using pictures of themselves and family or high interest topics. It is helpful to involve your child in talking about the pictures and writing the sentences together. Using their own language will help them read more fluently, specifically with respect to phrasing and accuracy.

Repeated Readings

Have your child re-read books they enjoy and challenge them to focus on a specific aspect of fluency, for example, ask them to pay attention to the punctuation and try to read the sentences ending in exclamation marks with more excitement. Model what this sounds like.

Change the Punctuation

Write a sentence from a book or a topic of interest and change the punctuation each time you read. Model how it sounds differently for each and have your child imitate.

Identify New Vocabulary

Identify names of people and places and words that may be unfamiliar before reading the text. Talk about the meaning and provide opportunities for your child to practice reading these words before they encounter them in the book. Highlight these words in the text if possible.

Listen to Reading

Listening to more mature readers read is a great way to develop fluency. Increasing access to books so that your child can enjoy more literature on their own is also a great goal. Have your child listen to books read by you or a sibling, on CD or audiobook or online before asking them to read independently, or just for entertainment without the expectation of independent reading.

PTA/SCHOOL EVENTS TO THE END OF DECEMBER

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

- December 2 – Movie Night & Gingerbread Workshop
- December 5 to 9 – Gingerbread Workshop
- December 14 – Winter Concert & Silent Auction
- December 23 – Freestyle Friday



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!

Thank you to all who participated in the Winter Fest silent auction this week. It was a huge success and we reached 123% of our goal! This will help purchase grade appropriate books towards our newly purchased reading vending machine.

THANK YOU to all of our Gift Basket and Gift Card Donors!

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