

Anderson Elementary School



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Upcoming Events*

tentative and subject to change

April 3-No School

April 10-Awards Assembly

April 13-Progress Alerts Sent

April 16-Spring Concert

April 21- PTA Spirit Night at Dairy Joy

April 24-Free Style Friday &

Student of the Month

May Testing-See Mrs. Cebula's article

May 4-8- Staff Appreciation Week

May 18-22- Fifth Grade Week

May 25-No School

May 26-Free Style Tuesday

May 27-Student of the Month

May 28-Awards Assembly

May 29-Last Day of School- Dismissal at 11:25

Aug. 11-First Day of School

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Staff Spotlight

My name is Sandra Dumenigo and I am a first-year Third Grade Teacher at Anderson Elementary School. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and my Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Florida State University. My goal has always been to plant a love for learning in my students. I strive to create an engaging classroom environment where hands-on learning tools bring lessons to life and keep students excited about learning. I believe every child has unique strengths, and I am dedicated to helping each of my students reach their full potential. I am passionate about supporting my students' growth, building their confidence, and encouraging a lifelong love of learning.



Dear Anderson Family,

Anderson's Got Talent! Thank you students for your great performances at our Talent Show.

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) for Grades 3-5 & Sunshine State Standards testing in Science (Grade 5) will take place during the month of May. Testing begins promptly at 8:00 am, each day of testing. Please make sure your student is present and on time each day of testing.

We have had a busy academic school year. We look forward to seeing STAR (K-2), iReady (K-5) and FAST (Gr. 3-5) results. As we monitor data, we are seeing lots of "Green" (green is great....green means growth)! We will be giving each student a green item to wear to remind them to continue to do their best as we end the school year.

Florida Statue 1010.215, Educational Funding Accountability, requires school financial reports as part of the annual school report. This law specifies the contents of the report and requires comparative data for our school, district and the state.

A few important dates are as follows: May 4-8 is Staff Appreciation Week, May 18-22 is Fifth Grade Week and May 29 is the last day of school with dismissal is at 11:25. Please plan accordingly.

As we plan for next year, please make sure your student information is correct and update if necessary by calling the school, Marisa Thomann, Data Processor.

As the school year comes to a close, please continue reading over the summer and visit the public library. Thank you for supporting our school and for being an integral part of your child's education. Together, we make a great team!

The tentative first day of school next year will be August 11, 2026. Information for 2026-2027 school year will be sent home over the summer. Have a great summer!

Lydia G. Sierra
Principal



VPK

Currently we are learning about all kinds of animals - mammals, reptiles, marine life and birds. We are taking our lesson outdoors and gathering materials to make a bird's nest and our dramatic play center is all about the ocean and animals and plants that live in it. We have also discussed ocean conservation and the importance of keeping trash and plastic out of it.

Moving into the last month of the school year it's all about change. We will be discussing things like the seasons, the Earth and moving onto Kindergarten!

Our final testing window April 28 - May 14. It's very important to ensure that your child has plenty of sleep, nutritious meals and limit sugar intake so they can put their best foot forward! Because Kindergarten here we come!

Mrs. DiVecchio, Mrs. Mortellaro and Mrs. Zubizarreta



Dear Anderson Eagle Families,

As we approach the final weeks of the school year, I want to thank our families for your continued partnership and support. Our students have worked incredibly hard and we are proud of their growth and perseverance throughout the year. As we wrap up instruction, we are also entering an important testing window. For students in Grades 3-5, FAST testing will take place with **ELA on May 4** and **Math on May 6**, with **make-up testing on May 7-8**. Fifth Grade students will also participate in **Science Testing on May 11-12**. Third Grade students who still need to meet promotion requirements through **Amira and/or iReady** will test between **May 11-22**, and **Fifth Grade Week** activities will take place **May 18-22**.

We are also looking forward to several special end-of-year celebrations. Our graduating high school seniors will return to Anderson for a special **Senior Clap Out on May 15**, and we will celebrate our Fifth Graders with their **banquet and Clap Out on May 22**. Please note that the **last day of school is May 29 and dismissal is at 11:25**. On a personal note, I am incredibly grateful for a wonderful first year as Assistant Principal at Anderson Elementary. It has been a joy working alongside our students, staff, and families and I am already looking ahead to the exciting things planned for next school year!

Your Proud Assistant Principal, Mrs. Tanja Cebula



Kindergarten

Hi families!! As we wrap up an amazing school year, we want to thank all of our kindergarten families for your support and partnership. We are so proud of the incredible growth our students have made this year, academically, socially, and emotionally. It has been a joy watching them grow this school year. We have completed iReady & STAR testing, and DIBELS testing remains, so it is important that students are still at school every day! Be on the lookout for a summer "to-do" list. This will contain educational activities you can do with your child to reinforce all they have learned this school year and keep them ready for 1st grade. Visit the library over the summer. Thank you again for all you have done to support us this year. Have a wonderful summer break! Ms. Caspersen, Ms. Seback and Mrs. Parks



First Grade

Hi First Grade Families-We can't believe how close we are to the end of the school year! It has been such a joy watching each child grow, learn and flourish. You and your child(ren) should feel very proud of all the progress they've made this year. In these final weeks, here's what we'll be focusing on:

- **Phonics:** Vowel teams and diphthongs; prefixes and suffixes; spelling patterns (including when to double letters before adding -ed and -ing)
- **Reading:** Story elements; main idea and supporting details; using text features to build understanding
- **Writing:** Expository writing, opinion writing, and letter writing
- **Math:** Identifying and determining the value of coins and bills; determining the value of combinations of coins and bills; representing and interpreting data with tally marks and pictographs
- **Science:** Observing living and nonliving things in habitats; understanding living things have basic needs (air, water, food, space); recognizing similarities and differences among plants and animals and their parents

Social Studies: Wrapping up financial literacy; learning about Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage and history; understanding family, community and being a good neighbor

We hope you all have a wonderful summer filled with rest, relaxation, and special time together. To help your child stay on track, encourage them to read for at least 20 minutes each day and practice math skills in everyday ways, such as counting money or finding patterns around them. We hope you have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you again in August!

~Mrs. Zaritsky and Mrs. Serrano



Second Grade

It has been a successful 2025-2026 school year! As we wrap up the year, our focus will be on reading and understanding expository texts, estimating, measuring and comparing length in Math, and exploring topics in Earth Science. As we approach the end of the school year, let's continue to encourage our students to stay focused and finish strong. Their efforts now will pave the way for a successful conclusion and a smooth transition to third grade. And as always, thank you for your continued support!

Ms. Mallory and Ms. DiGangi



Third Grade

Hi Third Grade families! We can't believe that this school year is already winding down and we have begun preparing for our upcoming end of the year tests! In Reading, we are reviewing standards learned this year and are in the business of portfolios. In Writing, we are continuing to fine tune our writing skills by planning and writing our informative essays in preparation for 4th Grade! In Math, we are still building our fact fluency for our multiplication and division facts 0-12s as well as reviewing all standards learned this year! In Science, we have been learning about the sun and how its energy plays an important role in plant and animal survival. Next, we will be learning how plants and animals respond to the changing seasons! Have a great summer!

Ms. Dumenigo and Ms. Roland

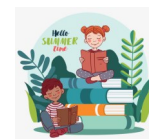


Fourth Grade

Hi all you Fantastic Fourth grade families! We can't believe that this school year is already winding down and we have begun preparing for our upcoming end of the year tests! In Reading, we are reviewing standards learned this year and are in the business of getting ready for FAST. In Writing, we are continuing to fine tune our writing skills by planning and writing our argumentative essays in preparation for 5th Grade! In Math, we are wrapping up our final two units- representing and interpreting data and time- and reviewing all standards learned this year!

In Science, we have been learning about plant reproduction, life cycles, inherited characteristics and behaviors. Next, we will be learning about seasonal changes, the flow of energy and the impacts to the environment! **Important dates coming up:** April 21st- Spirit Night @ Dairy Joy., April 24th- Free Style Friday, May 4th-8th- Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6th- FAST PM3 ELA Test, May 8th- FAST PM3 Math Test, May 19th- Science EOY Test, May 25th- No School: Memorial Day, May 26th- Free Style Tuesday, May 28th- Q4 Awards Assembly and May 29th- Last Day of School!

Ms. Schulz and Ms. Rebstock



Fifth Grade

English Language Arts-Students are continuing FAST-style practice to prepare for upcoming state assessments. In class, we are focusing on analyzing author's purpose and perspective, as well as understanding text structure and figurative language. Students are also working through iReady lessons and small group instruction to strengthen specific skills and close learning gaps.

Writing-Students are working on argumentative writing. They are learning how to make a clear claim, support it with reasons and evidence and organize their ideas using transitions. Students are using research tools and planning sheets to develop their essays.

Social Studies-Students are learning about the American Revolution and key events that shaped our nation. They are exploring the role of individuals and groups during this time and how challenges were overcome through reading, discussion, and written responses.

Science-In Science, students are studying life cycles and how organisms grow and change over time.

Math- Students are learning how to find the mean, median, and mode, and apply these concepts to solve problems.

Ongoing Assessments-We are continuing to monitor student progress through iReady lessons, classwork, small group instruction, and FAST-style practice. Exit tickets and written responses are used to guide instruction and support student growth. Testing dates are posted on ClassDojo Announcements.

Fifth Grade Week-A Fifth Grade Week information packet has been sent home with details about the week, including the point system and expectations. Permission slips for the movie and Jammies day were also included. Fifth Grade Week will include fun and engaging activities, and student behavior, effort, and participation will determine activity participation. We look forward to a great Fifth Grade Week!

Donations & Support-We are currently accepting optional donations to support Fifth Grade Week activities. If you would like to contribute, items or donations can be sent in by May 8.

Ms. Knudsen and Ms. Knight



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!

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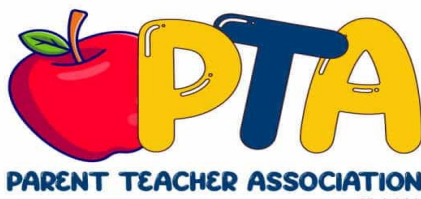
Our membership drive is under way! We hope you will join the Anderson PTA this year so that you can be an active part in making decisions that affect our students and our school. Please support our PTA by becoming a member for only \$7 per individual or \$12.00 per family (2 adults). You can join on-line 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

April 10 - Pop Tab Challenge ends
April 21– PTA Spirit Night at Dairy Joy
April 24 - Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones
May 14-15 - Donuts with Grownups-
Where: Anderson Cafeteria
When: 7:10 am - 7:40 am
May 14 - VPK, Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd
May 15-Grades 3,4 and 5

May 26 - Freestyle Tuesday & 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!



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child arrives to
school on time.**



Students look great in
their school uniforms!

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Raising the Bar!**




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Guidance Events

Upcoming Events for April and May

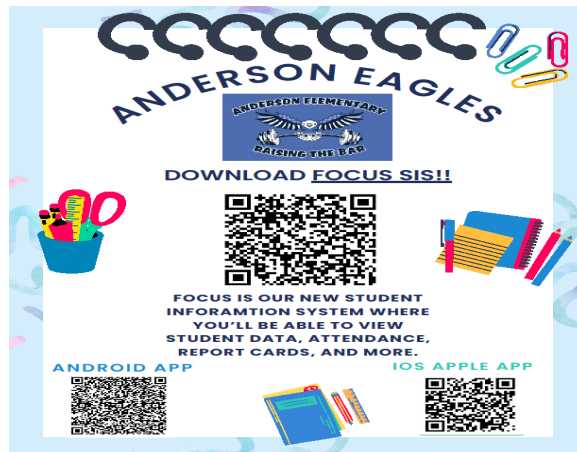
Students of the Month Assemblies: April 24 and May 27

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

Character Trait of the Month (April): Bravery

Character Trait of the Month (May): Leadership

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✦ **Keep exploring, creating, and learning all summer long—**

Enjoy your summer break from Ms. Hope, AGP Teacher! 





ANDERSON ELEMENTARY TEACHER/STAFF Appreciation Week!





MAY 4 - 8

Thank you for all you do!

You make a difference in every child's life!

Let's celebrate the amazing teachers, specialists, and staff at Anderson Elementary who inspire, encourage, and care for our kids every day!

Here's a simple way each day to show your appreciation!

MONDAY MAY 4	TUESDAY MAY 5	WEDNESDAY MAY 6	THURSDAY MAY 7	FRIDAY MAY 8
Write a Nice Note or Make a Card	Bring Your Teacher Flowers	Make a Picture for Your Teacher	Bring a Sweet Treat, Favorite Snack or Drink	Bring a Little Gift and/or Gift Card
				
A kind note can brighten their day! Share what you appreciate most about your teacher or staff member.	Fresh flowers (or even a single flower) are a beautiful way to say "thank you!"	Draw a picture, write a message, or create something special just for them!	A little treat or their favorite snack or drink can go a long way!	A small gift or gift card is a wonderful way to show how much you care!

 **Thank you for making a difference every single day!** 

Think of all the wonderful people at school — classroom teachers, specials teachers (art, music, PE, library, etc.) and staff members who support and care for your child every day!

Let's show them how much they mean to us!



What is happening at your local library?

Brick Building
Wednesday, May 20th
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tony the Balloon Guy
Saturday, May 30th
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

May Programs

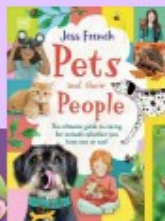
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