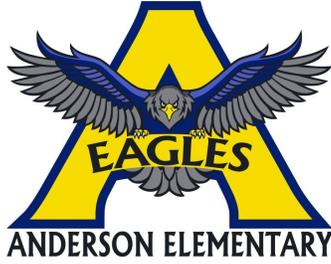


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### Upcoming Events\* .....

- Feb. 2 NEHS Induction
- Feb. 17 Individual & Group Picture Day
- Feb. 18 and 21 Non student day
- Feb. 25-Student of the Month
- March 3-Conference Night
- March 7- Non student day
- March 11-Last day of 3rd Quarter
- March 14-18 Spring Break
- March 21-Non student day
- March 22-First day of 4th Quarter
- March 25-Student of the Month

Dear Anderson Families,

We will be recognizing students who made 50% or higher on iReady in Reading and/or Math. We are also recognizing students that passed two or more activities at 75% or higher each week on iReady. As we move into standardized testing, our game plan is to continue to meet students' needs through planning and instruction. Please support our school by attending school regularly, arriving on time and continued communication between home and school.

Lydia G. Sierra, Principal



The Florida State Assessments in Writing, Reading and Mathematics (grades 3-5) and the Sunshine State Standards testing in science (Grade5) will begin in just a few weeks. Students will begin promptly at 8:00am, each day of testing. Getting your student to school on time allows them to test with their class rather than test in a makeup group. Testing with their class is best for students. If you have questions regarding testing, please let me know.

Tracey F. Winfield, Assistant Principal



### Anderson Elementary School



### Kindergarten

We want to welcome Mrs. Hayes, she is taking over for Ms. Duke for the rest of the year. She has over 35 years of teaching experience and has taught Kindergarten for over 15 years. We are so fortunate to have her helping get our students ready for First Grade.

Students have been exposed to so many types of text this year. I hope they have been sharing what non-fiction, fiction, realistic fiction, and what a biography is. We have been learning about how to retell a story, and what the main idea is of a text. We are coming up on Dr. Seuss week! His books have a sight words in them. Green Eggs and Ham, One Fish, Two Fish, and Ten Apples up on Top are some of his best. Continue to help your child learn more sight words, it will help them be better readers.

In Writing, we are still working on writing a sentence with capitals where needed, spaces after words and correct punctuation. We are focusing on adding more detail to our sentence or sentences.

In Math, some students are finishing up on missing addends, tricky teen numbers and numbers 20-100.

In Science, we are finishing Force and Motion. We will be learning about night and day, near and far, and planet earth, the sun and the moon. Thanks to all the students who participated in Black History Month activities. They were fabulous! Ms. James, Mrs. Hays, Ms. Dougherty and Mrs. Parks

### First Grade

Dear First Grade Families,

It's hard to believe that we are almost finished with the third quarter of First Grade! Time is flying and your children are amazing. We have been working hard and the students are having a lot of fun learning. In Reading, we have been learning about how animals survive in nature. We are identifying the topic and details in a text to help us answer questions. In Math, we are dividing shapes into equal parts. In Science, we are learning about natural resources and water safety. In Social Studies, students are presenting their class projects for Black History Month. The First Grade team is thankful for all your support!

Mrs. Corr, Ms. DiGangi and Mrs. Lancaster



### Staff Spotlight

I am Meaghen Randolph and this is my second year at Anderson Elementary! I graduated from the University of South Florida and have been teaching for 4 years. I am a Second Grade Teacher. I am starting my Master's Degree in Library and Information Sciences in the fall. My goal is to ensure that every child finds a book to spark their love of reading!



## Second Grade

Second Grade is excited to be entering Spring. We are so busy learning so much. Can you believe Spring Break is almost here? In Math, we are taking time to subtract 3 digit numbers using many strategies. We also are still trying to practice reading an analog clock. We need to read a clock to the nearest 5 minutes. We have begun to measure things with inches and centimeters. Science has us learning about properties of rocks. Can we go outside and see all the different types of rocks around us? Please make sure to keep reading every night. Are you reading with a just right for you book?



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 how to connect words and pictures in informational texts and literature texts. 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 or narrative essays! Multiplication facts have been a focus in math, as well as fractions, the different attributes of quadrilaterals, and measuring to the nearest quarter inch! In Science, we are currently learning about the sun and the different star types within the universe. We are learning about the tools astronomers use to help them study the stars. Students will also be learning that the sun is the closest star to Earth and is how life exists on Earth.

Ms. Gray, Mr. Perez and Ms. Schulz

## Fourth Grade

We would like to welcome Ms. Vadala to Fourth Grade! We are very excited to have her here at Anderson. In Math, we are finishing up our unit on multiplying fractions. Next, we will be moving onto decimals. In Science, we are learning about moon phases. In Reading, we are learning about how to determine the theme of a story/poem. In Writing, we are focusing on staying on topic and elaboration using text evidence. As always, If you would like to have a conference with us regarding your students academic progress and behavior, please email us or call the school.

Ms. Embry and Ms. Vadala



## Fifth Grade

In Reading, we have been working on comparing and contrasting two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in a text. Our topic of study has been weather and the students are really enjoying it. In Writing, we have been writing opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information. In Math, students are working with geometry and volume. We are currently on a unit that has students plotting points on a coordinate grid as well as using data tables to graph coordinates on a coordinate plane. Students need to make sure they are working on their multiplication facts to help develop their fluency with basic multiplication facts. Students are studying Earth Science and are currently working on investigating the water cycle and why the water cycle is important. Students just finished learning about space and exploring the different characteristics of galaxies and our solar system. Next, we will be starting a unit on weather and weather tools. 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>.



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



**PTA February and March School Events**

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

**FEBRUARY**

**17th** - Courtyard Handprints; Deadline to register on-line is 2/16 at 5:00

**18th** - NO SCHOOL

**21st** - NO SCHOOL

**22nd to March 4th** - "Money for Marquee"; Collect spare change to donate towards our new communications marquee hopefully coming before next school year. Winning class for primary (K-2) and intermediate (3-5) will receive an ice cream party on March 11th!

**23rd** - Tijuana Flats Spirit Night from 5-8pm; 4027 South Dale Mabry; 20% donated back to Anderson

**25th** - Freestyle Friday; Spirit Sticks Sale During Breakfast; PTA providing sno-cones to all students

**MARCH**

**3rd** - Conference Night

**7th** - NO SCHOOL

**8th to 23rd** - Semi-Annual Krispy Kreme Fundraiser; Donuts will be distributed on March 31st

**11th** - Field Day; Volunteers Needed! PTA providing sno-cones to all students

**14th to 21st** - NO SCHOOL; SPRING BREAK (students return to school March 22nd)

**25th** - Freestyle Friday; Spirit Sticks Sale During Breakfast; PTA providing sno-cones to all students



Students look great in their school uniforms!

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**Guidance News**

Upcoming Events for February and March

Students of the Month Assemblies: 2/25 (for Feb..) and 3/25 (for March)

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

Mindset of the Month (February): We are Connected

Mindset of the Month (March): Passion First

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).

Visit our Website: <http://anderson.mysdhc.org/>

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### Coach's Corner

Hello Eagle Families! In Physical Education we just wrapped up our "Kids Heart Challenge" fundraiser as well as our Jumping and Landing Unit. Thank you to all our families who helped raise money for the American Heart Association. We will hold our V.I.P. party (\$50 Club) when the thank you gifts arrive, usually within 4-6 weeks. Currently, we are in our tennis unit and will be working on racket skills for the next couple of weeks. Coach's favorite day of the year is here, Field Day! Field Day is March 11 th and sure to be a blast. We welcome parents to come volunteer and help out with our field games stations and snow cones. Be sure you have your district volunteer form filled out and cleared before the 11 th to be able to help on campus. PTA will post a volunteer sign up. Coming up after break we have our basketball unit as well as our variations of kickball focusing on either, fielding, kicking or cooperation. Enjoy these interesting heart facts from the American Heart Association: 1. Did you know a man's heart pumps about 2,000 gallons of blood each day? That's how much water is in a fire truck. WOW! 2. The average heart beats about 108,000 times per day. That's about 3 billion heartbeats in a lifetime. Thank you! Coach Andrieu, PE Specialist

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We welcome Mrs. Hays, Kindergarten Teacher and  
Ms. Vadala, Fourth Grade Teacher to our school.

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.





# MEDIA MINUTE

Monthly Newsletter



MyOn Reading Challenge is coming back! It will be from March 12th-21st. We had great participation and I hope it increases. Our wish is that students take advantage of their time to get some reading done. For more information go to [www.readonmyon.com](http://www.readonmyon.com)



Scholastic Book Fair is tentatively coming back! This is our BOGO fair. This fair is a show of thanks for supporting the Fall and Spring Fairs. It is also a great way to stock up on books for summer reading. If it is cancelled due to testing, we will let you know.

Remember, the virtual library has great resources through the district.

### VIRTUAL LIBRARY

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



### Music Notes

It's time to begin reviewing for the final exam. Exams begin right after spring break. Older students will receive a study guide.

It is my intention to begin teaching recorder in 3rd, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades after exams are completed.

Greg Dunn, Music Director

