

Anderson Elementary School



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Upcoming Events *.....

Oct. 1-Conference Night

Oct. 2-Student of the Month

Oct. 7-8-Grandparents' Breakfast

Oct. 9-End of 1st 9 Weeks

Oct. 13-First day of 2nd 9 Weeks

Oct. 23 -Awards Assembly

Oct. 26-30-Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 27-Report Cards online

Oct. 29-Student of the Month

Oct. 29-Annual Trunk or Treat

Oct. 30-Storybook Parade

Nov. 2-Progress Alerts

Nov. 6- Picture Retakes

Nov. 11-No School Veteran's Day

Nov. 13- CEO's in Schools

Nov. 19-Great American Teach-In

Nov. 20-Student of the Month & Freestyle Friday

Nov. 23-27-Thanksgiving Holidays

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Staff Spotlight

I'm Kirsten Serrano and this is my second year at Anderson Elementary and my tenth year in education! I graduated from the University of Arizona and have had the opportunity to teach VPK, Kindergarten, and First Grade in Arizona, New York City, and now Florida. I began my career in education before pursuing a different path as a fashion stylist, but I always knew I would return to teaching, because of my love for helping children learn and grow. One of my favorite things about teaching First Grade is seeing the incredible growth students make in reading throughout the year. My goal is to inspire my students to love learning, stay curious, develop independence, and become confident problem-solvers. I feel grateful to be part of the Anderson community and to help my students build a strong foundation for future learning!



Dear Anderson Family,

October 23 was our Awards Assembly. We have many students making progress & we are proud of their growth. We would like to recognize all students. Let's keep working hard & meet our goals. We look forward to celebrating our students' midyear data from PM1 to PM2, as well as QMTs. Each month at Student of the Month, students in K-5 ring our courtyard bell to celebrate an individual goal met. Please continue to have open communication between school & home. In the event a teacher is absent without coverage of a substitute teacher, students may be divided among multiple grade levels. We had a great time with our Grandparents Breakfast! Red Ribbon Week, Trunk or Treat & Storybook Parade were fun events for our school. Nov. 13 is CEOs in Schools. We welcome Ben Burgess, Burgess Civil, LLC to our school. Nov. 19 is the Great American Teach In. We encourage our parents, family & community members to share their careers or hobbies with our students. 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. The school lab will be opening from 7:10-7:40 am for students in Grades 3-5 to work on iReady. Please follow Anderson Elem. on Twitter/ X, Anderson Elem. PTA on Facebook & HCPS on social media for important school information. Thank you for supporting our school! We are thankful for our students & families. Have a great Thanksgiving Holiday!

Ms. Sierra
Principal

Our Anderson Eagles continue to make us proud! As we move through October and into November, I am especially proud of how our student demonstrate respect, responsibility and safety throughout our school. Their positive choices earn PBIS points, and we look forward to celebrating their efforts when our PBIS Store returns in November. November and December also will bring opportunities for students to show their academic growth. Please mark your calendars for these upcoming assessments.

-Kindergarten - 2nd Grade - STAR PM2 ELA and Math will be given 12/1 - 12/7 and DIBELS will be given between 11/30-12/18.

-Grades 3-5 - iReady Inform ELA and Math will be given from 11/16 - 11/20 and FAST PM2 ELA and Math will be given 12/8 - 12/17. QMT 2 Reading (Gr.3-5) will be on 12/7. QMT 2 Math (K-5) will be on 12/8. QMT 2 Science (K-5) will be on 12/10.

These assessments help us celebrate progress and identify where students need additional support. You can help your child feel prepared by encouraging a good night's sleep, arriving to school on time, and reminding them to take their time and do their best.

Our Extended Learning Program (ELP) will also be starting soon. Based on these assessment results and classroom performance, students who would benefit from additional academic support will be invited to attend. ELP provides extra instruction and practice to strengthen skills and build confidence. Families of invited students will receive details about the schedule and participation.

Thank you for you partnering with us as we help every Eagle soar!
Mrs. Cebula
Assistant Principal

VPK

We have started Theme 3: Safe, Healthy and Helpful Me. We are learning about our community helpers, being kind to others in our community and school family, and eating well and being active to stay healthy. We will be spreading kindness throughout our school with a special project. We will also be learning our five food groups and figuring out which foods are healthy and which ones are "sometimes" food. And of course, we are having lots of fun while learning! Mrs. DiVecchio & Mrs. Zubizarreta



Kindergarten

In Kindergarten this month, we started off October with a field trip to Suncoast Primate Sanctuary where we got to observe so many types of monkeys and birds! In Math, we are continuing to count numbers 1-50 and writing numbers 1-30. We are working towards writing to 50! Students are also showing different ways to compose and decompose numbers 1-10 using objects and pictures. In Science, we are growing our grow creatures! Students are keeping record every 5 days of how much our creature weighs and its height. We are also working on the 5 senses. In Social Studies, we learned about symbols. We looked at symbols that represent the United States and Florida. Now we are moving into Calendar and Holidays (days of the week / months of the year and holidays we celebrate). In ELA, we are identifying vowels, practicing heart words and UFLi daily. We are comparing stories about rules to go by at school and outside of school. We are also discussing story elements such as characters and settings! Lastly, October 30th all of Kindergarten had a Halloween themed activity day! We will paint pumpkins and so much more! Ms. Seback, Ms. Finnerty & Mrs. Parks



First Grade

Happy October! Your child has successfully completed the first nine weeks of First Grade and is working hard as we move into the second quarter. We're proud of their growth and enthusiasm! Curriculum Highlights:

In Reading: Students are learning to identify the topic and key details in informational texts, describe story elements, and use text features to deepen comprehension. In Math: We're solving real-world problems within 20, partitioning shapes into equal parts, and learning to tell time. In Science: Our focus is on changes in motion, including pushes, pulls, and the law of gravity. In Social Studies: We're learning about Hispanic Heroes and moving into exploring geography, learning how to read and understand maps. We had a great time at our Field Trip to Playgrounds of Tampa. It was a fun and active learning experience for our students!

Mrs. Zaritsky & Ms. Serrano!

Second Grade

Dear Second Grade Families,

It's been a busy first nine weeks of learning! As we are wrapping up the first quarter, here is what we will be focusing on in all subject areas. In Math, we are currently solving real-world problems within 100, including problems involving money. Next, we will begin learning about equality and equations within 100. In Science, we are learning about the importance of preparing for severe weather, lightning and other weather-related events. In Reading, we are focusing on identifying the author's purpose and summarizing texts. Please make sure your child is completing their homework and reading log each night. Thank you for your continued support!

Ms. DiGangi & Ms. Mallory

Third Grade

Hello to all our amazing Third Graders and their families! We've had a fantastic start to the school year and are already diving into some exciting learning! **In Reading**, we're exploring the author's claim, theme, how characters grow and change, comparing and contrasting texts and analyzing text features and structures. **In Writing**, we're working within the Writer's Workshop model and learning a variety of writing techniques to strengthen our expository pieces. **In Math**, we're focusing on multiplication and division strategies while building our fact fluency with numbers 0 through 12. Next, we will be moving into interpreting and representing unit fractions. **In Science**, we've been investigating heat energy and discovering how it connects to light energy. Up next: we'll explore friction, temperature and mass. Then we'll move on to comparing liquid volumes, the volume of 3D shapes and identifying the physical properties of objects.

Ms. Dumenigo & Ms. Rebstock

Fourth Grade

Hello 4th Grade Families! Our students are working hard and having a fantastic year so far! Looking ahead to quarter 2, in **ELA** we will continue exploring the elements of a plot, practicing how to summarize text, uncovering themes, and identifying figurative language. Students are also sharpening their vocabulary by learning strategies to determine the meaning of unknown words, alongside examining point of view, author's purpose, perspective, and claim. On the writing front, our young authors are expanding their skills by crafting both expository essays and creative narrative pieces. In **SOCIAL STUDIES**, will continue exploring Florida Geography and History and we will learn about the sacrifices made by U. S. Veterans and the history of Veterans Day. **In Math**, students will focus on developing their understanding of division through various models and strategies. We will also explore equivalent fractions and begin learning how to compare and order fractions and mixed numbers. In **Science**, students will investigate how moving water and air can be used as sources of energy to move objects. We will also explore the properties of matter and begin investigating how magnets attract magnetic materials, as well as how magnets can attract and repel one another. Throughout the month, students will participate in a variety of engaging, hands-on experiments to deepen their understanding and apply their learning! Please mark your calendars for our upcoming field trip to the **Florida Orchestra Youth Concert on November 12!** Additionally, please keep the following testing windows in mind: **Week of November 11-16:** iReady Diagnostic/Inform Testing, **Week of November 30:** FAST Testing, **Week of December 10:** QMT 2 Assessments and **December 18:** End of Quarter 2. Finally, a quick reminder from our school community: if you haven't done so yet, please consider **joining the PTA!** There are plenty of fun events, activities and opportunities planned for our school and students every single month and we would love to have your family involved.

Ms. Schroeder- Math & Science

Mrs. Perez-Santalla-ELA & Social Studies

Fifth Grade

In Math, for the month of October, we have been working on multiplication in multiple ways. Students have been working on volume (length x width x height) as well as multi-digit multiplication, then multiplying decimals. We will be using multiplication throughout the year, so please work with your students to become more fluent with their math facts. In November, we will be learning division in different ways as well. Students will be focusing on fractions as division, dividing whole numbers and dividing decimals. Knowing fact families will make learning easier for students so again, please practice math fluency facts with your children.

For Science, in October, we learned about forces. Students were expected to identify common forces and be able to explain the motion of an object based on the direction and strength of a force applied to the object. In November, we will be focusing on Properties of Matter. Students will need to explain the basic properties of solids, liquids and gases as well as the difference between a mixture and a solution. When we return from Fall Break, students will begin their Science Fair. Feel free to look up some ideas for your child to use during this two-to-three-week period.

Mr. Becker - Math & Science, Mrs. Cordeiro - ELA & Social Studies

PTA

Welcome back to our returning families, and to our new students and parents, welcome! We are so excited to have you join our Anderson family! 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!

2026-2027 PTA Board:

President - Amy McKenzie
VP of Membership - Erica Springer
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Recording Secretary -
Corresponding Secretary - Anne Gerten



Our membership drive is under way! We hope you will join the Anderson PTA this year 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 behalf of the PTA Board, we wish you a successful school year and look forward to your continued support.

PTA/SCHOOL EVENTS TO THE END OF DECEMBER

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

October 1-BOO Grams Sale Begins
October 23-Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones
October 31-BOO Grams Distributed
November 20-Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones
December 7 to 11-Gingerbread Workshop
December 17-Tentative Winter Concert & Silent Auction
December 18-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!

Notes from Coach

During the first nine weeks, I familiarized our students with the importance of good sportsmanship and teamwork. They performed various movements through educational gymnastics and building self-confidence. Then we moved on to spatial awareness through chasing, fleeing and tagging games. Now we are working throwing and catching skills.

In fitness,
Coach Raynor
PE Specialist



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child arrives to
school on time.**



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their school uniforms!

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Guidance

We celebrated Red Ribbon Week, October 26-30. Love your body, exercise, eat healthy and stay drug free! The Great American Teach In is coming up on November 19, we will enjoy the many speakers coming to talk to students and faculty about their careers and interests.

Mrs. Maniscalco
Guidance Counselor



Anderson is a PBIS School

Students at Anderson have had opportunities to earn various rewards for attendance, behavior, academics and more! All K-5 Students will bring home a weekly or daily behavior folder to share with parents. Activities throughout the year will focus on Social Emotional Learning (SEL)! Students will be recognized for positive behavior and participate in school-wide events.

We have been recognizing the class with the highest average monthly attendance with a doughnut party and the classes with the best monthly cafeteria behavior with an ice cream party. Winners are posted on social media and announced on the Morning Show.



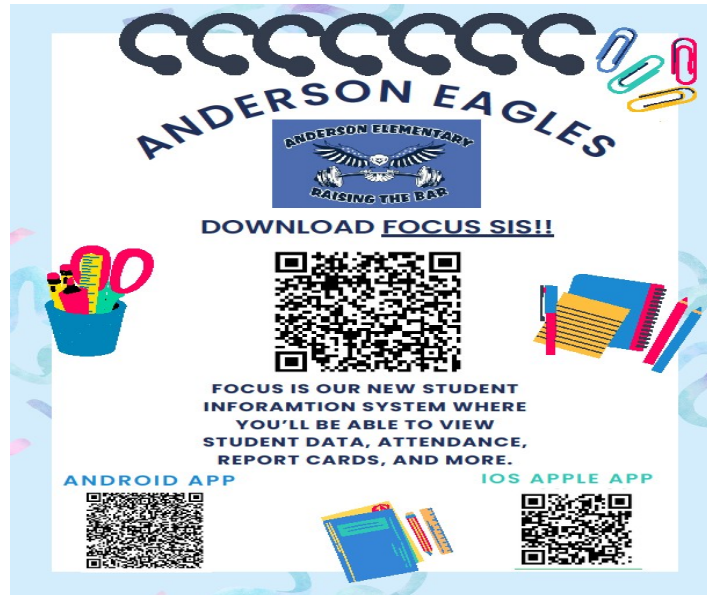
Si usted tiene dificultad en entender la información de ésta u otra correspondencia de la escuela, por favor venga a la oficina principal. If you do not understand information, please contact the school office.

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

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Carrabba's
Himes Breakfast House
Flippers Pizza
7-Eleven
Nothing Bundt Cakes



We welcome the following new employee to our Anderson Staff:
Ms. Schroeder-Fourth Grade



We are on a mission to build our vocabulary! Each week, we'll introduce new Mission Vocabulary words to strengthen language, deepen thinking & grow confident learners at school. Let's see if your student can tell you what each word means, a characteristic, example or non-example! You can also draw a picture and use the word in a sentence. Mission Vocabulary will be posted weekly on Twitter/X and PTA Facebook. Let's expand our vocabulary!



Fortify is a suspicious reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. Report at: getfortifyfl.com



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Guidance Events

Upcoming Events for October and November

Students of the Month Assemblies: October 20 and November 20
Students will be recognized at an assembly in our Reading Courtyard.

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

Character Trait of the Month (November): Live to Give

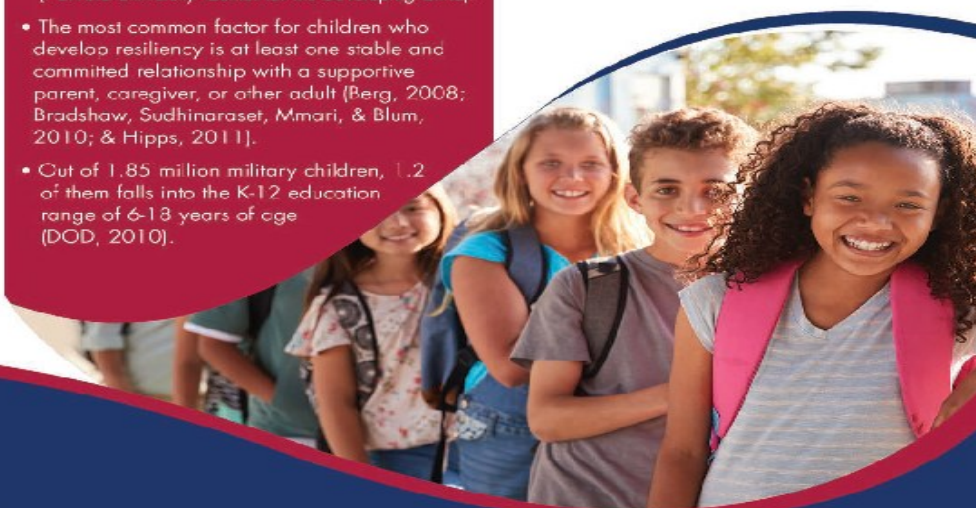
The Great American Teach In (GATI) is an opportunity for parents and our community to share their careers, hobbies and/or interests with students. The Great American Teach In is Thursday, November 19. Please let your child's teacher know if interested in participating.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Military children relocate every 1-4 years, three times more often than their civilian peers (Harvard University- Center for the Developing Child).
- The most common factor for children who develop resiliency is at least one stable and committed relationship with a supportive parent, caregiver, or other adult (Berg, 2008; Bradshaw, Sudhinaraset, Mmari, & Blum, 2010; & Hipps, 2011).
- Out of 1.85 million military children, 1.2 of them falls into the K-12 education range of 6-18 years of age (DOD, 2010).

Anchored4Life



ABOUT US

Anchored4Life has teamed up with the United States military to provide a comprehensive transition and resiliency Club for all youth. The peer-to-peer Club positively supports and encourages youth through the mastery of resiliency life skills. Anchored4Life serves schools, home school groups, and Child and Youth Programs.



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Reading Instruction at Anderson

Our Reading Resource program helps students build the skills and confidence they need to grow as readers through targeted small group instruction. Students in Kindergarten through Second Grade are strengthening their phonics and fluency through the UFLi curriculum, practicing letter-sound relationships, blending sounds and reading with greater accuracy and expression. Students in Third Grade through Fifth Grade are expanding their vocabulary and developing reading comprehension strategies to better understand, discuss and make connections to texts. Through targeted instruction and engaging practice, we are helping students become more confident, independent readers and encouraging a lifelong love of reading!

Mr. Karr
Reading Resource / Literacy Coach



Music Notes



Greetings from the Anderson Music Room! Since the start of the 2nd 9 weeks, all grades have been full steam ahead on instrumental units! Both 1st and 2nd Grades have been exploring the different sounds that can be made with unpitched percussion instruments. We're using some of these with Halloween activities this week. The 3rd Graders have to learn the basics of every instrument family so we're spending a few weeks exploring one of the instruments in the strings family, the Ukulele! In addition to being familiar with the instrument families, our 4th Graders have to learn the notes on the lines and spaces of the staff. We learn this in a fun way by using "Recorder Karate". The students that have their own instruments earn a new "belt" each time they perform a new song which increases in difficulty with each belt. Our 5th Graders learn many new concepts including chords, harmony, and accompaniment as well as acoustic and electric instruments. We're currently working on this by using guitars in class this 9 weeks! The students are learning to play songs they know by artists they're familiar with!

Mr. Hankins
Music Specialist



Reading Corner

Hi families! Thank you so much for your support during the Scholastic Book Fair; it was a huge success! Students are settling into routines for read-alouds, reading and writing activities, book check-outs, monthly reading challenges, and STEM makerspace. Shoutout to 3rd Grade for consistently having the least number of overdue books! Students can view their active checkouts and due dates by visiting the virtual library and logging in with their student number. Directions for this are on our school website's Media Center page. In October, we have been reading Hispanic Heritage and "spooky" suspenseful books. In November, we will be focusing on gratitude, Fall, Native American heritage and honoring our veterans. One thing you can do at home to support your child's literacy development is model reading. Let your child see you reading books, recipes, articles, labels, this newsletter... anything! You can also read aloud to your child to boost vocabulary, language skills and background knowledge. If you need access to more books and/or reading resources, contact me at Taylor.Maddox@hcps.net Happy Fall and happy reading!

Ms. Maddox
Media Specialist



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What
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When*
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