

Anderson Elementary School



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A Hillsborough County Public School

Upcoming Events*.....

Aug. 10-First Day of School

Aug. 20-Open House

Aug. 28- Student of the Month & Freestyle Friday

Sept. 7-No School Labor Day

Sept. 8-Progress Alerts sent home

Sept. 25-Picture Day (non uniform) &

Freestyle Friday

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. 29-Student of the Month & Freestyle Friday

Oct. 26-30-Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 29-Annual Trunk or Treat

Oct. 30-Storybook Parade

Oct. 27-Report Cards online

Nov. 2-Progress Alerts

Nov. 6- Picture Retakes

Nov. 11-No School Veteran's Day

Nov. 19-Great American Teach-In Nov.

Nov. 20-Student of the Month & Freestyle Friday

Nov. 23-27-Thanksgiving Holidays

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Dear Anderson Family,

Welcome back! Our school grade for 2025-2026 is "C". Our theme this year is "Eagle Excellence Destination Success." Each month, students are encouraged to ring our bell in the courtyard for meeting goals!

This year we are a PBIS School, which encourages students to earn points daily for being safe, respectful and responsible. We are an Purple Star School and Anchored4Life School. Both of these programs support that we are a military friendly school. For your child's safety, please do not drop off your child before 7:10, as there is no supervision before this time. Students wear the Anderson uniform.

We encourage students to eat breakfast each day at school. Breakfast and lunch is free for all Anderson students. Most Mondays, students are dismissed at 12:55pm. Please make sure dismissal arrangements have been made.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward another great school year! We are off to a terrific start!

Lydia G. Sierra
Principal



Welcome back, Anderson Eagles!! I am so excited to begin another wonderful year with our students and families. It has been great seeing our Eagles back on campus and ready to learn for Destination: Success!

Testing will begin next week. We will begin assessments early in the year to establish a baseline and help our teachers plan instruction to support each student's growth.

Upcoming Testing:

Next Week: K-2 DIBELS/ Grades 3-5 iReady PM1

Week of 8/24: Grades 3-5 FAST ELA

Week of 8/31: Grades 3-5 FAST Math

Week of 9/7: K-2 STAR ELA

Week of 9/14: K-2 STAR Math

If your child completed their Weekly Summer Express Workbook, please have them bring it to Ms. Sierra or myself to have their name added to our Summer Achievement Board! Here's to a great year of Eagle Excellence!

Mrs. Cebula

Assistant Principal



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VPK

We had a fun first week getting to know each other and learning our routines and expectations. We have now started into our curriculum and the theme is "My School and Me". We are starting in our journals, exploring math manipulatives, doing science experiments in STEAM and getting to know all the staff at the school. Of course, centers are a huge hit - especially our dramatic play area and construction site. We are off to a great start!

Mrs. DiVecchio & Mrs. Zubizarreta



Kindergarten

Hello Families! We are off to a wonderful start! Our students are learning classroom and school rules, routines and procedures as they settle into their new school year.

In a few weeks, for ELA, we will be jumping into our UFLI phonics curriculum and reading curriculum

In Math, we will learn about numbers 0-10 and how to identify and represent them.

We are so excited for a year filled with learning, growing, making friends and creating special memories!

Please remember to communicate with folders daily, complete homework, and review your students' heart word list. Your support at home makes a big difference.

Ms. Seback, Ms. Finnerty & Mrs. Parks



Staff Spotlight

Hi! I am Maryanne Finnerty and this is my first year teaching Kindergarten at Anderson! I am very excited for the school year and to be working at such an amazing place! I graduated with my Master's this past summer from Saint Leo University. I am originally from Staten Island, New York, but have now been in Florida for 6 years. My goal for the year is to create a safe and welcoming classroom culture for my students so they feel supported and excited to learn!



First Grade

Reading & Writing-Students are developing foundational reading skills, including print concepts, phonics, and word decoding. They are learning to retell informational texts using key details and literary texts using story elements (beginning, middle, end). We will continue strengthening these skills through diverse reading materials.

Math-We've focused on building a positive math community through hands-on activities and collaborative discussions.

Upcoming Units: **Unit 1: Addition & Subtraction within 20**-Strategies: Count on/back, doubles/near doubles, make a ten, **Unit 2: Addition with Three or More Addends**-Apply addition properties to solve problems, **Unit 3: Geometry**-Identify and analyze 2D and 3D shapes.

Science-Students are exploring scientific thinking through observation and use of the five senses. Next, they will sort objects by measurable properties such as size, shape, color, temperature, weight, texture and/or sink or float.

Social Studies-In Unit 1, students are learning how rules and laws promote good citizenship. Next, in Unit 2, they will explore American symbols and traditions.

We're excited for a fantastic school year ahead!

Mrs. Zaritsky and Ms. Serrano



Second Grade

Welcome back Second Grade Families! We hope you had an amazing summer and are feeling excited for a wonderful year ahead. We are so happy to welcome our students back and look forward to a great year together.

A helpful way to set your child up for success each day is by ensuring they have a healthy breakfast, get plenty of rest at night, and arrive at school on time. Our students are starting the year strong by focusing on classroom routines, expectations, and building a positive classroom community that will support learning across all subjects.

We are already so proud of the effort and enthusiasm we are seeing from our students. Second Grade is going to be the best year yet and we can't wait to watch our students grow and continue Soaring Together for Success!

Ms. DiGangi and Ms. Mallory



Third Grade

We're excited to begin another fun-filled week in 3rd Grade! Our students have been working so hard, and we're so proud of all the learning and growth we've seen so far this year. In Reading, we are learning about theme, author's purpose, comparing and contrasting texts, and text features. In Writing, we are focusing on Writer's Workshop and different writing crafts for our narratives. In Math, we are working on place value, comparing and ordering numbers, rounding and addition and subtraction within 10,000. In Science, we are reviewing our process skills and beginning to learn about energy, light and heat. We're looking forward to a great school year together!

Ms. Dumenigo and Ms. Rebstock



Fourth Grade

Welcome Fourth Graders and families! We are doing a lot of learning this school year already! In Reading, we are learning about summarizing, author's purpose, comparing/contrasting texts, and text features/structures! In Writing, we are focusing on the Writer's Workshop model and learning many different writing crafts that we can use in our narratives. In Math, we are reviewing place value of whole numbers; comparing, and ordering numbers and rounding number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1,000.

In Social Studies, we are engaging with sources to identify civic virtues and active ways that citizens can work with local governing bodies and their communities to solve problems. We will also examine the 3 branches of government and discover similarities and differences between state government and federal government. In Science, we are reviewing Nature of Science. We will also be learning about motion, science Olympics and speed. If you haven't already, it is not too late to join PTA! Be sure and join today!

We are so excited for a great school year ahead. Thank you for your support in making this year the best one yet for every student.

Mrs. Lindberg- Math & Science

Mrs. Perez-Santalla-ELA & Social Studies



Fifth Grade

In Math, we are learning about reading and writing decimals. Students have put numbers in different forms such as Standard form, Word form and Expanded form. They have also extended their understanding of place value to the thousandths. In the upcoming weeks we will be learning about comparing and ordering decimals as well as place value relationships (Base Ten System). For Science, we have been focusing on the Nature of Science unit. Being able to understand the characteristics of scientists and engineers and skills such as collecting/organizing data, observations, inferring, measuring, predicting, and communicating. We also discussed the difference in how experiments are different than investigations because they have variables, especially control variables. In the upcoming weeks we will be getting into the different forms of energy as well as our Science Olympics of roller coaster building!

Mrs. Cordeiro - ELA & Social Studies

Mr. Becker - Math & Science



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
Treasurer - Megan Jacobs
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):

August 10-Boo Hoo Breakfast
August 20-General PTA Meeting at Open House
August 28-Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones
August 31-September 8 Krispy Kreme Sale
September 18-Krispy Kreme Donut Distribution
September 24-PTA Member Glow Party
September 25-Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones
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!

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



Students look great in
their school uniforms!

**Anderson Elementary.....
Raising the Bar!**




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In accordance with 40 CFR Part 763.84 (c) and Subpart E, Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) all employees, building occupants, or their legal guardians are notified of the availability of the Asbestos Management Plan for your facility. Management plans for your site are available during normal business hours for review in the main office. Copies of the plan can be made for a nominal price per copy. The plan is also available for review by employees; without cost or restriction, before work begins in any area of the school or building. Information provided in the management plan includes the recent facility survey, response actions planned or taken, and post periodic surveillance and re-inspections activities.

Manager of Safety and Risk Management

De acuerdo con la regulación 40 CFR Part 763.84 (c) y la subartículo E, La Ley de Respuesta de Emergencia sobre el Peligro del Amianto, (AHERA), indica que todos los empleados, ocupantes en el edificio y sus tutores legales son notificados de la disponibilidad de el Proyecto y dirección para la instalación del Plan de Gestión Amianto en su centro laboral. Ud. podrá examinar/revisar la dirección y las indicaciones de el proyecto para su centro laboral, la cuál está disponible durante las horas laborales en la oficina principal. Copias de el proyecto se pueden hacer por un precio definido por copia. El proyecto también está disponible para ser examinado/revisado por los empleados; sin ningún costo ó restricción antes ó después de el horario de trabajo. La Información proporcionada en el Plan de Gestión incluye el más reciente estudio realizado en su centro laboral, las acciones de respuesta prevista ó adoptadas, y la vigilancia periódicas posteriores, haci como las actividades de re-inspección.

Director de Seguridad y Gestión de Riesgos

Hillsborough County Public Schools, in compliance with 2008 Florida Statute -- 1006.147 --adopted its own anti-bullying and harassment policy in December, 2008.

It is the policy of Hillsborough County Public Schools that all of its students and school employees have an educational setting that is safe, secure, and free from harassment and bullying of any kind. The district will not tolerate bullying or harassment of any type. Conduct that constitutes bullying or harassment, as defined in the policy, is prohibited. All Hillsborough County students and employees will receive updated information at the beginning of the school year. Information is also in the Student and Teacher Handbooks. The Hillsborough County Public Schools district expects students and school employees to conduct themselves appropriately for their levels of development, maturity, and demonstrated capabilities with a proper regard for the rights and welfare of other students and school staff, the educational purpose underlying all school activities, and the care of school facilities and equipment.

Florida Statute 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 your school, district, and state levels. The School Financial Report is to inform parents and the public of how funds were spent to operate the school during the prior fiscal year (2024-2025).

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:

South Tampa Chamber of Commerce and Edward Jones

Elevate Martial Arts of South Tampa-Lucas Holden

American Legion Post #139

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Burgess Civil

7-11 at 4747 W. Gandy

Himes Breakfast House

Grieta Patenaude, Equitable Financial Advisor

Presbyterian Villas - Positive Outlook Club in Honor of Macy

The Jacobs Family-PBIS Donations

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We welcome the following new employees to our Anderson Staff:

Ms. Finnerty-Kindergarten
Mrs. Perez-Fourth Grade
Mrs. Cordeiro-Fifth Grade
Mr. Karr-Reading Resource
Mrs. Maddux-AGP*
Mr. Hankins- Music Specialist*
Mr. Cabral-Art Specialist*



This is our ESE Team at Anderson Elementary School:

Laura Morgan-Speech Pathologist, Brittany Maddux-Gifted Teacher, Danielle Hockett-VE Teacher and JoAnna Helak-VE Teacher. We all are excited to meet the needs of our students!



This is our Student Support Services Team at Anderson Elementary School:

Valerie Maniscalco-Guidance Counselor, Dominae Barker-Social Worker and TBA-Psychologist. This team will provide support for student needs.



Guidance Notes

My name is Mrs. Maniscalco, and I am the School Counselor here at Anderson Elementary. I was a teacher prior to pursuing a guidance counselor position. I am enjoying getting to know all the students and families! The week of September 21-25, we will be implementing Start with Hello, the Sandy Hook Promise dedicated to making new social connections and creating a sense of belonging. We are off to a great start!



Anderson is a PBIS School

Students at Anderson have 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.

As last year, we will recognize 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.



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Guidance Events

Upcoming Events for August, September and October

Students of the Month Assemblies: August 28, September 29 and October 20
Students will be recognized at an assembly in our Reading Courtyard.

Character Trait of the Month (August): Mindset

Character Trait of the Month (September): Leader of Kindness

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

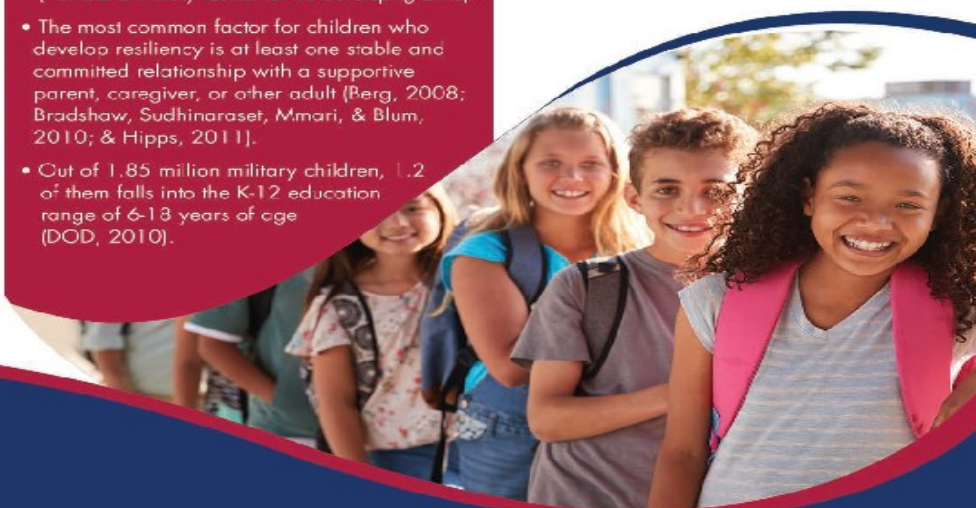
The Great American Teach In (GATI) is an opportunity for parents and our community to share their careers, hobbies and/or interests with students. The Great American Teach In is Thursday, November 19. Please let your child's teacher know if interested in participating.



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 6-13 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

Hello Anderson Family! My name is Griffin Karr and I am the new Reading Resource Teacher at Anderson Elementary! I have been teaching for six years, but this is my first year at Anderson. In this role, I will support students and teachers across Grades K-5 through small-group instruction, classroom collaboration and targeted literacy support. I am passionate about helping every child grow as a confident, capable reader and discover the joy that reading can bring. I look forward to partnering with our teachers, families and community to make this a successful year of literacy learning and growth!

Griffin Karr
Reading Resource / Literacy Coach



Welcome to Art Class

It's your Art Teacher, Mr. Cabral. We're off to a great start for the 2026-27 school year. We'll be working on a lot of interesting projects this year. It's my hope to introduce you to art projects you've never seen before and to get you ready for more advanced projects you'll be involved with as middle school students in the future. Many masterpieces are just waiting to be made by our students here at Anderson Elementary. Remember to be safe, be responsible and be respectful. We'll take flight into new creative destinations.

Mr. Cabral
Art Specialist



Reading Corner

Hello, families! I am so excited for a new year of learning and reading! We have already received this year's SSYRA (3-5), SSYRA Jr. (K-2) and Orange Blossom Nonfiction (K-5) books. I can't wait to share them all with the students! Encourage your child to pick a favorite and start thinking of ideas for SLAM projects, which are 2-D and 3-D art projects in response to any book from the lists above. More info about this and other programming can be found on the Media Center page on Anderson's school website. For at-home reading, students can bring their library books, or access ebooks and audiobooks through myOn or Sora via the HCPS hub on a tablet or computer. We also have our local public library, the Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library, that offers a wealth of books and other resources to students and families. Mark your calendars for our Fall Scholastic Book Fair! It will be held October 5th through the 9th. Looking forward to a great year with you all. Happy reading!

Ms. Maddox
Media Specialist



Hello Anderson Families! My name is Mrs. Maddux, and I am so excited to be joining Anderson Elementary as the Gifted Education Teacher! I can't wait to get to know our students and help them grow, learn, and challenge themselves throughout the year. This is my eighth-year teaching and I previously taught 3rd and 4th Grades. I have always loved helping students discover their strengths, build confidence and develop a love for learning. In Gifted Education, students will have opportunities to think creatively, solve problems, ask questions and explore topics in greater depth. My goal is to provide engaging learning experiences that encourage curiosity, critical thinking and a willingness to take on new challenges. I am excited to work alongside our students, teachers and families to help each child reach their full potential. I hope to create a classroom where students feel comfortable sharing their ideas, taking risks, and learning from one another. Most importantly, I want students to feel valued, supported and excited to learn.

Mrs. Maddux
 AGP Teacher



Hello Anderson families! My name is Mr. Hankins and I'm excited to be the new Music Teacher at Anderson Elementary! I have 20 years teaching experience. During these first couple of weeks, I've had the pleasure of getting to know our amazing 1st-5th Grade musicians! We've been settling into the music room, reviewing our music room rules and expectations, and talking about what we're planning on working toward as musicians for the year. All grades have started singing and we have MANY great singers here at Anderson. We work on building musicianship starting in the primary grades and begin on small, unpitched percussion instruments (rhythm sticks, maracas, drums, etc.) slowly building each year until they've played Orff percussion (xylophones), World Drums, Recorder and Guitar by 5th Grade! Stayed tuned for updates on our performing groups at Anderson that your child will have opportunity to be involved in. We're looking forward to making great music this year!

Mr. Hankins
 Music Specialist



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!

Upcoming Children Events at the Library

Life



Learn about the life cycle of stars and then visualize the way light and color from space can be per-



Lake & Sea Curiosities



Scan QR Code for events!

Learn about the legends and rivers around the will create their own mythological creature.



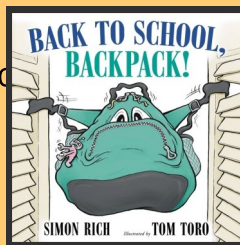
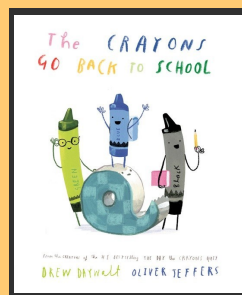
August Newsletter



Discovery Passes give you access to local museums and attractions.



Back to School!



BOOKS & BUNDTTS
Reading Makes Life Sweeter

Who
Pre-K through Elementary School Students

What
Students will receive a Free Bundtlet for each month that they read 400+ minutes.

When*
August 2025- June 2026

Why
Reading at an early age enriches children's brains, increases vocabulary and test scores, introduces readers to the world around them and helps develop their imaginations.



Does your child want a
Free Bundtlet every month?*

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20 minutes a day,
5 days a week!



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- 1 Record child's time spent reading on the monthly tracker.
- 2 Bring the completed reading tracker to the bakery listed.
- 3 Celebrate your child's accomplishment with a Free Bundtlet and an award certificate he or she can hold on to long after the cake has been enjoyed!

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