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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 Jan. 28. 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 4.

Lydia G. Sierra, Principal



I hope you have a wonderful winter break. We hope that you will encourage your student(s) to participate in our Reading Challenge during our winter break. Details will be sent home. While we are off during our winter vacation students may log on to iReady and complete reading and math instruction.

When we return, on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, we will hit the ground running. The second semester will be filled with many academic experiences for students. It is important that students are present each day and on time. During the month of December, students in grades 3-5 will complete iReady diagnostic in Reading and Math. In January 2022, our K-2nd grade students will complete their diagnostic. Data from the iReady diagnostic assessment help teachers plan for instruction.

In February, Session 2 of our ELP tutoring program will begin. If your student is invited to ELP, I strongly encourage that they attend. Our ELP tutoring sessions are designed to increase students' academic growth so that they meet or exceed grade level expectations. As always, if you have questions or concerns, I am here to assist.

Tracey F. Winfield, Assistant Principal

Upcoming Events*

Dec. 3-Student of the Month & PTA Movie Night/Gingerbread preview

Dec. 17-End of Second Quarter, Freestyle & Sno Cones

Dec. 20-Jan. 3- Winter Holidays

Jan. 4-Students return

Jan. 17-MLK Jr. Holiday-No school

Jan. 24-Report Cards post

Jan. 28-Awards Assembly, Student of the Month, Freestyle & Sno Cones

Jan. Progress Alerts Sent home

Feb. 15 Individual & Group Picture Day

Feb. 21 Non student day

Feb. 25-Student of the Month

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Staff Spotlight

Kindergarten

Please WELCOME Ms. Janice Van Osdell and Ms. Lisa Hays, our new volunteers! In Math, we are working on subtraction. The students are using different tools to solve an equation. When they show their work, they can solve the problem and even find their mistake. YEA! In Reading, we now have 5th Grade Reading Buddies! We recently met on the Reading Courtyard to pair up with the 5th Grade students. We look forward to doing this monthly. At this time all students should know their letter names, letter sounds and be building their sight word knowledge. Please support their reading development with this nightly practice along with their reading logs. Which story elements can they remember and retell after you read with them? (Characters, Setting, Sequence, Problem and Resolution) Work on those elements that challenge them. In January, we will let you know when our Mid-Year iReady Assessment for Reading and Math will be held. In preparation for 1st Grade, it is so important that your child is present and properly rested for this progress monitoring. In Science, will be learning about The Nature of Science. Where Things Are (beside, above, below ...) How things Move (zig zag, round and round, straight, up and down, back and forth, fast and slow ...) Students are encouraged to dress warmly on the cold weather days with jackets (or layers they can peel off if the forecast is for a warmer afternoon). Additionally, some students are wearing dressy boots and shoes or laces that cannot be tied or unknotted. This interferes with recess or walking safely at school. Please check with your child's individual teacher regarding their plans or supply needs for their classroom winter break party. All celebrations are special, but the specific plans vary slightly. We hope you all have a wonderful winter break surrounded by family and those friends that are dear to you!

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



First Grade

Happy Holidays from First Grade! This month, we are focusing on retelling and sequencing in Reading. In Math, we are working on adding and subtracting within 20. We are investigating magnifiers, the night sky and the scientific method in Science. In Social Studies, we are exploring how people in the US celebrate different holidays. We hope you have a safe and relaxing break, and a happy new year!

Mrs. Atwood, Mrs. Corr and Ms. DiGiangi

Happy Holidays!

My name is Melinda DeSanto. I have a Master's Degree in Varying Exceptionalities. I specialize in Specific Learning Disabilities. I have been teaching for 25 years. I am currently tutoring several students after school, so that I can assist those who flourish in a one to one setting. Reading is my passion! My goals for the year are: to challenge my students to meet their personal reading goals, enjoy reading for pleasure and eventually pass their End of Year state assessments. I am proud of my students and hope to impact each and every one of them in a positive way!



Second Grade

Second Grade is so excited to be wrapping up the first semester. How time flies! In Reading and Writing, we are working on asking and answering questions in relation to a text. When you work at home on Reading, ask your child what questions they have about what they are reading. We are also starting to learn about time, traditions of Native Americans and we have been working diligently on our class STEM projects. We thank the families for all of your support of what we are doing in class.

Mr. Behrens, Ms. Peabody 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 learning about different characters points of view, and we are learning how to use context clues to determine the meaning of unknown words. 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 essay! Multiplication facts have been a focus in Math, as well as fluently adding and subtracting within 1,000! Our next units of study are understanding fractions and comparing fractions/finding equivalent fractions. In Science, we have recently wrapped up our study of the different forms of energy! Currently, we are studying the physical properties of matter and identifying them with on specific objects. Physical properties include mass, volume, temperature, texture, color, size and shape. Other physical properties include the state that the matter is in and we have explored the different states of water and how to achieve each state (solid, liquid or gas).

Ms. Gray, Mr. Perez and Ms. Schulz



Fourth Grade

Happy Holidays! Thank you to all parents who have contributed to our classrooms. All your donations have helped our classes and school! In Math, we are using place value to divide multi-digit numbers. In Science, we are working on a class stem fair project and continuing our heat energy unit. In reading, we are learning about informative and literal texts, comprehension and focusing on iReady lessons and diagnostics. In Writing, we are learning about the steps of FSA informative essays and practicing FSA writing informative prompts. In Social Studies, we are learning about Florida's history. Please remember to sign or initial homework daily and please check take home folders for behaviors and information regarding school and our classes. Also, we have several students who are habitually absent, tardy and sign out early. Unless an emergency arises, or your child is ill, please ensure your child attends school daily. Attendance is imperative for success! Finally, please no iced coffees, mochas or take out in the mornings.

Ms. Embry and Ms. Salas



Fifth Grade

Happy Holidays!! In Reading, we have been working on identifying multiple main ideas and supporting details by paraphrasing chunks and putting them together to create summaries. Our topic of study has been the American Revolution and the students are really enjoying it. In Writing, we have been concentrating on producing clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. In math class students are continuing to work with comparing decimals. Students have been rounding decimals, as well as comparing decimals from greatest to least. Before the winter holiday, they will be adding and subtracting decimals. Heading into the New Year, we will be working with multiplying and dividing decimals. Students need to be practicing their multiplication facts to help with their quick recall of basic multiplication. In science, students are working with matter. We have completed different hands-on activities with the different states of matter, as well as working with mixtures and solutions. Coming up, we will be learning about space and galaxies, as well as starting with Earth Science and different things like the water cycle, weathering and erosion, etc. Students are about to take their iReady Winter Diagnostic for Reading and Math. We are excited to see the growth that our students will show from the beginning of the year to now. They have been working very hard! Please have your child read at home each night. Ask your child questions about what he/she reads to build comprehension. 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

Mr. Becker, Mr. Forsythe and Mrs. Miller



PTA

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!

It's not too late to join PTA. Please support our PTA by becoming a member for only \$7 per individual or \$12.00 per family (2 adults). The Anderson Staff has 100% PTA Membership! You can join online at: <https://anderson.memberhub.com/store>.



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Make sure your child arrives to school on time.



Students look great in their school uniforms!

Guidance News**Upcoming Events for December and January**

Students of the Month Assemblies: 12/3 (for Nov.) and 1/28 (for Jan.)

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

Mindset of the Month (December): Live to Give

Mindset of the Month (January): Everything is Possible

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

ESE

If you have a child who struggles with reading please read this article. We have access to this program here at Anderson! Contact Melinda DeSanto at 272-3075 for a user name and password!! **Hit CONTROL and tap the hyperlink for access to the article.** Look forward to hearing from you. <https://learningally.org/Solutions-for-School/Educator-Blog/the-benefits-of-ear-reading#:~:text=The%20Benefits%20of,school%20and%20beyond>.

Ms. DeSanto, VE Resource Teacher



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Coach's Corner

Hello Eagle Families! In Physical Education we are wrapping up our Soccer Unit before the break and will be moving into Jumping and Landing when we return. Students will participate in short ropes, long ropes, hurdles, as well as vertical and horizontal jumping challenges. Along with the Jumping and Landing Unit our school will be participating in "The Kids Heart Challenge" fundraiser benefitting The American Heart Association. Fundraiser information will be sent home after our kick-off assembly mid-January! Thank you for all your support. Enjoy our health tip for January. Our school is a proud supporter of the American Heart Association and Jump Rope for Heart. We have teamed up to provide your family with important information to help your family to lead stronger healthier lives. Did you know that heart disease kills more women every year than the next three killers combined? That's right, heart disease kills more women every year than cancer, respiratory diseases, and diabetes combined! Heart disease is also the most largely preventable cause of death in America. During the month of January, please encourage the women in your life to talk with their doctors about their hearts and make sure they are screened for various conditions. The American Heart Association has an entire movement dedicated to educating and empowering women about their risks for heart disease. If you would like to learn more information and find some talking points to share with your doctor, please visit www.goredforwomen.org.

Healthy Hint: Be a positive role model. If you are practicing heart-healthy habits, it is a lot easier to convince your children to do the same.

Coach Andrieu, PE Specialist



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

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Mr. and Mrs. Matt Keller, USCIS Security Operations Center



We welcome Mrs. Helak, VE Resource Teacher, to our school.

PTA DECEMBER AND JANUARY SCHOOL EVENTS

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

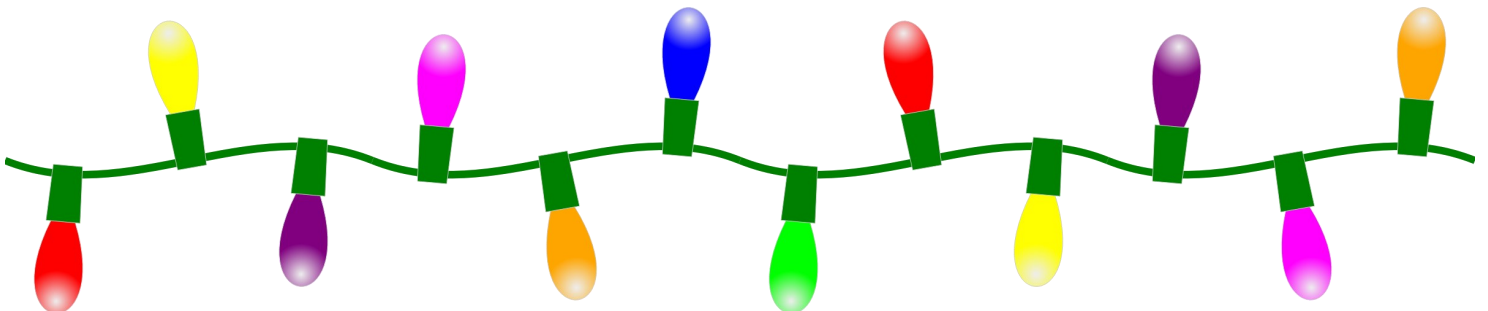
- December 3- Movie Night and Gingerbread Preview for Parents and end of Auction
- December 6-10 - Gingerbread Workshop for Students (assigned times)
- December 17 - Freestyle Friday & Sno Cones
- December 20 - January 3 - NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)
- January 28 - Freestyle Friday & Sno Cones

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



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.

We are in the process of creating a Wellness Room for our staff. Thank you to PTA for donating items from the yard sale. The space is coming along nicely and will be enjoyed by our staff. We recognize Mr. Behrens, Ms. McKinnie and Mrs. Randolph for their vision.



Dec./Jan. 2021/2022

MEDIA MINUTE

Monthly Newsletter



Inside the Issue

Happy Holidays Everyone!

With winter break approaching and the new year starting I want to share some Media Center news. Our MyOn Fall Challenge was a great success. We had 324 students participate and over 14,200 minutes were read. Top readers were: K-Hayden T., 1st-Jaxson H., 2nd-Matthew H., 3rd-Ian A., 4th-Javari T., 5th-Layla C. Congratulations to those students! We look forward to seeing who soars for the Winter Challenge. Don't forget to take advantage of Axis 360 for more books to read digitally. Simply go to the virtual library, choose elementary and use student number to log-in. Here is a snapshot of some of the activities we have been doing in the media center; coding, read alouds from our SSYRA list, reading on myon and research skills.



Have a safe and wonderful break!!!

VIRTUAL LIBRARY

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

MYON READING CHALLENGE

Dec. 18th-Jan. 2nd

www.myon.com
go to
www.readonmyon.com
for more information

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.hillboroughschools.org/Page/6604>
for more information

Music Notes

Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders will begin playing recorder (the plastic flute, not a recording device) in January. Second Grade will begin later in the year. I have instruments the students may play at school. Having an instrument they can practice on at home is a good idea. Nothing improves without practice.

Before Covid, I sent families to Don Banks Music Store. Mr. Banks retired and closed the store. Amazon will work now. Any soprano recorder with Baroque fingering will work. (Avoid the Dollar Store. Those pretend instruments are not worthy of your money.)

Examples of instruments that sound good:

\$6.79 [Amazon.com: Maped Soprano Recorder & Cleaning Rod, Baroque Fingering \(040702\) : Musical Instruments](#)

\$5.66 [Amazon.com: Canto One-Piece Translucent Soprano Recorder with Baroque Fingering Transparent Blue : Musical Instruments](#)

\$5.99 [Amazon.com: Yamaha YRS-24B Plastic Soprano Recorder, Natural : Musical Instruments](#)

\$5.59 [Amazon.com: Aulos 303AI Recorder : Musical Instruments](#)

I will let you know about terrific YouTube videos produced by school music teachers that are beneficial to beginners in the January newsletter.

Happy Holidays!

Mr. Dunn, Music Specialist

