

- Oct. 6-Conference Night
  - Oct. 12- End of 1st 9 Weeks
  - Oct. 13- First day of 2nd 9 Weeks
  - Oct. 21 Freestyle Friday
  - Oct. 24-28 -Red Ribbon Week
  - Oct. 27-3rd Annual Trunk or Treat
  - Oct. 28- Storybook Parade Bam and Student of the Month
  - Nov. 4-Report Cards online, Awards Assembly & CEOs in Schools
  - Nov. 11-No School Veteran's Day
  - Nov.17-Great American Teach-In
  - Nov. 18- Student of the Month & Freestyle Friday
  - Nov. 21-25-Thanksgiving Holidays
  - Nov. 28-Students return
- \*tentative and subject to change\*



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 A Hillsborough County Public School

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.

Trunk or Treat was so much fun for our families! We thank Mr. and Mrs. Keller for purchasing Marco's Pizza for our students and staff. We appreciate their support of our school. November 4 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 4 is CEOs in Schools. We welcome Ben Burgess, Burgess Civil, LLC to our school. November 17 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



Dear Anderson Families,

Teachers use data every day to guide instruction and strive to help every child reach their potential. We recently held our first parent teacher conference night for the school year. Parents met with teachers to discuss their child's academic progress. If you still have questions regarding your student's progress or were unable to attend Conference Night, I encourage you to contact your child's teacher to set up a time to discuss your student.

Please mark your calendars!

-Friday, November 4-Student report cards will be available for online viewing.

-Friday, October 28-The annual Storybook Parade (a fun way to celebrate reading literacy); all students may dress up as a favorite book character (scary and/or gory characters may not be worn)

-November 17-The Annual Great American Teach In. Students love learning about the careers and hobbies of parents, family, and community members. Please consider sharing your chosen profession or hobby with our Anderson Eagles. You may contact Mrs. McKinnie at 272-3075 or let your child's teacher know.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Tracey F. Winfield,  
 Assistant Principal



### Anderson Elementary School

### Kindergarten

Kindergarten students are learning so much in reading! We are learning about Text Features, Characters, setting and retelling the story. We are still working on beginning letter sounds and ending sounds. We will be learning about Vowels in December. Continue to read each night and work on sight words with your child. Kindergarten is learning about showing ways to decompose and compose numbers. Students will be mastering their Tricky Teen numbers and still learn which one is greater than or less than. In Writing, Kindergarteners have been labeling their illustrations, and adding details and some are writing a sentence with correct sight word spelling and letters they hear in the words. Congrats to Paxon Santa and Amylia McIntosh on going to MOSI and representing Anderson for the Skyscraper Challenge. We are so proud of you both. In Science, Kindergarten is finishing up on learning about the 5 Senses. We are moving on to Learning about Properties of Matter and designing a playground, collecting data, observing things that are heavy and light and hot and cold. We are so thankful for our wonderful hard working Kindergarteners and wonderful parents that help them each night become so successful in Kindergarten! Happy Thanksgiving!  
 Ms. Ausby, Ms. Dougherty, Ms. James and Mrs. Parks

### First Grade

Hello First Grade Parents !! In Reading we are using picture clues to help retell a story. We are confirming predictions using text and picture clues. In phonics, we are learning Short U and Short E. In Math, we are adding and subtracting within 100 with regrouping and borrowing. In Science, we are learning the various ways that objects can move, such as in a straight line, zigzag, back-and-forth, round and round, fast and slow.

Mrs. Corr, Ms. DiGiangi, & Mrs. Lancaster

### Staff Spotlight

My name is JoAnna Helak and I am very pleased to be an Exceptional Student Educational Teacher. I am a native of Tampa, Florida, and attended Hillsborough County Schools and graduated from Tampa Catholic High School. I attended the University of South Florida and earned degrees in Early Childhood and Elementary Education, Masters in Reading Education and Certification in Leadership. At the present time, I am working on a Certification in ESE. I have taught for Hillsborough County schools for many years. I enjoy teaching at Anderson Elementary and teaching my students and meeting their needs. I have taught grades Preschool through Second Grade and I have been a Reading Coach, Academic Intervention Specialist and ESE Teacher Grades K - 5. I am married with two sons and two grandsons. They are the joy of my life.

## Second Grade

Second Grade is so excited to have taken our first field trip. The aquarium was so much fun. We are ready for our upcoming breaks, but we have so much learning to get in before then. In Reading, we've been comparing and contrasting between texts. In Math, we are partitioning shapes in halves, thirds and fourths. In Science, we are learning about different states of matter. 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, character development, comparing/contrasting texts and text features/structures! In Writing, we are really focusing on the Writer's Workshop model and learning many different writing crafts that we can use in our fictional narratives! In Math, we are learning our multiplication/division strategies and building our fact fluency with facts 0-12s! In Science, we have been leaning about heat energy and learned how closely related this is to light energy. We have been looking for real examples in our classroom and at school too. After, we took a look into friction, temperature, and mass. Next, we will explore how to compare liquid volume and volume of 3D shapes. As well as, physical properties of objects.

Ms. Schulz, Ms. Gray and Ms. Embry

## Fourth Grade

In 4th Grade, students are working hard in all subject areas!

In math, students finished their unit on adding and subtracting decimals. They will be getting their assessment scores for that on Tuesday of this week. Students ALSO took a district 1st quarter assessment and **KNOCKED IT OUT OF THE PARK**. I am talking that **BOTH** groups are 15 points above the district average, which is **INCREDIBLE**. This tells me that what we are doing in class is working and they are rising to the challenge of the 4th grade math! I am so proud of them. They are working their butts off. This week, we are working with composing and decomposing fractions. This unit is a critical unit and stems into helping us be able to add and subtract fractions with like denominators as well as mixed numbers.

In Science, we just finished a unit on sound energy. There were a lot of different activities involved and yes, unfortunately your child did have to hear Mr. Forsythe sing. So if your child says that they didn't hear you when you ask them to do chores, they are fibbing because **ALL** of them told me not to try out for American idol. Coming up in science, we will be exploring heat energy. this coming unit is a very hard unit for students to understand, but we are going to try our best to work through it!

In Reading, students worked on reading and planning an argumentative text. In addition they learned how to locate the central idea and relevant details in an informational text. We finished our novel study of the book *Wonder* and students watched the movie last week. We also are doing poetry and addressing theme in literature.

Students are expected to be completing their iReady minutes (45 minutes a week in both math and reading). iReady can be worked on at home.

Mr. Forsythe and Mrs. McIntyre

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



Students look great in their school uniforms!

## Fifth Grade

Happy Fall!! We are off to a great start this year in 5th Grade. In Reading, we have been working on plot, summarizing 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 and dividing decimals. Please make sure students are practicing their basic multiplication facts! In Science, we are learning about force and motion. 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 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!

We hope you will join the Anderson PTA, so that you can be an active part in making decisions that affect our students and our school. 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>.

On October 5, we had the ribbon cutting for our new marquee. This is a great tool to communicate with our families and community. Our marquee would not have been possible without your support. We thank Burgess Civil for their donation.

On behalf of the PTA Board, we look forward to a successful school



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## ESE News

### Report Card Information

Every Exceptional Student that has an Individual Educational Plan, will be provided a Progress Report that will be inserted in your child's report card. The Progress Report was developed to provide information about how your child is progressing toward meeting his/her IEP on a quarterly basis.

I would like to share information about two great online reading programs Learning Ally and Bookshare, that your child can practice reading at home.

#### Learning Ally:

Students can login directly to Learning Ally via a browser (without using the app) at [read.learningally.com](http://read.learningally.com) or in Clever.

Click on "log in" and sign in using your credentials (if you need assistance, contact your ESE teacher).

It provides an extensive library of human read audiobooks that includes textbooks, literature and popular fiction.

#### Bookshare:

It helps people with dyslexia, blindness, cerebral palsy, physical impairments, orthopedic impairments, and other reading barriers and can customize their experience to suit their learning style and find virtually any book they need for school, work, or the joy of reading. Visit [www.bookshare.org](http://www.bookshare.org)

Textbooks and literature selections related to classes may be found on this site.



### NEHS

Our new 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders are working hard on their NEHS applications! This year will be filled with lots of excellent leadership activities and service-learning projects. We had an amazing turn out for our hurricane donation supplies. We appreciate your continued support!





### Art Board

Why art? Art gives kids a sense of achievement and allows our students to take pride in their work, which builds confidence. Making art is a great, safe way to discover that it's OK to make mistakes and that getting things wrong can lead to a whole new idea. We call it, happy accidents. Art helps our students try new things and it teaches self-regulation skills, which helps with learning patience by waiting for paint to dry or for glue to dry. In conclusion, life is a lot more fun with color. Make it a colorful day!

Ms. Clark, Art Specialist



## Red Ribbon Week Oct. 24-28

| Mon.,<br>Oct. 24  | Tues.,<br>Oct. 25   | Wed.,<br>Oct. 26   | Thur.,<br>Oct. 27  | Fri.,<br>Oct. 28   |
|---|---|--|--|--|
|  |  |     |  | <p>Our Character Counts-<br/>Drug &amp; Bully Free!</p>  |
| <p><b>Healthy Heart!</b></p>  | <p><b>Our future is bright!</b></p>   | <p><b>Healthy Bodies!</b></p>  | <p><b>Healthy Habits!</b></p>  |  |
| <p>Love yourself!<br/>Wear red to show some love.</p>                             | <p>Wear neon colors!<br/>We are celebrating our bright future drug free!</p>      | <p>Exercise makes for a healthy body!<br/>Wear your favorite sports team attire.</p> | <p>Healthy habits include plenty of sleep. Wear your favorite pajamas!</p>         | <p>Our annual Story Book Parade K-5, come dressed as your favorite literary character/story book inspired costume.</p> |

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.

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

- Burgess Civil
- PDQ
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- Goodnight Orthodontics
- Tijuana Flats
- Mr. and Mrs. Keller



## PTA/SCHOOL EVENTS TO THE END OF DECEMBER

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

- October 4 – Courtyard Handprint Project
- October 5 – BOO Grams Sale Begins
- October 6 – Parent/Teacher Conference Night
- October 21 – Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones
- October 26 – Last day to order BOO Grams
- October 27 – 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat
- October 28 – BOO Grams Distributed
- November 10 – Walk a Thon
- November 17 – Great American Teach-In
- November 18 – Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones
- December 2 – Movie Night & Gingerbread Workshop
- December 5 to 9 – Gingerbread Workshop
- December 14 – Winter Concert & Silent Auction
- December 23 – 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 the calendar, upcoming events and shoutouts to our staff and students on doing great things!

### 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**

### Guidance Events

#### Upcoming Events for October and November

Students of the Month Assemblies: October 28 and November 18

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

Character Trait of the Month (October): 100% Accountable

Character Trait 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 [breanna.mckinnie@hcps.net](mailto:breanna.mckinnie@hcps.net).

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**Bilingual Hotline / Línea Bilingüe**

**La Línea Bilingüe está disponible para familias recién llegadas al país o que no hablan inglés.**

**The Bilingual Hotline is available for families new to the country or that do not speak English.**

**Personal bilingüe está disponible de lunes a viernes entre 8:00 AM a 4:00 PM para contestar preguntas y proveer información sobre matrícula escolar y recursos disponibles en la escuela y la comunidad.**

**Bilingual Staff is available Monday thru Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM to answer questions and provide information about school enrollment and school and community resources.**

**Every call is important!**  
**¡Cada llamada es importante!**

#### Guidance News

Hillsborough County Public Schools recognizes that educating children involves promoting their mental well-ness as well as their academic achievement. In order to encourage positive mental health, select grade levels will be participating in ACT Now! class sessions with Student Services personnel (school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers). 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.

“ACT” in ACT Now! stands for:

- A = Acknowledge signs that the student or a peer may be in need of mental health support
- C = Demonstrate Care in interactions
- T = Tell a trusted adult (school personnel, parents, and others)

With the holidays coming up, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or support I may be able to help provide. At Anderson, we are lucky to be sponsored by 68 Hours of Hunger, an organization that helps provide food to our families on a weekly basis. There are a multitude of community resources available. Please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs. McKinnie-Bond, Guidance Counselor

## Reading Corner

### 5 Ways Parents Can Improve Their Child's Vocabulary

#### The 'This' and 'That' of Improving Your Child's Language

The other day I went on vacation. We went over THERE. I enjoyed it because we did THIS and THAT. There was one activity where my son caught the THING and did THIS to it. We couldn't stop laughing, but eventually we helped him get THAT over THERE. Unfortunately, my daughter will be too young to remember our trip over THERE.

My question to you is...what in the world am I talking about? Our children's vocabulary is very important, and if we use words such as "this" and "that," we lose out on opportunities to teach our kids new words. I took a course recently that said that children between the ages of 4 and 5 demonstrate the most significant growth in vocabularies.

A child the age of 4 has a vocabulary of about 1,200 words, but a child the age of 5 has a vocabulary of 5,000 words. That is a HUGE growth in words.

Your child's vocabulary is so important. Think of each skill your child develops as building blocks. Starting from infancy, your child begins by cooing, which turns into babbling that then turns into words and eventually sentences. Research shows that children with higher vocabulary results in better decoding abilities. All that to say that their reading skills will benefit from having better vocabulary.

So, what can I do to help my child?

1. Be specific when talking to your children. If I changed the story above to something more like this, it would all make sense.....

The other day I went on vacation. We went to South Padre Island. I enjoyed it because we went parasailing and fishing. My son caught a fish but his line got tangled with someone else's. We couldn't stop laughing, but eventually we helped him untangle the line and get it on the boat.

Now isn't that so much better.

2. Try teaching your child new words or even different variations of the same word. For example: "The elephant is big" can turn into "The elephant is gigantic." or even "The elephant is enormous."

3. Use the same word in many different ways. Think about the word "run." The dog ran fast. I ran next to him, but I could not run as fast. My brother tried to run, but he fell down. After I ran, I was really tired. Running is fun.

4. Make learning new words fun. Instead of doing flash cards (snooze), find something that is interesting to your child and think of words based on the activity. If your child likes playing with farm animals, think of several words you could teach your child involving farm animals. As you play, introduce those words you wrote down.

5. Read books to your child. Books offer so many new and wonderful opportunities for learning words. You don't have to necessarily read all the words, just talk about the pictures. Try thinking of words you can use multiple times throughout the book.

Vocabulary development is critical for children. It helps with building sentences and it's important for reading as well. Markus Zusak put it well when he said, "The words. Why did they have to exist? Without them, there wouldn't be any of this."

Mrs. Tasso, Reading Coach





# MEDIA MINUTE

Monthly Newsletter



**Upcoming Events:**

**MyOn Fall Reading Challenge:** Nov. 1st-Nov. 30th. Students are encouraged to read as much as they can with MyOn. They can log-in at [www.myon.com](http://www.myon.com) and use their credentials to get to their account. They can also use the virtual library to access MyOn. More details about the challenge are at [www.ReadonmyON.com](http://www.ReadonmyON.com)

**Scholastic Book Fair:** Nov.7th-10th in the Media Center

Online sales are Nov. 3rd- Nov. 11th. You can also create a Class Wallet account. A portion of the profits help support Anderson's Media Center. Link is provided below



**Book Taco:** We will be using a reading incentive program called Book Taco. This optional program asks 5 to 10 questions based on a read book. Passing scores can earn rewards.



5th grade completed research projects for Hispanic Heritage Month. Using research skills, students answered questions and created posters or powerpoints on country provided.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** Oct 27th On this day children across the nation share one book to promote literacy. visit [www.jstart.org](http://www.jstart.org) for more details. This year's book is Nigel and the Moon, by Antwan Eady

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

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to access amazing resources

