

Anderson Elementary School



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Upcoming Events*

- Oct. 1 - Student of the Month
- Oct. 9- End of 1st 9 Weeks
- Oct. 21-Conference Night
- Oct. 25-29 -Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 28-2nd Annual Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 29- Student of the Month
- Nov. 1 -Report Cards online
- Nov. 5-Awards Assembly
CEOs in Schools
- Nov. 11-No School Veteran's Day
- Nov.18-Great American Teach-In
- Nov. 22-26-Thanksgiving Holidays

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Dear Anderson Families,

HCPS is experiencing a substitute teacher shortage across our district. In the event a teacher absence without coverage of a substitute teacher, students may be divided among multiple grade levels.

It was great to see so many families at Trunk or Treat. It was a huge success. November 5 is our Awards Assembly. We have many students making progress and we are proud of their growth. We would like to recognize all students. Let's keep working hard and meet our goals. Please continue to have open communication between school and home. November 5 is CEOs in Schools. We welcome Ben Burgess, P.E. of Burgess Civil, LLC to our school. November 18 is the Great American Teach In. We encourage our parents, family and community members to share their careers or hobbies with our students.

Just a reminder, please have a valid photo ID when visiting our campus, as this is a HCPS Policy. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Follow Anderson Elementary on Twitter and Anderson Elementary PTA on Facebook.

Have a safe Thanksgiving Holiday! We are thankful for our students and families.
Lydia G. Sierra, Principal



Our school year is off to a great start. Students will continue to participate in learning activities that may at times challenge them. Productive struggle is cornerstone to robust and meaningful learning. Students will learn to think deeply about a topic and will often revise or expand their understanding.

One strategy teachers use is questioning. Effective questioning help students draft and revise their thinking, especially during class discussions. At Anderson, teachers are working hard to improve their questioning techniques and their questioning strategies.

Effective class discussions will have dialog moving back and forth among students without a set pattern. Rather than asking only a series of questions requiring short, correct/incorrect answers that merely expect students to restate information from a book or a previous class lesson, our teachers are charged with asking questions that foster careful consideration from students - questions that require proof and seeks to have student develop original thought and insight.

Teachers are also working on and are striving to help students develop their own questioning skills. When students learn to pose great questions, this often helps students reflect on their own thinking and helps them strengthen their listening skills.

When at home, students can continue to benefit from conversations that encourage rich and robust thinking. Some great questions parents/guardians can ask include:

- Why do you think...? • How would you describe...? • What would happen if...?
- Tell me more about... • Explain your thinking. • Do you agree/disagree with...Why?
- Do you agree/disagree with...Why? • What is the connection/relationship between...?
- Compare _____. How are they the same? How are they different?

If you have questions or would like additional ideas to support your learner, please let me know.

Ms. Winfield, APEI

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Kindergarten

We are reading a lot of fiction and non-fiction books in class. We hope your child is sharing them with you. Your child is learning about what a setting, characters, key details and how to retell a story. Continue to read each night and work on our Kindergarten Sight Word Lists.

In Math, we have been working on measurement and classifying data. We are going into addition and subtraction next.

In Science, we are learning how scientist sort matter. Ask your child about how he/she can sort and what are the rules for sorting. We will be learning about the three types of matter and how to identify them next. Congratulations to Oliver Bradley and Jessalyn Timmons our Science Olympians from Ms. Duke's Class. They competed in the Kindergarten Skyscraper Challenge. They were great engineers building a extremely tall structure. We are proud of you!!

This is the season for our students to be sick, due to the change in the weather. Please keep your child home if they are not feeling well. We appreciate your consideration to our class and our staff.

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



First Grade

Thank you to all the families who joined us for Trunk or Treat! First Grade team enjoyed spending time with you and your children. We have been very busy this month learning and having fun. In Reading, we have been focusing on retelling a story and identifying the topic and details in a text. In Writing, we have been working on narrative pieces using correct punctuation. In Math, we are comparing math word problems. In Science, we are learning and observing forces and motion! Continue to read and practice sight words at home every day. Thank you for all your support this year!
Mrs. Atwood, Mrs. Corr and Ms. DiGiangi



Staff Spotlight

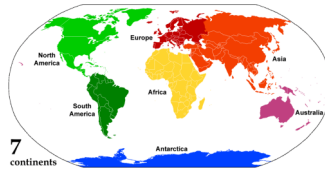
Hello everyone!! My name is Angela Dingle and I am the Media Specialist at Anderson. I have been working for Hillsborough County Schools for 23 years. I have taught 1st, 2nd and 5th Grades until finding my home in the library. I love being in the Media Center, because it gives me the opportunity to get to know all the students at the school. I also enjoy collaborating with the staff. I want to share my love of literacy and hope to create lifelong readers. When I am not at Anderson, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I find enjoyment in running, cooking and of course reading. I hope this continues to be a great year. Be sure to learn more of what the Media Center has to offer.
Happy Readings.
Mrs. Dingle



Second Grade

Second Grade is so excited for the fall time of year. We are cruising right through this year! In Reading and Writing, we are working on going back into the text to find evidence. When you work at home Reading, ask your child to go back in the story when retelling. We are also starting to learn about shapes, what is a continent and how to classify matter by their properties. 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 nonfiction text features and how they help students better understand the texts that they are reading. We are also comparing and contrasting texts written by the same author. 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 rounding and estimating! Our next unit of study is fluently adding and subtracting within 1,000. In Science, we have recently wrapped up our study of the different forms of energy! Currently, we are studying properties of matter. Such as, measuring the mass of objects using a balance scale, comparing masses of different objects. Also, we are using a thermometer to measure the temperature of liquids and solids. Lastly, we are learning what friction is and how to identify it in the real world!

We want to give a massive shoutout to Aurora Olson and Sadie Bracken on placing second at Science Olympics Competition on Saturday, October 30th!!! They not only beat the rest of the Third Graders at Anderson to get to MOSI, but then beat out other Third Grade teams from all over the county! We are so proud of the of them!!!! Ms. Gray, Mr. Perez and Ms. Schulz

Fourth Grade

Thank you to all parents who attended conferences. In Math, we are adding and subtracting multi digit numbers. In Science, we are learning about different sources of energy. In Reading, we are learning about informative and literal texts and comprehension. In Writing, we are practicing different types of FSA prompts. In Social Studies, we are learning about Florida's history and Native Americans. Please remember to initial homework daily and please check take home folders too 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, Fourth Grade participated in a class with our Guidance Counselor, Ms. McKinnie. Here is a message from Ms. McKinnie-Hillsborough County Public Schools recognizes that educating children involves promoting their mental wellness as well as their academic achievement. In order to encourage positive mental health, select grades have participated in ACT Now! class sessions with Ms. McKinnie. The focus of these sessions is to define mental health, recognize symptoms that may be exhibited by those who are facing mental health challenges, share healthy coping strategies, identify trusted adults, and receive information regarding local and national resources. Feel free to reach out with any questions to Breanna.Mckinnie@hcps.net" Happy fall! Thank you so much!

Ms. Embry and Ms. Salas

Fifth Grade

Happy Fall!! We are off to a great start this year in 5th Grade. In Reading we have been working on identifying multiple main ideas in a text, making inferences, comparing/ contrasting character traits and determining the theme within a text. We have been concentrating on conventions and including text evidence in our writing, while focusing on the I,B,B,C (introduction, body, body, conclusion) essay structure. Have your child read at home each night. Ask your child questions about what he/she reads to build comprehension. In Math, we are currently working on multiplying fractions and mixed numbers. Next, we will be dividing fractions and then we will begin working with decimals. Please make sure students are practicing multiplication facts! In Science, we are learning about force and motion, as well as starting to learn about matter. 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). You can join on-line at: <https://anderson.memberhub.com/store>. Thank you for your continued support.



Make sure your child arrives to school on time.



Guidance News

Upcoming Events for October and November

Students of the Month Assemblies: 10/29 (for Oct.) and 12/3 (for Nov.)
Students of the Month will be recognized at an assembly in our Reading Courtyard.

Mindset of the Month (October): 100% Accountable

Mindset of the Month (November): Live to Give

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



Students look great in their school uniforms!

**Anderson Elementary.....
Setting the Stage for Success!**

Music Notes

Anderson's students are fantastic at reading rhythms! Rhythm identifies the "when" of music. It shows when a sound is to be made and for what duration. In November, we are going to begin working on pitch again. Pitch is the "where" of music. There are 88 pitches on the piano. Which one is the composer interested in? We will begin with the treble clef staff line and space letter names. Our goal is to sight-sing melodies with pitch names. We will also be focusing on the instruments of an orchestra. The Florida Orchestra produced a video that we can use in November in our learning. Our goal is to not only identify instruments, but to correctly label crescendos and the six volume levels in Italian. Wish us luck!

Mr. Dunn, Music Specialist



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Summer reading loss is real! Did you know that the best predictor of summer loss or gain is whether or not your children read during the summer? If your children don't read over the summer, they'll likely lose skills. Yes, summer reading loss is real. The good news is that you can recover from summer reading loss.

Below are great ideas to recover from summer reading loss:

1. **Visit your local library often.** Your local library can often serve as the best resource to keep your child reading.
2. **Enroll your child in a reading program.** Most libraries offer a reading program—registration is free.
3. **Have your child record their books.** It can be helpful for children to record the books they read. If they are reading primarily fiction; encourage them to branch out and read nonfiction as well.
4. **Explore online reading sites for young readers.** Two excellent sites are: "Myon" and "StorylineOnline".
5. **Read aloud.** Children of all ages love read alouds. Choose books with your child and read aloud.
6. **Encourage vocabulary and word learning.** Talk, talk, and talk some more. In addition, there are many sites that support word learning.
7. **Be a good example.** It's hard to encourage reading if you're not reading. If you need recommendations, Goodreads Reading List and Amazon Summer Reading Recommendations are for all ages.
8. **Check out a few book lists for students.** Sometimes kids get stuck. To help them get un-stuck: The Big Summer Reading List, The Nerdy Book Club Awards, Barnes & Noble Reading Program all have great recommendations.
9. **Keep reading materials around the house.** Stock your home with brochures, local newspapers and pamphlets, books, and other reading materials. If your child is young, point out text features like bold-faced print, text boxes, diagrams and more.
10. **Check out kids magazines.** Try out a magazine subscription, purchase a single magazine, or check out magazines at your library. Suggestions: *National Geographic Kids*, *American Girl*, *Click*, *Appleseeds*, *Hopscotch for Girls*, *Boys Life*, and *J-14* magazine.
11. **Check out apps and digital tools to support reading and writing.** Another way to keep your child reading and writing is to harness the power of digital tools. Today, there are many free apps and online tools that support reading and writing.
12. **Join or create a Book Club.** Your child could join a local book club at the library or form one herself/himself. How about inviting a few friends over once a week to discuss a book and share or "book talk" books they're reading.

Ms. Desanto
VE Resource Teacher



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UPDATE ON PTA SCHOOL EVENTS TO THE END OF DECEMBER

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



- October 4—Boo Grams Go on Sale
- October 28—2nd Annual Trunk or Treat
- October 29—Boo Grams Distributed
- October 29—Freestyle Friday and Sno-Cones
- November 13—1st Annual Anderson Garage Sale under the Covered Court from 8 am—2 pm
- November 18—Great American Teach-In
- November 19—Freestyle Friday and Sno-Cones
- December 6-10—Gingerbread Workshop
- December 17—Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones
- December 20-January 3—NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)

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!



Congratulations to the following employees:

Brian Behrens - Teacher of the Year

Melinda De Santo - Ida S. Baker Nominee

Vanessa Fernandez - Instructional Support Employee of the Year

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.

Red Ribbon Week

Monday October 25	Tuesday October 26	Wednesday October 27	Thursday October 28	Friday October 29
				
Put a Lid on Drugs!	"Lei" Off Drugs & Bullying	Peace Out Drugs!	Sock it to Drugs and Bullying	My Character Counts- Drug & Bully Free!
Wear a crazy hat or hairdo to show you're against drugs and bullying.	A lei will be provided as a reminder to "lei" off drugs and bullying. To pair with your lei, feel free to wear Hawaiian style attire. Photo Op! Be ready to hula and smile.	Wear your best tie dye attire. Rainbows & peace signs work, too!	Wear your silliest socks to show you're against drugs and bullying.	Our annual Story Book Parade K-5, come dressed as your favorite literary character/story book inspired costume. Don't forget your books & be ready to say cheese!

ESE Reading Contest

What is it?

Learning Ally has a large selection of audio books for students who need support while reading high interest books.

Where do I find Learning Ally?

Learning Ally is found on Clever. Next to Canvas or iReady button.

How do I log on?

Your child was sent home the User name and Password. If he/she misplaced it-I will provide it again.

Who wins the reading contest?

Students who read above 75 min in Grades 2-3 and students who read above 90 mins in Grades 4-5.

The most minutes wins !!!!

Contact Ms. DeSanto for any further questions.

272-3075 or Melinda.desanto@hcps.net

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MEDIA MINUTE

Newsletter

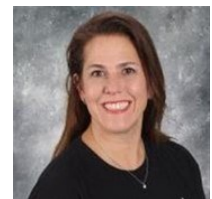


Inside the Issue

The next several weeks I will be meeting with a variety of grade levels. I will be doing read alouds, teaching basic code, research using the virtual library, among other literacy lessons. You can see below, MyOn reading challenge is going on. I hope students are able to explore all the books available to them. I will be checking to see who our top readers are. Based on number of books, and quizzes passed. There will be a winter challenge, too!

I wish you all a wonderful time with your families.

I AM THANKFUL FOR YOU!



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

MYON READING CHALLENGE From now until Nov. 28th 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.hillsboroughschools.org/Page/6604> for more infomation