

Nov/Dec/Jan
2022-2023



Anna Maria
Elementary
Dolphins

Anna Maria Elementary School
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Office Hours: 7:45 AM - 3:45 PM
Student Hours: 8:25 AM - 3:15 PM
First Bell: 8:10 AM
Tardy Bell: 8:25 AM
(Supervised Drop Off and Doors
Opened At 7:55 AM)

Getting Involved as an AME Business Partner

Anna Maria Elementary staff is dedicated to promoting community partnerships. If you know of a particular business that would like to be involved with AME, simply fill out the partnership form at <http://epie.manateeschools.net> and contact the school's business partner coordinator (Ivory Graham) directly. Or if you would like to impact our schools district wide please contact the Business Partnership District Coordinator (Deborah Perry-Gambino) at (941) 708-8770, ext. 2048.

A Message From The Principal

Dear AME Families,

Thank you for a wonderful first quarter of school. As we move into the second quarter of school we will continue to keep student learning our priority. All students in Kindergarten to fifth grade are now learning the state's BEST standards and the new taking state progress monitoring assessments. In grades 3-5 each progress monitoring test covers the full "test blueprint," meaning that all content expectations for that subject and grade level are assessed. Therefore, for PM 1 and PM2, your student may not yet be at grade level; however, this does not necessarily indicate that a student is not on track to succeed. It is important to understand that score information is intended to provide baseline and mid-year results for PM1 and PM2 respectively. These results are for informational purposes only and should be used to identify areas that may need additional instruction and support. These results should not be considered student achievement designations.

K-2 FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the student responds, and each student will see different questions. Grade Equivalent scores show how your child's test performance compares with that of other students nationally. For example, a second-grade student with a GE of 3.2 performed as well on STAR as a typical third grader after the second month of the school year. This score doesn't necessarily mean that the student is capable of doing third-grade work. Instead, it indicates that this student's skills are above average for the second grade.

We are excited to have the Guy Harvey Academy of Arts and Science program at Anna Maria. Our next lesson unit for grades K-5 will be a mangrove science module which our teachers were just trained on. The objectives will be for students to explore the diversity, anatomy, adaptations, life cycle and ecological benefits of mangroves. We are also looking forward to completing our virtual aquarium room before the second semester and conducting an estuary study right here off the back of our campus in March!

Your child's success is a team effort and we appreciate all of your support. With your involvement, your child's efforts, and their teacher's dedication your child will have a successful experience at Anna Maria Elementary School. As a parent, we welcome you to get involved in your child's education at Anna Maria Elementary. You can do this by making sure your child completes all assignments and that you stay in touch with the classroom teacher when concerns arise. Please look over and sign their agenda book daily. Ask them how their day was. Involvement with their education will help to make you and your child's experience a great success. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Mike Masiello, Principal



Our Mission:

**Growing together as we plant seeds to learn, dream, and succeed.
"We strive to support student experiences that will provide them the
tools to be successful individuals and members of our community."**

What is the parent portal?

For students in grades K-2, the portal provides online access to: your child's attendance, progress reports, report cards, and other information.

For students in grades 3-5, the portal provides online access to: your child's grades, attendance, progress reports, report cards, and other information.

How can you sign up?

1. Visit <https://focus.manateeschools.net/auth> to get started. You will need your child's student ID#. 2. Complete the parent portal access authorization form that was previously sent home with your child and return it to our front office. 3. After returning this form to our front office, allow 72 hours for us to approve your access. 4. Then, you will need to visit <https://focus.manateeschools.net/auth> again to complete the registration process. **Hint:** The system works best when accessed using Google Chrome or Firefox.

TARDY AND ABSENCE REMINDERS

School begins at 8:25 AM and your child will be counted tardy after this time. Please be sure to call the office if you know your child will be absent from school. (941) 708-5525 #8.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

<http://manatee.nutrislice.com/menu/anna-maria/lunch/>

Dates to Remember

November 7-19 Mayor's Feed the Hungry Campaign
November 11 (Thurs) Veteran's Day Schools Closed
November 15 (Tues) 4th Grade play 6:30 PM (Dinner 5:00PM)
November 17 (Thurs) SAC meeting 3:45 – Media Center
November 21-25 Thanksgiving Break
December 5-8 Book Fair
December 19-21 Holiday Shopper
December 20 (Tues) 5th Grade play 6:30 PM (Dinner 5:00PM)
December 23 - January 9 (Winter Break)
January 10 (Tues.) Students Return
January 16 (Mon) MLK Holiday – Schools Closed
January 28 (Sat) Winter Carnival



Connect Ed Phone Messages
As a reminder, your child's teacher and the office need to be updated throughout the year if any changes are made to phone numbers and/or email addresses in order for you to receive pertinent school or district information.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER – Kim Sherburne

Hello AME Families! We have been busy with many activities at school this year! The K-Kids Club, sponsored by our local AMI Kiwanis Club, had their first fundraiser. The club sold candy grams to benefit the Foundation of Lee County Schools Hurricane Relief Fund and raised \$599! Below is a picture of our K-Kid club members with their yummy YumEarth lollipops! Another fundraiser will occur in December to help Toys for Tots! Starting in November, we will have a monthly "Stories with Seniors" event with students reading to local senior volunteers in our media center. In October, our 4th and 5th Grade students took the school environment survey to explore students' feelings toward school safety, engagement, climate and belonging. They also took the social competency survey to measure their skills in grit, social-awareness, and emotional regulation. The survey results provide us input on how we can improve our school environment and student life skills. We do this through a variety of activities, such as monthly classroom lessons and/or short video lessons to address any areas of need. If you are interested or have questions about the survey results or what is provided, then please feel free to contact me anytime. I can be reached by phone at 941-708-5525 ext. 51036 or by email at sherburnek@manateeschools.net.



Cafeteria News

We are off to another fantastic school year! Please be sure to access the www.manateeschoolfood.net website to make payments on your child's lunch account. Breakfast is provided free of charge to all students from 7:55 AM to 8:25 AM each morning. As a healthy school, we follow to the Manatee School District Wellness Policy. For more Wellness Policy information, please visit www.manateeschoolfood.net. Reminder: Free applications and reduced meal need to be reviewed.

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Please be sure to check out our website at www.amepto.org.

News from Lynne McDonough, Media Center

Winter Wonderland of books is coming to AME. The Scholastic Book Fair will be in the AME auditorium from Monday Dec. 5th - Thursday, Dec. 8th. Students will have opportunities to purchase books during their Media & Specials class schedule. Students may also purchase with their parents after school from 3:15-4:00 p.m. Plan to join us for our family Literacy /S.T.E.A.M night on wed. Dec. 7th from 5-7:00.

Mrs. McDonough can be reached at mcdonoughl@manateeschools.net or (941) 708-5525.

News from Clinic Nurse Vicki

Cold, flu and RSV are hitting our population hard; add to it Covid-19 and we have a potential epidemic! Please keep your child home if they are contagious and continue to stress the importance of good handwashing. Teach them to cough or sneeze into their elbow, dispose of used tissues and wash their hands every time!!

The little ones need to have a change of clothes in their backpack in case of accidents, a sweater or jacket and an extra pair of shoes. Jacket weather is coming & many students leave their jackets/sweaters on the playground. Please write their names on the labels.

I'm pleased that you trust us with your child. Help us take the best care of your children that we can!!