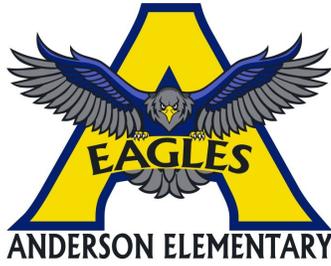


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Upcoming Events*.....

- Feb. 6-100th Day
- Feb. 7-Awards Assembly
- Feb. 10-Class Pictures
- Feb. 14-No School
- Feb. 28- Freestyle Friday, Snow Cones & Student of the Month-
- March 6 -Conference Night
- March 17-21 Spring Break
- March 28-Freestyle Friday, Snow Cones & Student of the Month

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Dear Anderson Family,

Each week, we recognize students for their progress on iReady, Achieve 3000 and Imagine Learning. 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. Conference Night is March 6. Continued communication between home and school is beneficial to our students.
Lydia G. Sierra, Principal



Dear Anderson Family,

I can't believe we are already almost half-way through the third quarter of the school year! Students are given progress monitoring assessments throughout the year to give teachers the necessary information to plan for instruction and learn what skills students have mastered, as well as which skills students need more practice with. In the next few months, students will take end of the year district and state assessments to assess student performance. The state assessments are how our school grade is determined as it is an indicator of student performance and gains for the entire year. A calendar with specific dates for the following assessments will be sent home once we get the final direction from the state.

- District Specials Testing- Art, Music, PE
- FAST Writing (4th and 5th)
- STAR Early Literacy (Kindergarten) STAR Reading (1st-2nd), STAR Math (K-2)
- FAST Reading (3rd-5th), FAST Math (3rd-5th), Science (5th)

The character focus for February is Honesty and the character focus for March is Consideration. By teaching these qualities schoolwide, we are instilling skills to lead to students' success in academics and behavior. We encourage you to continue to communicate with your child's teachers and discuss ways you can support learning at home.
Mrs. Kim, Assistant Principal

VPK

This past month, VPK has been learning about imagination and being creative. We used our imagination to create objects out of different shapes, turn blue and yellow clay into green and make a "positive superhero". Then to finish off our week focused on creativity, we did an art show for teachers and staff to come view. They did self-portraits, pointillism paintings, wrote a creative story and created 8-legged creatures, just to name a few.

This month we are moving into movement and different ways our bodies move. Super fun theme with lots of action!

Mrs. DiVecchio, Mrs. Mortellaro & Mrs. Zubizarreta



Kindergarten

Hi families!! We hope you are all doing well!!! This school year is flying by and we are so proud of how hard all of our students are working! In ELA, in UFLI we have been working on making CVCs and CVCC (C - consonant V - vowel) words. Although these words can be tricky we have learned a technique to stretch out those words to hear every sound so we can read and write them accurately. In Writing, we have begun to add details to our writing. So for example, instead of just writing " I like a dog," we could write " I like the dog that can flip." In math, we just recently finished up our unit on 3D shapes! We are now starting a unit on solving addition and subtraction word problems within 10. In Science, we will begin a unit on the daytime and nighttime sky. We will be learning the pattern of day and night, and the similarities and differences in the daytime and nighttime sky. At home, we encourage families to practice reading and writing CVC words and giving them addition and subtraction word problems.

Thank you for all you do!!!



Staff Spotlight

Hi!!! I am Ms. Seback. This is my first year at Anderson Elementary and I am so grateful to be here!!! I graduated from St. Petersburg College with a degree in Elementary Education. This is my 10th year teaching and my 9th year in Kindergarten. I enjoy teaching ELA in Kindergarten because it brings me so much joy being able to see students grow from learning letters and sounds and then be able to read!!! I am excited to continue to grow as an educator here at Anderson!!



First Grade

Happy Valentines Day and Happy Spring First Grade Families! During the next two months students will be learning how to identify and describe main story elements in fictional stories and how to identify text features in non-fiction texts. In UFLI students will learning about ending spelling patterns and r-controlled vowels in words. In Math, students will be plotting, ordering and comparing numbers to 100 as well as learning about length and measurement. In Science, students will be learning about natural resources, water safety and recognizing fast and slow changes on Earth. Looking forward to working hard these next few weeks before enjoying spring break!
Mrs. Zaritsky & Ms. Covington (Ruiz)



Second Grade

We are more than halfway through the school year, and it's been an amazing journey so far! As we look ahead to the third quarter (Q3), here's what we will be focusing on:

Math: plot, compare & order numbers to 1,000 and addition and subtraction within 1,000, **ELA:** expository texts and poetry, **Science:** Earth science and **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 Math and Reading skills, and 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 all the growth and learning this quarter! Thank you for your continued support.

Ms. Mallory & Ms. Voytko



Third Grade

Hi all you terrific Third Graders and families! We are doing a lot of learning this school year! In Reading, we are learning about character development and comparing/contrasting. In Writing, we are focusing on expository essays. We are reading articles and responding to a prompt using text evidence and elaboration. In Math, we are currently learning about fractions. We are going to be focusing on equivalent fractions in the next few weeks. Also, make sure you are memorizing multiplication facts 0-12. In Science, we are currently learning about the sun and then we will start our unit on plants. Just a reminder Conference Night is on March 6th from 3PM- 8PM. We hope to see everyone! Signups have been sent out.

Ms. Schulz & Ms. Embry



Fourth Grade

Hello 4th Grade Parents. In Math, we are adding and subtracting fractions with like denominators, including mixed numbers and fractions greater than one, with procedural reliability. In Reading, we learned about Historical fiction, point of view and author's perspective. Next, we will be learning how rhyme and structure create meaning in poems. Writing, we are working on Tropicana Speeches. In Science, we are studying different types of rocks and minerals. 4th Grade will attend a Field Trip March 4th at the Straz. Conference Night will be March 6th.

Ms. DiGangi and Ms. Vadala



PTA/SCHOOL EVENTS TO THE END OF DECEMBER

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

- February 28 - Freestyle Friday & Snow Cones
- March 28 - Freestyle Friday & Snow Cones
- April 10 - Movie Night
- April 17 - Walk-a-Thon
- April 25 - Freestyle Friday & Snow Cones
- May 15 - Donuts with Grownups - Primary
- May 16 - Donuts with Grownups - Intermediate
- May 28 - Freestyle Wednesday & Snow Cones



Make sure your child arrives to school on time.



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!



Students look great in their school uniforms!

Anderson Music Notes

Just a brief update on the amazing things happening in the Anderson Music Department. 4th and 5th Grades have finished a new unit with piano keyboards. We just received a full class set this school year! Our 3rd Grade Students have been working on music notation and the big four instrument families. Ask them what a half rest looks like! Our amazing 2nd Grade Students are studying opera this month. They will also learn about the musical classic "Peter and the Wolf". Our terrific 1st Grade Classes are reading rhythms, singing and moving to the steady beat. So many ways to integrate the steady beat! And our wonderful Kindergarten students got to explore Orff instruments, as well as singing and moving. So many concepts to experience and learn about!
Mr. Puder, Music Specialist



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Media Center Corner



We've had an eventful last few weeks in the Media Center!! We took part in Celebrate Literacy Week by reading, filling the sidewalks with inspiring messages for everyone to read, participating in daily book trivia, and learning about how our future careers will all involve reading. We also had a bookmark design contest. Our winners were Khalia B. (K), Ella M. (1st), Ellis J. (2nd), Savannah M. (3rd), Mayra (4th), and Anna S. (5th). We also selected our winners for our SLAM Showcase: Edwin L. for K-2 Video, Ellis J. for K-2 2D Art, Annie P. for 3-5 3D Art, and Jude J. for 3-5 2D Art. These showcase winners will have their projects displayed at the county-wide SLAM Showcase at the Tampa Convention Center on March 5th. Congratulations to all the winners!

We were also honored to have author and illustrator, Jonathan Miller, visit with all the students in PreK-5th. He spoke about his book series, The Adventures of Sammy the Wonder Dachshund, and his process for creating all the intricate illustrations for his books. We are no longer taking school orders, but if you would like to purchase an autographed book you can visit his website at <https://sammydogbooks.com/shop>.

Our spring Scholastic Bookfair is right around the corner! The Bookfair will be March 3rd-7th with late shopping hours on Thursday, March 6th during Conference Night. Students will be able to preview the bookfair on Friday, February 28th and will come home with a wish list. We encourage families to set up an eWallet so that students don't accidentally misplace their money. Please visit <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/andersonelementaryschool20> to set up your student's eWallet.

As always, please visit our Anderson Media Center website at <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/domain/327> to access all of our virtual library resources, and please reach out to Mrs. Schaffner, Media Specialist with any questions at veronica.schaffner@hcps.net.



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AGP 2025 STEM Fair Participants!

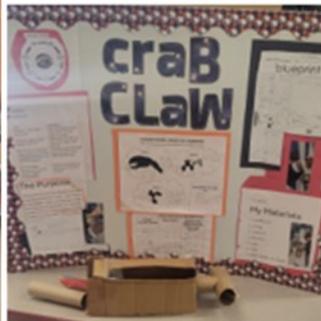
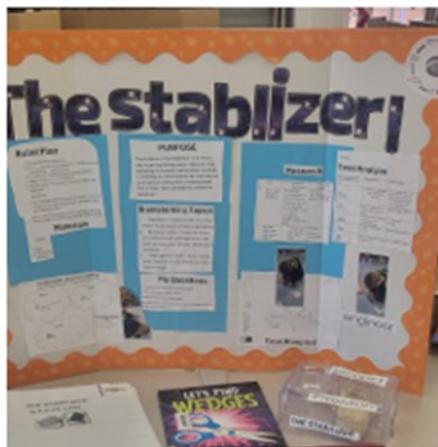
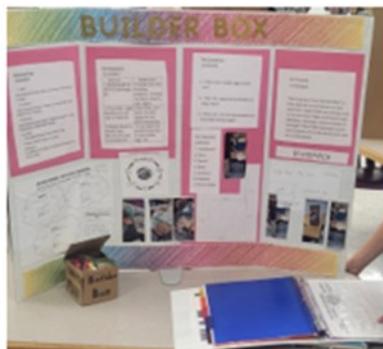
Congratulations to Jude J.-" The Stabilizer", Finnja J.- "Builder Box", Madeline G. - Potato's Favorite Treat"-, Adeline S.- "Grab N'Go Dragons", and Sebastian S.-" Crab Claws" for their District STEM Projects. These Scientists, Inventors and Engineers will represent Anderson at the Tampa Convention Center on February 12, 2025. This is the Science Department "Super Bowl"!!!! The BEST of the BEST from each school in the district, present their projects Face-to Face to several judges! Students prepared for months for this BIG event, and we are very proud of their finished projects! Their passion for science and real-world connections makes this experience meaningful and worthwhile.

*****Please join us for the Virtual Awards Ceremony, 2025 Hillsborough Reginal STEM Fair Awards on February 26, 2025, at 6pm. (See Details Below)

All participants will be recognized, and Special Awards will be announced!

We HOPE you are able to celebrate virtually with us! We love STEM Fair!

Ms. Hope, AGP Teacher



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Welcome to the Art Corner!

This season, our students enjoyed creating their choice of winter walruses, polar bears or beautiful birchwood trees. Both primary and intermediate grades are also learning the difference between warm and cool colors.

Our Third and Fourth Graders learned about mixed media and created pixelated images of some of their favorite toys. Our Fifth Graders are currently working on one-point perspective and identifying a vanishing point.

We are also very excited to share that some of our Fifth Graders have their Tag Art for sale on the Hillsborough County Tax Collector website! You can help support our art program by making a purchase at hills.tax.org/shop

Thank you for supporting our art program!
Ms. Gonzalez, Art Specialist



Guidance Events

Upcoming Events for February and March

Students of the Month Assemblies: February 28 and March 28

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

Character Trait of the Month (February): Honest

Character Trait of the Month (March): Considerate

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