

Anderson Elementary School



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Dear Anderson Family,

Family Reading Night was a huge success! We hope it was beneficial for our students and their families. We will be planning more academic parent nights in the spring.

We would like to thank our PTA for all of their support of our staff, students and school.

Each week, we recognize students for their progress on iReady and Achieve 3000. As we move into standardized testing, our game plan is to continue to meet students' needs through planning and instruction. Many staff members are pulling academic groups to support instruction, including administration. We want all of our students, VPK through Fifth Grade to make learning gains.

Please support our school by attending school regularly and arriving on time. Regular attendance is so important for all students. Conference Night is March 6. Continued communication between home and school is beneficial to our students.

Lydia G. Sierra, Principal

Dear Anderson Eagle Families,

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through the third quarter! This time of year is a crucial checkpoint for our students and staff.

Over the past few weeks, students have been reviewing their progress, comparing and monitoring data from the 1st and 2nd Quarters. With the guidance of their teachers, they are reflecting on their growth, identifying their strengths and pinpointing areas where they may still need additional support. This intentional reflection allows teachers to target instruction and "fill in the gaps" so students are confident and prepared as we move towards our end of the year progress monitoring.

Our focus right now is growth, ownership and consistency. We are encouraging students to:

- Set personal academic goals – you can help at home with this.
- Take responsibility for their learning.
- Self-advocate and ask questions when they need clarification.
- Stay engaged and actively participate in class.

Equally important is maintaining strong behavior and focus during instructional time. A positive learning environment allows every child to succeed. When students are attentive, respectful and follow expectations, it maximizes valuable learning time for everyone.

A calendar of testing dates will come home soon that will show testing dates for the rest of the year. Ask your child about their academic goals, review their progress alerts, reinforce the importance of good behavior and celebrate their effort.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.
Tanja Cebula -Your Proud Assistant Principal

Upcoming Events*

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Feb. 5-Class Picture Day

Feb. 9-Progress Alerts Sent

Feb. 13-No School

Feb. 16-No School

Feb. 20-PTA Walk-a-thon

Feb. 23-Talent Show Auditions

Feb. 24-Kindergarten Ready (new families for next year)

Feb. 27-Free Style Friday & Student of the Month, PTA Food Night

March 2-No School

March 5-Conference Night

March 13-End of 3rd quarter, Field Day

March 16-20-Spring Break No School

March 23-No School

March 24-1st day 4th quarter

March 26-Math Night

March 27-Free Style Friday & Student of the Month

April 3-No School

April 13-Progress Alerts Sent

April 16 Spring Concert

April 10-Awards Assembly

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Staff Spotlight

I am Abbey Rebstock, and I am excited to be in my first-year teaching, especially at Anderson Elementary. I graduated from Washington College and I am very passionate about creating a classroom environment where students feel supported, challenged and inspired to grow.

As a first-year teacher, I am learning alongside my students every day and truly enjoying building relationships with them. My goal this year is to help each child grow academically and socially while ensuring a love for learning that will stay with them beyond our classroom. I am so grateful to be a part of the Anderson community and look forward to the rest of the year!

VPK

We have been learning about travel - transportation, destinations and adventures. In our journals we have been drawing and writing about our favorite ways to travel. And this week in STEAM, we designed sailboats and are having sailboat races!

In two weeks, we will move into our next theme and learning about crawling, hopping and flying creatures (aka insects). Our butterfly habitat will come out so that the students can see the transformation from a caterpillar to a butterfly!

Mrs. DiVecchio, Mrs. Mortellaro and Mrs. Zubizarreta



Kindergarten

Hi families!!! This school year is just flying by, and we are excited to see the growth from all of our students so far!!

In ELA, students are beginning to independently read and write CCVC and CVCC words (ie, flag, such, etc.). Students are also now being encouraged to add detail to their sentences. So, for example, instead of writing "I see a dog.", students should be writing "The big dog runs fast and slips in the mud." In Math, we are moving into the teen number unit. Students will learn to count, write, compose, and decompose numbers from 10 to 20. In Science, we will explore the Law of Gravity by investigating how objects are pulled toward the ground unless something holds them up. In Social Studies, we are learning about the important African Americans who impacted Black History. Continue to check your child's communication folder daily and complete each day's homework. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

Ms. Caspersen, Ms. Seback and Mrs. Parks

First Grade

It has been a wonderful year of learning and growth, and we are excited to continue the momentum as we enter our last four months of school. Thank you for your ongoing support. Let's keep it going strong!

Reading-Students are continuing to deepen their comprehension skills. We are:

- Identifying the **topic and key details** in informational texts.
- Using **text features**, such as captions, to better understand a text.
- Explaining **who is telling the story** by using context clues.
- Identifying and describing the **main story elements** in literature.

Writing-In Writing, students are working on crafting **narrative pieces**, with a strong focus on **sentence structure** and organizing ideas into clear paragraphs.

Math-Our math learning includes:

- Place Value Within 100**
- Understanding **plot**, **comparing**, and **ordering numbers** to 100

Measuring the length of objects using appropriate tools

Science-We are exploring how our Earth changes by recognizing **fast and slow changes**. Up next, students will learn:

- Why **water is essential** and how to stay safe around it

The **beneficial and harmful properties of the sun**

Social Studies-This month, we are proudly celebrating **African American History**, learning about influential figures and important contributions throughout history.

We look forward to educating your child each and every day. Thank you for partnering with us in their journey!

Mrs. Zaritsky and Mrs. Serrano



Second Grade

Second Grade Families,

We are more than halfway through the school year, and it's been an amazing year so far! As we look ahead to the Third Quarter, here's what we will be focusing on:

ELA: Expository texts and poetry

Math: Plot, compare & order numbers to 1,000 and addition and subtraction within 1,000

Science: Earth Science

Social Studies: African American heroes and history makers

As we approach Spring Break, it's a great time for students to reinforce their learning at home. Your child can practice on iReady for Reading and Math skills, as well as explore new books on myOn. These programs offer fun, engaging ways for them to stay sharp while enjoying some extra learning time. We're looking forward to more growth and learning this quarter! Thank you for your continued support.

Ms. Mallory and Ms. DiGangi

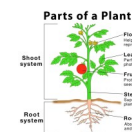


Third Grade

Hello Third Graders and families! We are doing a lot of learning this school year! In Reading, we are learning about the author's claim/author's perspective, character development/character perspective, comparing/contrasting texts and text features/structures and how they contribute to the meaning of the text! In Writing, we are really focusing on how to form an opinion and respond to a prompt where opinions are stated and supported by text evidence. In Math, we are building our fact fluency with facts 0-12s. We are also learning how to compare fractions and finding the area and perimeter of 2D shapes! In Science, we have been learning about the different plant structures and their roles in food production, water/nutrient absorption, structure and reproduction! **Important**

dates coming up: Feb. 13- Fair Day- No School, Feb. 16- President's Day- No School, Feb. 20- Walk-A-Thon, Feb. 23- Talent Show Auditions, Feb. 27- Free Style Friday and Spirit Night @ Chick-Fil-A on Gandy, March 2- Strawberry Festival Day- No School, March 5- Conference Night, March 13- Field Day and End of Third Quarter, March 16- March 20- Spring Break- No School, March 23 Non-Student Day- No School, March 27- Free Style Friday

Ms. Dumenigo and Ms. Roland



Fourth Grade

Hi all you fantastic Fourth Graders and families! We are doing a lot of learning this school year! In Reading, we are learning about the narrator's POV, character development/character perspective, comparing/contrasting texts and text features/structures and how they contribute to the meaning of the text! In Writing, we are really focusing on how to form an opinion and respond to a prompt here opinions are stated and supported by text evidence. In Math, we are currently working adding and subtracting fractions and mixed number with like denominators with and without renaming. We are also working on equivalent fractions, and we will be moving to comparing fractions next! Then we tackle decimals! In Science, we have been learning rocks, minerals and natural resources globally and specific to Florida that are renewable and nonrenewable! Next, we start our space unit! **Important dates coming up:** Feb. 13- Fair Day- No School, Feb. 16- President's Day- No School, Feb. 20- Walk-A-Thon, Feb. 23- Talent Show Auditions, Feb. 27- Free Style Friday and Spirit Night @ Chick-Fil-A on Gandy, March 2- Strawberry Festival Day- No School, March 5- Conference Night, March 13- Field Day and End of Third Quarter, March 16- March 20- Spring Break- No School, March 23- Non-Student Day- No School, March 27- Free Style Friday

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If you haven't already, it is not too late to join PTA! Be sure and join today!

Ms. Schulz and Ms. Rebstock



Fifth Grade

📅 What we are doing in Fifth Grade.....

📖 **English Language Arts**-Students are continuing FAST-style review to prepare for upcoming state assessments. In class, we are focusing on identifying theme and analyzing poetry elements. Students are also working on the iReady Diagnostic, and we will continue monitoring their progress and growth throughout the quarter. Additionally, students are preparing speeches for the Florida 4-H Public Speaking Competition. Three winners from Fifth Grade will be present on February 19, and one student will advance to compete at the district level. We are proud of their hard work and confidence as they prepare!

🌍 **Social Studies**-Students are learning about influential African American history makers, including Thurgood Marshall and Sojourner Truth. Through reading and discussion, students are examining how these individuals impacted society and inspired others.

☁️ **Science**-In Science, students are studying the water cycle and cloud formation. They are learning how water moves through the environment and how different types of clouds form.

➗ **Math**-Students are working on cross multiplication and applying PEMDAS to solve multi-step mathematical expressions.

📊 **Ongoing Assessments**-We are continuing to monitor student growth through iReady progress monitoring and FAST-style practices to ensure students are prepared and confident.

🌳 **Important Dates**-Our Fifth Grade end-of-year field trip to Main Event will take place on May 14. More details will be shared as the date approaches.

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!

2025-2026 PTA Board:

President – Megan Jacobs
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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.

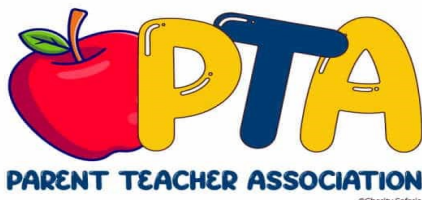
PTA/SCHOOL EVENTS

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

February 12 - Valentine Grams Distributed
February 20 - Walk-a-Thon
February 27 - Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones
March 9 - Pop Tab Challenge begins
March 27 - Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones
April 10 - Pop Tab Challenge ends
April 24 - Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones
May 14-15 - Donuts with Grownups-date tentative, may need to change due testing
May 27 - Freestyle Wednesday & 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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Guidance Events

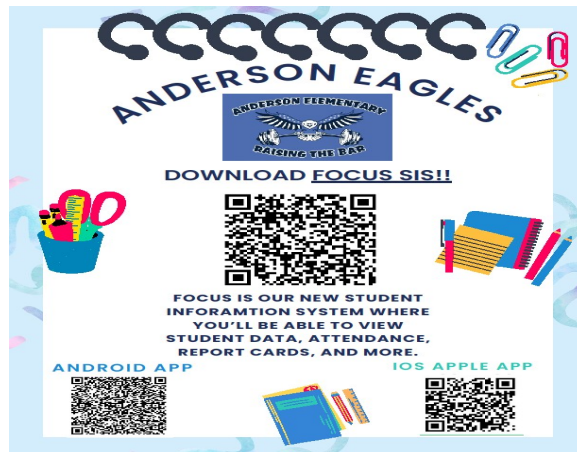
Upcoming Events for February and March

Students of the Month Assemblies: February 27 and March 27
Students will be recognized at an assembly in our Reading Courtyard.

Character Trait of the Month (February): Community Builder

Character Trait of the Month (March): Goal Getter

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Reading Corner

We have had an exciting few weeks in the Media Center! We took part in Celebrate Literacy Week with the state's theme "Read, White, and Blue: Celebrating 250 Chapters of America". We concluded that week with Anderson's SLAM Showcase. Shoutout to all of our participants who worked so hard on their projects! Our winners were Sophia Q. for K-2 2D Art, Ariana M. for 3-5 2D Art, and Aleigha H. for 3-5 3D Art. These winners will have their projects featured at the district SLAM Showcase at the Tampa Convention Center on March 12. Congratulations to our winners! February is Black History Month! Homerooms are doing a spotlight study on a African American leader of their choice then presenting their findings on our Morning Show throughout the month. In library classes, students have been learning about Alma Thomas, artist and will complete artwork inspired by her techniques in art class. At the end of February, we have a virtual author visit by Justin Colón, author of *The Quacken*! Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair is coming up! It will be held March 3-6 with late shopping hours on Thursday, March 5 during Conference Night. Please visit <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/andersonelementaryschool20> to set up your child's eWallet! Visit Anderson's Media Center webpage to stay updated on what's happening! <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/o/anderson/page/media-center>

Ms. Maddox
Media Specialist



What's Happening in AGP?

Our AGP Inventors are getting ready to shine at the **District STEM Fair** at the **Tampa Convention Center** on **February 18, 2026**! We are so proud of their creativity, hard work, and dedication.

3rd Grade

- **Aislyn G. & Alan Q.** – *Optimus Hand 8000*
- **Ellis J. & Kaelynn C.** – *Bug Saver*
- **Carl B.** – *Water Filter 2017*
- **Elvina M.** – *Cat Feeling Machine 1000*

4th Grade

- **Sebastian S. & Ragnar H.** – *Crab Claw 2.0*
- **Adeline S.** – *Dazzling Dragons*
- **Blake M.** – *Pink Upcycle*

5th Grade

- **Rah C.** – *Wreck-It Ralph's Drum Set*
- **Madeline G. & Genevieve S.** – *Boredom Box*
- K-2 Virtual STEM Fair Representatives
- **Kindergarten – Ms. Seback's Class:** *Handless Helper*
- **1st Grade – Ms. Serrano's Class:** *Santa's Surprise STEM Snare*
- **2nd Grade – Ms. Mallory's Class:** *Paper Airplane Challenge*

The digital STEM Fair program is available on the HCPS website. Use the link below to view Anderson's projects and explore the full list of entries: <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/o/hcps/page/stem-fair>

Ms. Hope, AGP Teacher





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