



## Anderson Elementary School

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A Hillsborough County Public School

Dear Anderson Families,

Each week, we recognize students for their progress on iReady, Achieve 3000 and Imagine Learning. As we move into standardized testing, our game plan is to continue to meet students' needs through planning and instruction. Many staff members are pulling academic groups to support instruction.

Please support our school by attending school regularly, arriving on time and continued communication between home and school. Regular attendance is so important.

Lydia G. Sierra, Principal

Tracey Foushee-Winfield, Assistant Principal



## Upcoming Events\* .....

Feb. 3-Awards Assembly

Feb. 9-Picture Day

Feb. 13-Progress Alerts

Feb. 17-No school

Feb. 24-Student of the Month,

Freestyle and sno cones

March 2-Conference Night

March 6-No school

March 10-Field day

March 13-17-Spring Break

March 20-Students return

March 24-End of 3rd Quarter

March 31-Student of the Month,

Freestyle and sno cones

April 5-Science Night

April 7- No school

April 12-Report Cards post online

April 14-Awards Assembly

April 24-Progress Alerts

April 28-Student of the Month,

Freestyle and sno cones

\*tentative and subject to change\*

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## Kindergarten

Our students did so well on their "Black History Projects" Students knew their facts & even dressed the part! The projects will be displayed in the Media Center for the next few weeks.

Thank you parents for helping your child with this important project. Our next project is with 2D & 3D shapes. Your child has been mastering what a 2D & 3D shape is. Measurement will be the next topic in Math.

Students have been exposed to Realistic Fiction, Non-Fiction, Biographies and Fiction text. We have been learning what "Key Details" are & how to retell a story. We are coming up on Dr. Seuss week! His books have a lot of 1st Grade sight words in them. Cat in the Hat, Green Eggs & Ham, One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish. Continue to help your child learn more sight words, they will be better readers and more ready for First Grade!

In writing, we are still working on writing a sentence with capital letters where needed, spaces after words & putting correct punctuation in where needed. Your child should be writing sentences independently with little or no help by now.

In Science, we are learning about "Vibration" & the next topic will be learning about what causes day and night, what near & far means, information about our planet earth, the sun & the moon.

Spring Break is coming up! March 13-17. Have a wonderful, enjoyable time off from school! Happy SPRING!

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

## First Grade

In Reading, we are using text features to help us understand details in an informational text. We are also retelling facts from informational text. We are writing narratives that retell two or more appropriately sequenced events. In Science, we are discussing how plants and animals change the Earth's surface. In Math, we are learning about measurement and measuring to the nearest inch.

Mrs. Corr, Ms. DiGiangi and Mrs. Lancaster

## Staff Spotlight

I am Meghan Vadala and this is my first full year at Anderson Elementary! I taught Fourth Grade here for three months last year and I'm in Second Grade this year. I graduated from Florida Southern College with a Bachelors of Science in Psychology and received my Masters in Elementary Education at Nazareth College. I've been teaching in Tampa for 3 years. This is my first year teaching ELA and I have come to love developing reading skills with students! My favorite thing about being a teacher is developing relationships and supporting students in and out of the classroom! I love watching my students' games and competitions. My goal for the year is to make students love coming to school and enjoy their time together in the classroom!

## Second Grade

Second Grade is so excited to go on our second field trip to United Skates. Who knew that roller skating could teach us about forces and motion? In Math, we have learned all about measuring length and shapes. Now it is time to learn what an array is. This will be the start of multiplication in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. In Science, we are learning about how the sun heats the Earth and can evaporate water. We learned about so many famous people in Black History. Next, we will learn about timelines. Keep reading nightly and talk with your child about the amazing things we are doing in class.  
Mr. Behrens, Mrs. Randolph and Ms. Vadala

## Third Grade

Hi all you terrific Third Graders and families! We have been doing a lot of learning this school year! In Reading, we are learning about the author's claim/author's perspective, character development/character perspective, comparing/contrasting texts and text features/structures! We are focusing on determining the theme within texts and all aspects of poetry! In Writing, we are really focusing on how to form an opinion and respond to a prompt where opinions are stated and supported by text evidence. Next, we will be learning and working on expository writing! In Math, we are still building our fact fluency with facts 0-12s (multiplication and division). As well as learning about points and lines, quadrilaterals and their attributes and how to represent and interpret fractions! In Science, we have been leaning the sun, stars, gravity and radiant energy. Next, we will be describing plant structures and their roles in food production, support, water/nutrient transportation and reproduction!  
Ms. Schulz, Ms. Gray and Ms. Embry

## Fourth Grade

We are so proud of all of the student growth so far this year! We cannot believe that it is already nearing the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks of school. Time flies when you are learning! In Math, students are working with analyzing and interpreting data, customary and metric conversions, as well as multiplication and division of whole numbers. Students have been showing tremendous growth and are doing incredible with the units we are in. Multiplication is key! So students can work on learning their multiplication facts 0-12. Next up, we are working on prime and composite numbers and factors. In Science, we are finishing up our unit on earth science. Students have learned about landforms, weathering, erosion, as well as rocks and minerals. We are now starting to learn about natural resources and renewable and nonrenewable resources. In ELA, we are working on finishing a novel study of the book, the hero two doors down. We are working on literary elements, as well as working on finding relevant evidence within a variety of genres of text. Students are working on writing their expository and argumentative essays and completing a 4 paragraph essay. We are also working on proving our answers and reading comprehension with Achieve 3000. Please make sure students are getting 45 minutes of Reading and Math minutes for iReady. Students should also be reading for 30 minutes minimum each night!  
Mr. Forsythe and Mrs. McIntyre

## Fifth Grade

In the upcoming weeks fifth grade will be working on the following in content for each subject area:  
Reading- We will be looking at many aspects of humankind's relationship with the concept of "change." Then they will write to explain people's relationship, understanding of, or reaction to "change" while tying in the concepts of summarizing, main idea, text features and text structure.  
Writing- Using dictation to check for proper conventions as well as using elaboration to strengthen student writing so they can demonstrate understanding of content being taught in reading.  
Math- Classifying two and three dimensional shapes, as well unit conversions.  
Science- Identify the organs in the human body and describe their functions including the skin, brain, heart, lungs, stomach, liver, intestines, pancreas, muscles and skeleton, reproductive organs, kidneys, bladder and sensory organs, as well as comparing and contrasting the function of organs and other physical structures of plants and animals, including humans, for example: some animals have skeletons for support- some with internal skeletons others with exoskeletons- while some plants have stems for support.  
Fifth Grade Team

# MEDIA MINUTE

Monthly Newsletter



Make sure your child arrives to school on time.



Book Taco is happening school wide for our independent readers. We encourage students to read a "just right" book and take a Book Taco quiz to check comprehension and to possibly earn rewards from the media center.

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

#### Here are some upcoming events:

03/11/2023-3/19/2023: MyON Spring 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 Online shopping available

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/andersonelementaryschool20>



Students look great in their school uniforms!

## VIRTUAL LIBRARY

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



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03/11/2023-  
03/19/2023

MyON Reading Challenge



Anderson Elementary.....  
Greatest School on Earth !



We welcome Coach Raynor, PE Specialist and Ms. Hope, AGP to Anderson!  
They are a great addition to our faculty.

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.

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**Guidance Events****Upcoming Events for February and March**

Students of the Month Assemblies: March 3 and March 31  
Students will be recognized at an assembly in our Reading Courtyard.

**Character Trait of the Month (February): We are Connected**

**Character Trait of the Month (March): Perseverance**

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:**

Mr. and Mrs. Keller

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Hello Eagle Families! Coach's favorite day of the year is here..... FIELD DAY! Field Day is March 10 and sure to be a blast.

The schedule is as follows:

Kindergarten and First Grade 8:00-9:00

Second Grade and Third Grade 9:15-10:15

Fourth Grade and Fifth Grade 10:30-11:30

We welcome parents to volunteer with our Field Day Stations. Our current unit is hockey.

Thanks for your support!

Coach Raynor, PE Specialist

**Art Board**

We have some excellent news to report from the art room. Three of our students from Anderson Elementary have had their work displayed in exhibitions throughout our county. First, Izaiah Martinez in First Grade created an oil pastel abstract landscape with a title of "My Bumpy house. It is on display at the Florida State Fairgrounds. Second, Alexis Jason, in Fifth Grade made a picture of a hand that seemed to be three-dimensional. It was made out of markers with the title of "The Warm Groovy Hand". Ja'senn Sinclair in Fourth Grade painted a sunset with the title of "Heaven Day". Those two pieces of art work are on display at the Tampa Art Museum for the Fine Arts Festival. Congratulations to our fine artists! We appreciate your hard work and creativity.

Ms. Clark, Art Specialist



## PTA/SCHOOL EVENTS TO THE END OF DECEMBER

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

- Feb 10-Walk-A-Thon and Valentine Grams
- Feb 24-Freestyle and sno cones
- March 3 -Courtyard Bench Handprints
- March 10-Krispy Kreme
- March 31-Freestyle and sno cones



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Thank you to all the students and their families who participated in our annual Walk-A-Thon. We exceeded our goal this year and raised a total of \$4,340. The funds are going towards ordering books for our brand new reading machine and new picnic tables in each class wing to create outdoor learning experiences!

The winners for each grade level who walked the most laps and who raised the most money won a pizza party for their class. Congratulations to:

Kindergarten:

Most Laps – Declan Conner (Ms. Dougherty) & Most Money Raised – Ellis Jacobs (Ms. Dougherty)

First Grade:

Most Laps – Daniel Boa Morte (Ms. Lancaster) & Most Money Raised - Colson Foster (Ms. DiGangi)

Second Grade:

Most Laps – De'Monti Jennings (Ms. Vadala) & Most Money Raised – Brooklyn Ulsh (Mr. Behrens)

Third Grade:

Most Laps - Jahvon Williams (Ms. Schulz) & Most Money Raised – Jude Jacobs (Mrs. Gray-Flint)

Fourth Grade:

Most Laps – TIE – Sanjay Kelley (Mrs. McIntyre) and Mason Day (Mr. Forsythe) &  
Most Money Raised – Dominic Cormier (Mrs. McIntyre)

Fifth Grade:

Most Laps – Miles Lancaster (Mr. Becker) & Most Money Raised – Kenzington Schimpf (Mrs. Miller)

All classes enjoyed their pizza parties last Thursday!



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