

ANDOVER ELEMENTARY NEWS

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

I can hardly believe that it is the last month of school! As I look back on this year, I can tell you that I am so proud of the academic and personal gains our students have made. As I continue to interact with faculty, staff, and students around the school campus, it makes my heart swell to see everyone working together to help students stretch their thinking, navigate playground problem solving, adjust to changes, and take time each day to strengthen each other's character and ability to make the most of school life.

Please make note of the many events happening this month. Students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade will engage in standardized testing. One message to continue to reiterate to children is that they are well prepared as they have been learning and growing all year.

I am encouraging everyone to finish strong. We still have several weeks of school ahead of us. It is important that all students are ready for each day of learning. Students should get plenty of rest and eat a healthy breakfast each and every day. It is also helpful to be sure to have your child to school on time so that they don't feel rushed or flustered as they start the day.

Andover will be taking a census! This will help us gather information to assist us in preparing classrooms for your return next year, or help us support you in obtaining the necessary documentation should your plans take you elsewhere. Thank you all, in advance, for your assistance.

I would like to thank our parents and volunteers for their ongoing support. Much of what we achieve, we do so because of your cooperation and faith in us.

I would also like to take a few moments to publicly thank my faculty and staff for their dedication and commitment. I would not be able to do what I do without such an outstanding team! I feel very blessed to be principal of this fine school. Thank you all for helping Andover stars shine!

Warmly,
Angela Clayton

May Calendar

- May 1 – FSA Reading (4th & 5th grades)
No Early Release Wednesday, 3pm dismissal
 - May 2 – FSA Reading (4th & 5th grades)
Tournament Chess Club after school
 - May 3 – Kg Field Trip Orlando Rep Theater
 - May 4 - Science Boot Camp
 - May 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
 - May 6 – FSA Math (3rd-5th grades)
Odyssey Middle School Parent Info Night 5:30p
Location – Odyssey Middle School Cafeteria
 - May 7 – FSA Math (3rd-5th grades)
 - May 8 - 5th Grade Science FSA
No Early Release Wednesday, 3pm dismissal
 - May 9 – 5th Grade Science FSA; Tournament Chess Club practice
 - May 10-FSA Testing Makeups
 - May 15-No Early Release Wednesday, 3pm dismissal
 - May 16-Tournament Chess Club Practice
Drama Production 7p
 - May 17- All Pro Dad/ iMom Celebration 7:30am Cafeteria
VPK Celebration of Achievement 5:30p-6:30p
 - May 18- OCPS Chess Tournament @ UCF
 - May 20 – 5th Grade Awards Ceremony 6pm - Cafeteria
 - May 21-SAC Meeting 5pm
 - May 22-Early Release Wednesday, 2pm dismissal
 - May 22-Kindergarten Performances 6pm
 - May 23–Kindergarten Performances 6pm
 - May 27 – Memorial Day – **School Holiday**
 - May 28 – 5th Grade Awards Ceremony 6pm-Cafeteria
 - May 29 – 5th Grade Breakfast; Last Day of School
- Please note: events subject to change; if scheduling changes occur, every effort will be made to communicate as quickly as possible

Grade Level Award Ceremonies

Grade level award ceremonies will be held in the Cafeteria on designated days. Due to the size of grade levels, teachers have been assigned to the following dates and timeframes:

Date	Grade Level	9am	1:45pm
May 20	1 st	Rivera, Misiak, James, Banks	Aragon, Howe, Smith, Linder
May 21	2 nd	Mulvey, Hinden, Bennett, Campbell	Kelker, Acevedo, Arias, Saulino
May 23	4 th	Machado, Havicon, Murray, Munoz	Smith, Cerchiara, Atienza
May 24	3 rd	Fryman, Antal, Hanophy, Johnson	Park, Miessler, Bohne

As is tradition here at Andover, **Kindergarten** students come together for a group performance you won't want to miss! These will be held May 22nd (Cohen, Dorer, Yeagley) and May 23rd (Selzer, Savon, Rios, Cabrera). Our **5th Grade** Award Ceremonies will be held on May 20th (Carrillo, Elliott, Lorenzo, Kennedy) and May 28th (LaFace, Turriate, Lozada, Rivera) at 6pm in the Cafeteria.

Teacher Appreciation Week – May 6th – 10th



Hello Andover Families!! Teacher Appreciation Week is fast approaching. It is May 6th-10th. PTA strives every year to make this week special. We'd like to invite all students and parents to show extra gratitude to teachers and staff during this week. We have our daily themes if you choose to join in. These items do not need to be expensive, and please remember you can pick and choose what you would like to do.

We will not be giving teachers the “favorite things” paper this year to fill out. We want to make this week fun, not stressful for parents and teachers. We are looking forward to a wonderful week celebrating our teachers and staff.

Monday- Bring a thoughtful note to show your thanks.

Tuesday-Bring your teachers favorite snack or candy.

Wednesday- Wear your teachers favorite color

Thursday- Help fill your classroom by bringing in school Supplies. (copy paper, tissues, expo markers, etc..)

Friday- Show your teacher how much you appreciate them.

Your choice!!!



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Kindergarten

As the year is coming to an end, kindergarten has been booming with exploration! We explored different animals, as we researched and wrote about them in our animal research books! Each student researched to learn about an animal's appearance, habitat, diet, predators and methods of defense. Once researched, the students transferred their findings into their own informational text about their animal. The children got to read their books to their peers and help “teach” about the animals!

We have been working on using our senses to make observations and record our findings. We have been learning all about monarch butterflies and have been able to have an up-close, hands-on experience, as we observed all the stages of their life! We have documented each stage in our observation journals and have been able to witness the amazing transformations!

Each kindergarten class is also working on an author study and exploring many different books by that author! In addition to reading the author's books and writing in response to the literature, the students are also learning information about the author.

Lastly, we are finishing up the year by completing memory books about our year in kindergarten! Each child is working on identifying activities and moments that were important and special to each of them. We have had so much fun together this year and are excited to write about these times and cherish these memories!