



## Anderson Elementary School

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A Hillsborough County Public School

Dear Anderson Family,

Welcome back! Our school grade for 2023-2024 is "B". Our theme this year is "Together we Glow."

It was great to see our students with their families at Classroom Visitation and Open House. 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. We encourage students to eat breakfast each day at school. 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. Follow Anderson on X (Twitter) & Anderson PTA on Facebook. I look forward another great school year! We are off to a "glowing" start!  
Lydia G. Sierra



Dear Anderson Family,

What a great start of the year it has been already! I loved welcoming back our returning students, as well as, our new eagles! Teachers are reviewing new procedures and routines and I have seen how happy and focused our students are. This month, teachers will be administering beginning of the year assessments and will be working to plan instruction for their students based on their individual needs and grade level benchmarks. We will continue to progress monitor throughout the year, and will communicate your child's progress. I look forward to supporting our students, and anticipate a glowing year ahead!! Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Catherine Kim  
Assistant Principal



### Upcoming Events\*.....

Aug. 12-First Day of School

Aug. 22-Open House

Aug. 30- Freestyle Friday

Sept. 2-No School Labor Day

Sept. 9-Progress Alerts sent home

Sept. 27-Picture Day (non uniform),

Student of the Month & Freestyle Friday

Oct. 3-Conference Night

Oct. 7-11-Grandparents' Breakfast

Oct. 11-End of 1st 9 Weeks

Oct. 14-No School

Oct. 15-First day of 2nd 9 Weeks

Oct. 18-Freestyle Friday

Oct. 21-25-Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 24-Annual Trunk or Treat

Oct. 24-Student of the Month

Oct. 25-Storybook Parade

Oct. 30-Report Cards online

Nov. 4-Progress Alerts

Nov. 8-Awards Assembly & Picture

Retakes

Nov. 11-No School Veteran's Day

Nov. 21-Great American Teach-In Nov.

Nov. 22-Student of the Month &

Freestyle Friday

Nov. 25-29—Thanksgiving Holidays

\*tentative and subject to change\*

### Anderson Elementary School



### VPK

Welcome to our Anderson Family! We have had a great start to the school year! We have been learning about our classmates, class and school expectations and exploring our centers. As we move into our curriculum, we will move into more structured centers including the writer's corner where they can explore writing tools, learning the alphabet but also distinguishing between lines and shapes, learning the basics of math through manipulatives and exploring tools used by scientists. We will also be working on our fine and gross motor skills.

We are striving for more independence and self- advocacy, and developing positive social skills. I'm very excited to be working with your child this year and watching them grow!

Mrs. Divecchio, Mrs. Mortellaro &  
Mrs. Zubizarreta



### Kindergarten

Welcome to Kindergarten!!! We have had a wonderful start to the school year!!! We have been working hard on learning classroom and school rules and expectations! We have been reading books about how everyone is special and sharing what makes each of us special!!! In Math, we are learning about all types of math manipulatives and how to use each of them! In Science, we have been learning about what makes someone a good scientist! We have been asking questions and making observations! For Social Studies, we are learning about rules and why we have rules at school and out in the community. We are looking forward to a great school year! Parents, at home you can work on writing and verbally spelling your child's name! Look out for our homework BINGO beginning in September!

Ms. Caspersen, Ms. Seback & Mrs. Parks



### Staff Spotlight

I am Jennifer Tasso, the Literacy Coach at Anderson Elementary School. This is my 26th year teaching in Hillsborough County and my 3rd at Anderson. I have four children, three cats, two sewing machines and one bicycle. My passion, however, is reading. I love reading and teaching students to not only read, but to enjoy reading. My goal is for them to become lifelong learners and readers. I'm looking forward to working with students and teachers this school year!



## First Grade

It's been a great start to a new school year! Our students have been working hard on building a community for learning in all academic areas. In Reading & Writing, we will be reading Fiction & Non-Fiction texts, retelling a text using a topic & key details & using story elements (Beginning, Middle, End). In Writing, your child will be demonstrating knowledge of the basic concepts of print and learning letters and their sounds using UFLI (an explicit and systematic phonics program). In Math, we have been working on building a community in the math classroom, improving on our mindset in math using math manipulatives and accountable talk and using manipulatives to solve addition and subtraction strategies within 20. In Science, your child is learning about building a science community and using the five senses as tools and making observations. In Social Studies, your child is learning how to get along with others and to identify how rules help us show good citizenship in school and the community. This is going to be a great year!

Mrs. Zaritsky, Mrs. Covington & Ms. DiGiangi

## Second Grade

Welcome back to all of our Second Grade Families. We hope you had a chance to relax and are ready for an exciting year. Ensuring your child has breakfast each morning and a good night's sleep will set them up for the best possible day. So far this year, our students have been working hard on building a classroom community that will set us up for learning in all academic areas. We will have 2 field trips planned for this year as well as many other fun events. Second Grade is the best year your child will have, and we can't wait to see our students glow this year!

Miss Voytko & Ms. Mallory

## 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 purpose, 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 narratives! In Math, we are reviewing place value up to 10,000; plotting, comparing, and ordering numbers within 10,000; rounding within 1,000 and addition/subtraction with regrouping within 10,000. In Science, we are reviewing our process skills. We will also be learning about the different forms of energy, light and heat in the upcoming units! Most Mondays are Early Release Days-12:55 Dismissal!!!!

### Important dates coming up:

August 22nd 5:30-7:30 Open House, August 27th- FAST PM1 Reading, August 29th- FAST PM1 Math, August 30th- Freestyle Friday, September 2nd- No school- Labor Day, September 12th-PTA Glow Party & September 27th- Freestyle Friday

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

Ms. Schulz & Ms. Embry

## Fourth Grade

Hello 4<sup>th</sup> graders and families!! We hope you have used this summer to rest and recharge because we have a big year ahead! We have already started learning many things in class. In reading, we have learned about text structures and citing text evidence. In writing, we are working on personal narratives and typing. In math, we are working on place value up to 1,000,000! In science we are communicating our observations and making inferences based on those observations. In social studies we are learning about citizens in local government. As a grade level, we are focused this year on confidence building, perseverance through adversity and academic excellence!

We love the early involvement we see from families and are looking for continued involvement, encouragement, and support for each of our students as we continue throughout this critical year of growth. If you are looking for ways to best help them succeed, we can provide you with individual areas to target. We are asking for each student to read aloud to an adult at minimum 15 minutes each night and we highly suggest multiplication flash cards be used regularly.

Remember, it's not too late to join PTA! We can't wait for an amazing year!

Ms. Vadala & Mr. Iwanicki

## Fifth Grade

Welcome Back 5th Grade Families! What an awesome and memorable year this will be for your student and your family! As we get underway with the school year, a few important things to remember.

-Communication with families will happen through ClassDojo. Reminders, updates and current learning will be posted in Class Stories weekly and one-on-one communication through messages.

-Students will use their Take-Home Binder and Canvas to communicate between home and school. Students will also start recording and being responsible for assessment, iReady and other classwork data in their binder. Beginning soon, weekly homework and reminders for students will be posted on Canvas content home pages.

-We are busy and working hard every day! Please communicate with teachers regarding absences and help us by minimizing frequent absences to needed sick days.

-Make sure you have a volunteer SERVE form on file now! 5th Grade has some special field trips and activities and in order to chaperone or volunteer, you must have a SERVE form on file.

Mrs. McIntyre & Mr. Becker

## 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!

### 2024-2025 PTA Board:

President – Megan Jacobs  
Vice President of Membership – Lynsey Bracken  
Treasurer – Amy McKenzie  
Recording Secretary – Saraya Whitfield



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.

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



Students look great in  
their school uniforms!

## PTA/SCHOOL EVENTS TO THE END OF DECEMBER

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

August 12-Boo Hoo Breakfast  
August 22-General PTA Meeting at Open House  
August 26-September 9 Krispy Kreme Sale  
August 30-Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones  
September 12-PTA Member Glow Party  
September 13-Krispy Kreme Donut Distribution  
September 27-Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones  
October 1- BOO Grams Sale Begins  
October 18-Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones  
October 31-BOO Grams Distributed  
November 22-Freestyle Friday & Sno-Cones  
December 5-Movie Night & Gingerbread Workshop  
December 9 to 13-Gingerbread Workshop  
December 12-Tentative Winter Concert & Silent Auction  
December 20-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!

**Anderson Elementary.....  
Together We Glow!**



  
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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 esta 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 Gestion de Riesgos

**Hillsborough County Public Schools, in compliance with 2008 Florida Statute -- 1008.147 --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 (2022-2023).

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 Tampa Bay Rays

Elevate Martial Arts of South Tampa-Lucas Holden

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Nothing Bundt



We welcome the following new employees to our Anderson Staff:

Mrs. DiVecchio-VPK  
Mrs. Zubizarreta-VPK Para 1  
Mrs. Mortellaro-VPK Para 2  
Ms. Caspersen-Kindergarten  
Ms. Seback-Kindergarten  
Ms. Covington-First Grade  
Ms. Voytko-Second Grade  
Ms. Mallory-Second Grade  
Mrs. Hockett-VE Resource  
Mrs. Schaffner-Media Specialist  
Ms. Gonzalez-Art Specialist\*  
Ms. Davis-Social Worker\*  
Mrs. Gutierrez-Guidance Counselor  
Ms. Webster-Psychologist\*  
Ms. Hansen-Secretary 1

\*Itinerant staff that are not at Anderson full time.



This is our ESE Team at Anderson Elementary School:

Laura Morgan-Speech Pathologist, Maryam Hope-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:

Anahy Gutierrez-Guidance Counselor, Erika Davis-Social Worker and  
Kylie Webster-Psychologist. This team will provide support for student needs.



**FULL S.T.E.A.M. Ahead in our Academically Gifted Program (AGP)!!!**



Welcome back to another amazing school year! I am Ms. Hope, returning for my second full year at Anderson as the AGP Teacher. Go Eagles! We're looking forward to another AMAZING school year full of S.T.E.A.M.! We will begin the year with focusing on the whole gifted learner, using "I'm Not Just Gifted" curriculum for guiding Gifted Children and "Growth Mindset". Both resources specialize in helping our AGP Students with self-awareness, resiliency and talent development. In addition, we will complete numerous critical and creative thinking projects with a strong emphasis on S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) design challenges. Please keep in mind, the goal of the gifted program is to develop the gifted learner's strengths. "Student's Voice and Choice" is the culture we will implement throughout the year. One way to give our gifted students this option is with the numerous technology programs provided by our school district. Our AGP scientists will explore these engaging enrichment options while receiving their AGP services based on their educational plan. In addition to digging deeper into the standards being taught in their regular classroom, Florida's Gifted Standards being taught for the first quarter are: Reading-Justify Thinking (ELA.K12.EE.1); Improving Writing (ELA.3. C.1.5); Vocabulary (ELA.4.V.1.1) Science: Strategic Thinking and Complex Reasoning (SC.4.N.1.7); Math: Mathematical Thinking and Reasoning (MA.K12.MTR.7). The school-wide theme is "Together We Glow" and AGP theme is "Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead!"

Our STEAM projects will GLOW!!!





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### Guidance Events

#### Upcoming Events for August, September and October

Students of the Month Assemblies: September 27 and October 24  
Students will be recognized at an assembly in our Reading Courtyard.

Character Trait of the Month (August): Kind

Character Trait of the Month (September): Brave

Character Trait of the Month (October): Responsible

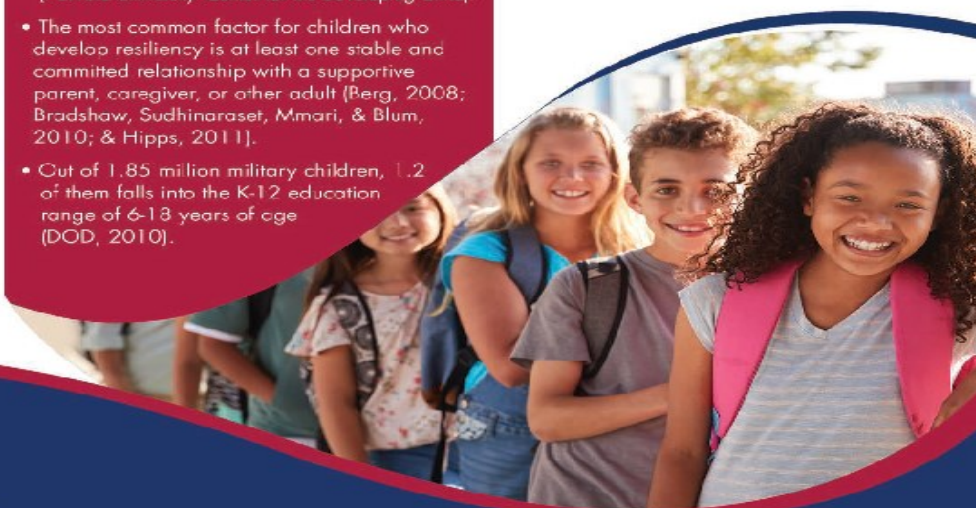
The Great American Teach In (GATI) is an opportunity for parents and our community to share their careers, hobbies and/or interests with students. The Great American Teach In is Thursday, November 21. Please let your child's teacher know if interested in participating.



#### **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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**ELEMENTARY-AGED YOUTH**

## Phonics Instruction at Anderson

Here at Anderson Elementary, we use the UFLI Program in K-2 Classrooms and for some 3rd Grade Students. UFLI Foundations is a foundational reading skills curriculum designed by the University of Florida Literacy Institute<sup>12</sup>. The program focuses on teaching students phonics, or sounding out words, to help them build a stronger foundation in both reading and writing.

1. It includes basic phonemic awareness, foundational phonics, and basic word study.
2. Older students receive phonics instruction based on their needs that teachers detect based on student writing and reading.

Mrs. Tasso, Literacy Coach



## Welcome to Art Class!

I'm Ms. Gonzalez and I am the new art specialist for both Anderson and Alexander Elementary Schools! I am so excited for this year's projects and working with all our students in grades 1-5. Students have already created their art portfolios and started on their self-portraits. We've learned about craftsmanship and that as artists, we are striving for progress over perfection! Students will continue to collect work in their art portfolios throughout the school year. At the end of the year, we will have the opportunity to review all our art pieces and celebrate our progress as artists!

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up." - Pablo Picasso

Ms. Gonzalez, Art Specialist



## Reading Corner

Hello Anderson Eagles! My name is Veronica Schaffner, and I am the new Media Specialist. I have worked as a classroom teacher in Hillsborough County for 14 years and I am excited to dive into this role and share my love of reading, books and learning with every student at Anderson. This year in the library students will have opportunities for weekly book check-outs in small groups (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades) or with their class (K-2). I will also be hosting special library times for classes to engage with this year's Sunshine State Young Reader Award (SSYRA) books. Students will have the opportunity to enjoy these books on their own or in a library class setting and be able to earn cool brag tags to show off their reading. There's a lot more in store for the Media Center throughout the year and I can't wait to share it with you!



Be sure to visit our Library Media Center page on Anderson's school website to access our virtual library and check out the SSYRA book lists!

Mrs. Schaffner, Media Specialist





**Who**  
Pre-K through Elementary  
School Students

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

**When\***  
September 1st, 2024  
to May 31st, 2025

**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?\***

Have him or her  
read for at least  
**20 minutes a day,**  
**5 days a week!**



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It's easy, free and delicious!

Turning your child into an enthusiastic reader is as easy as 1-2-3!

- 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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A Youth Reading Program by







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