



Andersen Eagle Express

August/September 2019 Parent Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Andersen Families,

I want to welcome you back to another year at Andersen Elementary. We have some very exciting things happening at Andersen and are glad that you are a part of the new beginnings. By now the students have settled in to their new classrooms and have been introduced to their teacher and Andersen's new S.O.A.R. Expectations. If they haven't shared these expectations with you ask them. They should tell you that S.O.A.R stands for Safety First, On-Task, Always Respectful, and Responsible. We SOAR here at Andersen Elementary! These expectations are the basis of a school-wide language as part of us becoming a PBIS School. We use these expectations to talk about expected behavior in all parts of the school so that we can be all around good citizens. When your child comes home with Eagle Bucks ask them what they did to receive them. Then praise, praise, praise!

And, most of all, we haven't forgotten about the high academic standards we will be setting for all here at Andersen. Many of you are concerned about the school grade of a "C" that Andersen earned last year. Bringing this grade up and teaching the students all the Florida State Standards for each grade level is a top priority this year. I know we will make great gains this year! Working together and keeping the lines of communication open will help us SOAR to new heights!

We will only be posting the newsletter each month in PeachJar and Blackboard. Be sure to sign up to receive PeachJar publications through the BPS mobile App. We will also only post the interim report through FOCUS. If you haven't received your FOCUS password contact your child's teacher. By liking our Facebook page and the PTO Facebook page you will be up to date on all the fantastic things that are happening at Andersen.

At Andersen we SOAR!

Mrs. Harris, Principal



FOR THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS,
PARENTS AND BPS EMPLOYEES,
**PLEASE REMOVE ANY HATS,
HOODS AND SUNGLASSES BEFORE
ENTERING THE FRONT OFFICE OR
SCHOOL BUILDINGS.**

We appreciate your cooperation in the effort to ensure school safety!



Drop off and Pick up Alert!

Please do not park in the businesses across from the school or block driveways/mailboxes to walk in pick up your child. This is private property and tickets may be issued. We encourage all parents to use the car loop for drop off and pick up. In addition: Drivers must follow the directions given to them by the crossing guards, as they would directions from a law enforcement officer. Parents disregarding directions given by the crossing guards will be stopped and cited if the problem persists.

****Important**** Each minute late is instructional time lost. Please be on time and in the classroom by 8:30 am. Classroom doors open at 8:20am. Gates open for breakfast at 8:00am.

Like us on Facebook and PTO Facebook page

WELCOME TO THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR!

Volunteer with the PTO this year – be a "SUPER" Eagle

1. Demonstrate to your child the importance you place on their education.
2. Gain valuable experiences & personal confidence.
3. Be part of the SOLUTION!
4. Meet other parents & teachers.
5. Exchange ideas & put your thoughts into ACTION.

WE NEED BOARD MEMBERS!

A board member volunteers (between being at school and working from home) around 5 hours a week. All board members and volunteers at school events need to be registered- check out the BPS website for more information.

President – Work with the board to schedule meetings; interact with teachers, plan & attend PTO sponsored events. Communicate with parents, teachers, and administrative staff.

Vice President- Assist President with above-mentioned duties. Coordinate fundraisers.

Secretary- Work with board on scheduling meetings, write agendas, & take meeting minutes. In charge of PTO bulletin board. Post on Andersen Eagles PTO Facebook page.

Treasurer- Work with board on scheduling meetings. Maintain cash balances and run financial reports. Write checks, organize budget. File IRS paperwork and annual report with the School Board.

WE NEED PARENT PARTICIPATION!

As an Andersen parent, you are automatically a member of the PTO! We need your input and enthusiasm at meetings. This year, the focus will be on communication so NO parent feels left out.

Please "Like" our Facebook Page, Andersen Eagles PTO, for updates on volunteer and school events.

Also "Like" Andersen Elementary School on Facebook for updates from Mrs. Harris (our Principal!)

SCAN for PTO Facebook Page

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SIGN UP at our booth at registration to nominate a PTO Board member (you can even nominate yourself!) or to receive e-mail updates!

UPCOMING Events

AUGUST 2019

Thursday, August 22

5:00pm-6:00pm Open House Grades 4-6

Friday, August 23

Early Release at 1:45pm
Fun Town fundraiser 4-10pm

Aug 22 – 30

Book Fair

Thursday, August 29

5:00pm-6:00pm Open House Grades K-3

Friday, August 30

Early Release at 1:45pm

SEPTEMBER 2019

Monday, September 2

HOLIDAY FOR ALL/Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3

5:30pm-6:30pm GSP Open House

Thursday, September 5

BMI screenings for students
6:00pm PTO Meeting in Media Center

Friday, September 6

Early Release at 1:45pm

September 9-13

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Tuesday, September 10

Impact Forms go home

Wednesday, September 11

First interim ends

Friday, September 13

Early Release at 1:45pm

Thursday, September 19

6:00pm Boy Scouts registration in Cafeteria

Friday, September 20

Early Release at 1:45pm

Thursday, September 26

6:00pm SAC Meeting in Media Center

Friday, September 27

Early Release at 1:45pm

Beginning of the Year Reminders

- 👉 When visiting the school and/or picking up your child you must have state-issued photo ID.
- 👉 Parents must go through office to receive a badge to walk students to class.
- 👉 There is no supervision before 8am. Please do not drop off students or have them arrive on campus prior to 8am.
- 👉 In the pick-up line, leave the car tag in the window until your child is in the car. The teachers need to know who you are picking up.
- 👉 Please remember there is **no student checkout after 2:30pm** unless there is an emergency or doctor's appointment.

SPECIAL THANKS



The Andersen faculty and staff want to thank the following businesses during our staff pre-planning week (August 2 – 9):

Bagel 13 on Murrell Road for donating bagels to welcome teacher's back on Aug 2.

Andersen PTO and Grace Fellowship for sponsoring Andersen's welcome back breakfast for ALL staff on August 9.

Domino's Pizza (Barton) for donating pizza to staff on registration day (Aug 7).

BREVARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS 12th ANNUAL

FOOD 4 THOUGHT FOOD DRIVE

BENEFITING LOCAL FOOD BANKS

DONATE TODAY

Please send in donations to your child's teacher.

SEPTEMBER 9-13, 2019



Exciting news for Andersen Elementary. Chess Club continues!

Chess is an ancient strategy game that develops stamina and strategic critical thinking skills in its players. It is the perfect complement for the work the students do every day at school. As children develop skills, they become qualified to play in tournaments outside of school at the local, regional, and even national level. The chess community provides students a great opportunity to make friends from other schools and engage in a fun yet mentally challenging activity.

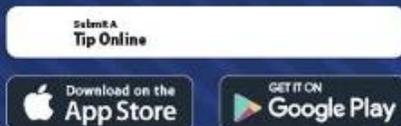
The first meeting of chess club will take place on Monday, September 9, 2019 in the media center. It will begin at dismissal and end PROMPTLY at 4:00. Pick up is in front of the school in the bus loop. The present plan is to then meet every Monday at the same time. Numbers and ability levels may cause this to change. Chess club is open to **ALL** Andersen students, regardless of age and experience. No child is too young to learn to play chess provided the desire and patience to learn the game and the ability to focus, concentrate, and cooperate is there.

A completed permission form must be completed and left with Mr. Cooper before your child will be allowed to participate. These forms are available in the front office or from Mr. Cooper.

INTRODUCING THE FORTIFYFL APP

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



Quickly Sends To Authorities

FortifyFL automatically routes your tip report to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



- Your School Officials**
The tip report goes to your local school officials when submitted.
- Local Law Enforcement**
Your local police department or sheriff's office receive copies of your 504 & 2018(303.9).
- State-Level Officials**
State-level officials also have access to your tip to make sure proper steps are taken.

QUICK AND EASY SAFETY TIP SUBMISSION

By accessing FortifyFL, students can provide a description of the threat, share pics and videos and optionally submit their contact information.



EASY TIP SUBMISSION

Follow the easy 4-step process to submit a tip. Your name and contact information is always optional, just skip it to submit anonymously.

You can access your previous tips, and submit updates and additional information.

COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT

FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. The application was named by students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The Office of Attorney General, Department of Education and Florida Department of Law Enforcement coordinated its development and roll-out.

