

2022-2023 Andersen Elementary Student Council Officer Elections

We are excited to inform all Andersen Elementary 3rd-5th grade students of six leadership positions in the 2022-2023 Student Council!

The purpose of the Student Council is to empower student leaders through service learning opportunities that impact our school and the wider community. Student Council is a representative group of leaders that apply the democratic process to create positive change.

Each of the five available officer positions ([President](#), [Vice President](#), [Treasurer](#), [Secretary](#), and [two Historians](#)) are described below. Everyone in the appropriate grade levels are invited to participate in the Election, but candidates should choose only ONE office to run for. 5th grade students, all offices are open to you! 3rd and 4th grade, you can choose to run for Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, or Historian. The Student Council will meet before school twice a month, this is required that you are able to attend meetings and arrive at school before normal hours.

I like things to happen;
and if they don't happen,
I like to make them happen.
-Winston Churchill

General Election (August 15th - August 19th); Grades 3rd-5th

Any student interested in running may do so by preparing a written speech for a "**blind**" vote in their grade level. Blind votes mean the content of the written speech will be evaluated and voted on, rather than a live speech.

- Students interested in running for officer positions will prepare a **written** speech by the deadline provided by your grade level. **Primary Election speeches should be no more than 300 words. Do NOT include your name or identifying information or make promises. DO include what makes you right for the position according to the description provided for each position. It is recommended you use the default settings in Google Docs (Arial, 11-point font with 1-inch margins).** Submit your written speech to Mrs. Maki through sharing your Google Document.
- You will need parental permission to serve on the Student Council. Please check with your guardians to make sure you would be able to participate based on guidelines stated above. Permission slip will be required prior to the students being announced.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Maki or Mrs. Morton.

President

| Description/Responsibilities | Qualifications | Characteristics |
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| <p>Represents the student body at school district and civic events and other meetings.</p> <p>Attends the quarterly District-wide Student Council President meetings with the Superintendent.</p> <p>Works with officers to plan, organize, and lead student activities and community service projects that promote school spirit and demonstrate care for the welfare of the wider community.</p> <p>Learns and practices leadership skills and strategies, creates opportunities for all students to feel included, provides all students with a voice in decisions being made.</p> <p>Works with officers to plan, organize, and lead projects that improve the look and feel of our student spaces. This might include rebuilding and managing our garden, outdoor benches and tables, promoting recycling and litter awareness, or other projects as determined by this group of students.</p> <p>Works with officers to identify, measure, and make positive impacts on the climate of Andersen students. Activities might include creating and promoting a motto, coordinating spirit weeks, and measuring student attitudes and feelings about their school experiences.</p> | <p>5th grade student</p> <p>In good academic standing</p> <p>Able to meet twice a month <u>before school</u> for Student Council Meetings</p> | <p>Approachable</p> <p>Leads by example</p> <p>Good communicator</p> <p>Strong decision-making capabilities</p> <p>Honest and trustworthy</p> <p>Committed to Andersen Elementary</p> <p>Positive attitude</p> <p>Can speak in front of small and large groups of students and adults</p> <p>Confident</p> <p>Humble</p> |

Vice President

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| <p>Works with officers to plan, organize, and lead student activities and community service projects that promote school spirit and demonstrate care for the welfare of the wider community.</p> <p>Learns and practices leadership skills and strategies, creates opportunities for all students to feel included, provides all students with a voice in decisions being made.</p> <p>Works with officers to plan, organize, and lead projects that improve the look and feel of our student spaces. This might include rebuilding and managing our garden, outdoor benches and tables, promoting recycling and litter awareness, or other projects as determined by this group of students.</p> <p>Works with officers to identify, measure, and make positive impacts on the climate of students. Activities might include creating and promoting a motto, coordinating spirit weeks, and measuring student attitudes and feelings about their school experiences.</p> | <p>3rd - 5th grade student</p> <p>In good academic standing</p> <p>Able to meet twice a month <u>before school</u> for Student Council Meetings</p> | <p>Approachable</p> <p>Leads by example</p> <p>Good communicator</p> <p>Strong decision-making capabilities</p> <p>Honest and trustworthy</p> <p>Committed to Andersen Elementary</p> <p>Positive attitude</p> <p>Can speak in front of small and large groups of students and adults</p> <p>Confident</p> <p>Humble</p> |

Treasurer

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| <p>Counts and handles all money collected and earned by Student Council events, activities, and charitable drives. Is present at all Student Council fundraising activities where money is being collected or donated. Stays after fundraising activities to count money.</p> <p>Works with officers to plan, organize, and lead student activities and community service projects that promote school spirit and demonstrate care for the welfare of the wider community.</p> <p>Learns and practices leadership skills and strategies, creates opportunities for all students to feel included, provides all students with a voice in decisions being made.</p> <p>Works with officers to plan, organize, and engage Andersen Elementary students in community outreach activities and events. These might include Penny Wars or other fundraisers, food drives, and more.</p> | <p>3rd-5th grade student</p> <p>In good academic standing</p> <p>Able to meet twice a month <u>before school</u> for Student Council Meetings</p> | <p>Understands “big picture” thinking</p> <p>Socially aware</p> <p>Precise and attentive to detail</p> <p>Capable handling and working with money</p> <p>Can inspire others</p> <p>Honest and trustworthy</p> <p>Committed to Andersen Elementary</p> <p>Looks for ways to help others</p> |

Historian (2 representatives)

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| <p>Makes posters or other media and publicizes various events. Takes photos and collects and organizes files, photographs, and other important documents.</p> <p>Works with officers to plan, organize, and lead student activities and community service projects that promote school spirit and demonstrate care for the welfare of the wider community.</p> <p>Learns and practices leadership skills and strategies, creates opportunities for all students to feel included, provides all students with a voice in decisions being made.</p> <p>Works with officers to act as stewards to welcome visitors to our campus in both live and virtual interactions. Curates photos, quotes, and moments for submission to the 2022-2023 yearbook.</p> | <p>3rd-5th grade student</p> <p>In good academic standing</p> <p>Able to meet twice a month <u>before school</u> for Student Council Meetings</p> | <p>Creative</p> <p>Passionate</p> <p>Organized</p> <p>Detail-oriented</p> <p>Can manage multiple tasks at once</p> <p>Willing to learn to use video and picture editing software</p> <p>Able to communicate clearly in both writing and spoken words</p> <p>Honest and trustworthy</p> <p>Committed to Andersen Elementary</p> <p>Looks for ways to help tell our school's story</p> |

Secretary

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| <p>Takes complete and accurate minutes of all meetings.</p> <p>Maintains files of the minutes of all meetings, all club correspondence, and club activities.</p> <p>Distributes and/or makes available copies of the minutes of all meetings to all officers of the club.</p> <p>Works with officers to plan, organize, and lead student activities and community service projects that promote school spirit and demonstrate care for the welfare of the wider community.</p> <p>Learns and practices leadership skills and strategies, creates opportunities for all students to feel included, provides all students with a voice in decisions being made.</p> <p>Works with officers to plan, organize, and engage Andersen Elementary students in community outreach activities and events. These might include Penny Wars or other fundraisers, food drives, and more.</p> | <p>3rd-5th grade student</p> <p>In good academic standing</p> <p>Able to meet twice a month <u>before school</u> for Student Council Meetings</p> <p>Fast typing skills or neat and readable handwriting.</p> | <p>Organized</p> <p>Detail-oriented</p> <p>Can manage multiple tasks at once</p> <p>Able to communicate clearly in both writing and spoken words</p> <p>Honest and trustworthy</p> <p>Committed to Andersen Elementary</p> |