

PRINCIPAL NEWS

December 8, 2025

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Dalmatian families,

As we step into a new week at Anne Sullivan Elementary, our campus is filled with excitement, joy, and the warm spirit of the season. December gives us so many wonderful opportunities to blend academics, creativity, and celebration, and our students continue to shine as they learn, inspire, and lead each day.



Last week, **Junior Achievement and ACS STEM Day for our 4th and 5th graders** were a huge success. Our students were highly engaged, asked thoughtful questions, and enjoyed hands-on activities that extended their learning in meaningful and memorable ways. We are grateful to our volunteers, community partners, and teachers who helped make these experiences truly exceptional.

This week and throughout December, our Dalmatians will continue participating in special events including our Choir Performance, the campus Spelling Bee, the Polar Express experience, and our Holiday Sing-Along for all grade levels. These experiences enrich student learning, build community, and create joyful memories that make ASE such a special place to learn and grow.

As we move closer to the winter break, we encourage everyone to remain focused on strong attendance, consistent routines, and daily reading at home. These final weeks of the semester are important, and your continued support helps our students finish the year confidently and successfully.

Thank you for sharing your children with us and for partnering with us each day. We look forward to another great week at ASE!

Wishing everyone a wonderful week ahead and a joyful start to this special month!

TEACHERS HONORED

Congratulations are in order for Ms. Giannetti, 5th grade, and Ms. Nickerson, 3rd grade. They are the recipients of our SHABE award, for contributions related to English Language Learners, and the HAASBE award, for dedication to growing all students.

These women go above and beyond every day and it is noticed by campus administration. Our students are truly fortunate to be learning under their guidance.



PROFILE OF A GRADUATE

December Profile of Graduate 2025-2026

A Fort Bend ISD Graduate has a rigorous academic foundation, strong character, and is...

- Equipped with Skills for ...exhibit grit and determination in all aspects of life; respect self and others...
- Servant Leader ...humble and kind, prioritizing the needs of others
- Effective Communicator ...communicate clearly both orally and in writing, respectful and active listener
- Critical Thinker ...a problem solver, inquisitive, innovative has the courage to challenge methods.
- Compassionate Citizen ...empathetic to fellow citizens, exhibits care and concern for others, dependable, respectfully and trustworthy
- Collaborative Team Member ...work effectively to achieve goals, respect the needs and contributions of others
- Life-long Learner ...curious, seek opportunities to be creative, a thirst for knowledge and ability to adapt to change, academically prepared.



Mackenzie Kim

Alex Zhang

Ms. Kreminski

Pre-K

Anika Mannam

Alston Lai

Ms. Proett

1st

Ellie Nguyen

Murtaza Ibrahim

Ms. Hodge

2nd

Jesna Abraham
Ayaan Shivji
Ms. Rey
3rd

Cassidy Cruz
Nyel Idrees
Ms. Hamlett
4th

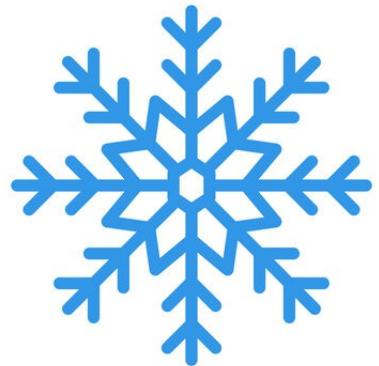
Ava Momin
Ansh Joshi
Ms. Trliceck
5th

Congratulations to our Staff member as well:

Ms. Hobbs, Special Education
Delma Hernandez, Custodial

DECEMBER DRESS DAYS

These are our December theme days if your child would like to participate.



ASE Student December Calendar 2025.pdf

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UIL

UIL results:

Our ASE UIL Teams participated at their first UIL Meet for the 2025-2026 school year on November 15, 2025. We are proud of all our UIL participants!



MAP DATES

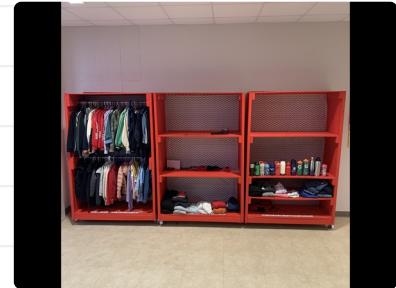
We will take our middle of the year MAP assessments on these days. All students in FBISD engage in these tests. Results of these assessments are used for instructional purposes.

January 21: Reading for K,2,4
January 22: Reading for 1,3,5
January 27: Math for K,2,4
January 28: Math for 1,3,5
February 3: Science for 3,4,5



LOST AND FOUND

If your child is missing any items, please encourage a visit the Lost and Found soon. Unclaimed items will be donated on December 19th.



ATTENDANCE

As a reminder, we are required to document student absences, whether Excused (ex: illness related) or Unexcused (ex: vacation). Regardless of how a child performs, once enrolled in a public school, students are required to attend 90% of the year.



Once a child receives 18 missed days, whether Excused or Unexcused, at the end of the year a committee will convene to determine Promotion (Promoted or Retained) status. A child's report card will indicate all missed days. The school must show that it was aware, communicated with families, and determined that Promotion is warranted, despite the missed instructional days.

PARENT DRIVE PROTOCOL

In an effort to expedite the process of morning drop-off, we ask that all students and families are prepared once the door is opened.

Preparedness includes:

- * Shoes on students
- * Food consumption ceased
- * Backpack next to student in car and not in the trunk where safety is compromised with a parent needing to open the trunk to retrieve it
- * Conversations concluded so child is focused on exiting the car



We thank you for your efforts during morning drop-off.

STUDENT PICTURES

Fall picture retakes and group photos have been rescheduled to December 10th.



HEALTH INFORMATION

Please see the following information about student health during this time of year.

If you have any questions about lice, please reach out to Nurse Peluse.



Lice Parent Handout.pdf

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Lice Welcome Back Information Letter.pdf

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FROM THE CLINIC

Here is important information from our Nurse Peluse concerning student illness.

Nurse Newsletter

Preventing Illness

Handwashing 101

Handwashing is a critical way to prevent infections by physically removing germs like bacteria, viruses, and fungi from your hands. Ensure to lather soap for 20 sec, rinse, and turn faucet off with napkin.

Healthy Habits

*Washing hands before and after any activity.
*Keeping hands away from face.
*Sanitize hands when soap and water is not
-available.



Preventing Illness

Wash hands frequently
Disinfect surfaces
Stay up to date on vaccinations
Practice good cough and sneeze etiquette
Stay hydrated
Keep sick kids home until they are well

Flu Shots

It's Flu season! Every year the flu strand can change leaving your previous vaccination ineffective. Now is a great time to get your family vaccinated. The flu shot can be life-saving for children, as it significantly reduces the risk of flu-related hospitalizations, serious illness



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LUNCH VISITS-HOLIDAY MONTH

On December 18th and 19th, we will not permit parent lunch visits, as these are our 2 holiday party days. Additionally, on December 19th if your child forgets to pack a lunch and you plan to drop it off, you will need to have it here by 9:30 am since we run on a different lunch schedule.



We thank you for your cooperation with both items.

HOLIDAY PARTY SCHEDULE

Our Holiday parties will occur on the 18th and 19th of December.

Please note the times below.

Parents are invited to attend all grade level parties, but due to space, we ask that siblings not attend.

December 18th:

PreK: 11:05-11:50

Kindergarten: 11:05-11:50

1st: 11:35-12:20

2nd: 12:10-12:55

ABC: 12:30-1:15

3rd: 12:40-1:25

SAILS: 1:00-1:45

4th: 1:10-1:55

December 19th:

5th: 10:45-11:45





SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to the following students for qualifying for the all school Spelling Bee Tuesday, December 9th. Thanks also to everyone who participated and got to practice and showcase their spelling skills!

Anika Patra, Vivaan Ruparel, Bhushi Grover, Krishiv Daram, Aarna Shah, Zayan Wahab, Haniyah Jaliawala, Aashrika Mangipudi, Ayansh Byrishetty, Ayan Patil, Ishaan Jha



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy December birthdays to the following staff members.

Happy Birthday to ASE Teachers & Staff	
Isha Bose	12/02
Vanessa Browning	12/07
Peggy Fries	12/10
Connie Toy-Ng	12/12
Aliya Sohail	12/12
Ashley King	12/14
Debra Jiles	12/15
Holly Roosma	12/15
Katherine Krzeminski	12/17
Stefanie Berezi	12/18
Kavita Patel	12/19
Olivia Johnson	12/19
Jordan Ballein	12/21
Maria Diaz	12/25
Kendra Davis	12/30

PE CORNER

1. Reminder: As we move into colder weather months, please remember that safety is important, and we will follow our district's weather guidelines. Please continue to come prepared for PE.
2. Thank you for your support in participating in the National Handwashing Week! Keeping our families, peers, and teachers healthy helps us all!
3. These great, fun family activities keep our healthy habits going strong during this busy holiday season! Also, a reminder, these runs is another great way to prepare for the **Simon 5K Run** in February!



Coach Andy Stewarts 30K and 10K Run:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/SugarLand/CoachAndy30K>

Candy Cane Course:

[https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/SugarLand/CandyCaneCourseHouston?
afit_token=nEo7m2fmm92CgJEun85Te3o6ksNELF8b](https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/SugarLand/CandyCaneCourseHouston?afit_token=nEo7m2fmm92CgJEun85Te3o6ksNELF8b)

For more fun runs all around the Houston area, click here:

<https://www.runguides.com/houston/runs>

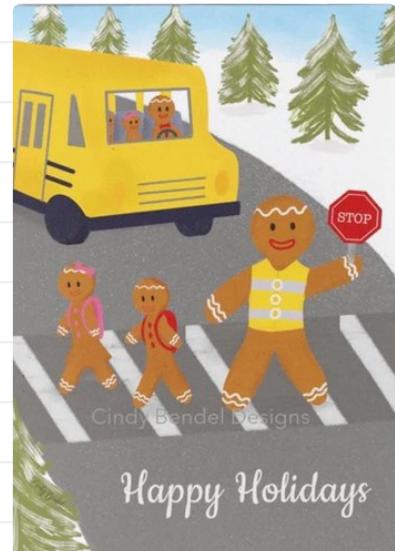
COURTESY PATROL UPDATE

Thank you all for doing such a wonderful job and helping us make it through the first semester. Your commitment and leadership are truly appreciated.

Please stop by the gym and see Coach Link before December 18th.

As we move into colder weather months, please remember that safety is important, and we will follow our district's weather guidelines.

On days when the "feels like" temperature is 45 degrees or below, we will not have Courtesy Patrollers helping outside.



Thank you again for your support! See Coach Link if you have any questions.

WELLNESS

1. December 1-7th is National Handwashing Week. A great reminder is that every day is a day to practice good hygiene. Handwashing is one of the simplest and most effective ways to keep our families, peers, and teachers healthy.
2. Actionforhappiness Calendar: *Do Good December*. Each day offers a simple action that builds positivity, kindness, and wellbeing. Let's continue to make a positive difference! There's still time to register: Run Houston! Sugar Land Santa Run (December 6th): <https://txruns.com/sugarland5k10k>



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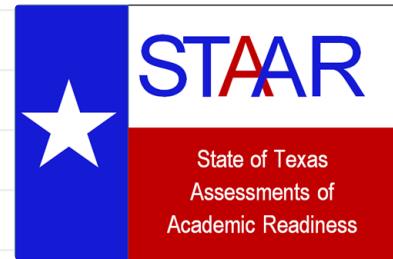
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STAAR DATES AND LUNCH VISITS

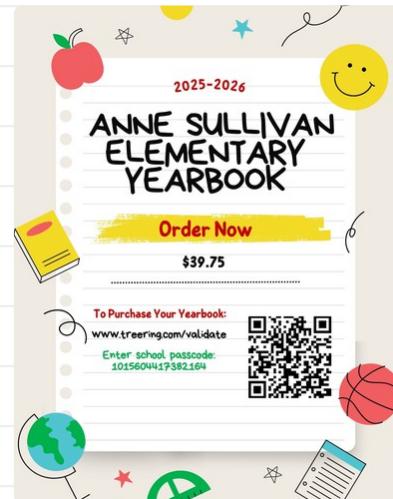
On the following dates, we will be administering STAAR tests. We do not permit parent lunch visits, for any grade level, on these days. We thank you for your cooperation.



February 5th: Reading for 5th (Field Test)
April 7-9: Reading for 3rd-5th
April 14th: Science for 5th
April 21st-23rd: Math for 3rd-5th

YEARBOOK

Reminder to order your Yearbook soon!



WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Last year, ASE PTA funded over \$140,000 for our students, teachers, and school. Here are a few ways to support the school on things you already purchase.

- Box Tops for Education (attached flyer for Box Tops): Earn for schools with HUNDREDS of products from brands you love. Use the Box Tops app to submit your receipt within 14 days of purchase. Box Tops products are identified and earnings are credited online. https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral_code=C9VF0MN6&school_id=9679585
- Kroger Community Rewards: Earn money for your community organization when you use your loyalty card. Sign up on <https://www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards> or on your Kroger App and select Anne Sullivan Elementary School PTA as your Organization (organization Number: GW177). For directions, visit <https://asepta.membershiptoolkit.com/freemoney>



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PTA NEWSLETTER

Please refer to the PTA newsletter for all PTA related information.

<https://asepta.membershiptoolkit.com/newsletter/07479-nl20251029082057-014966900-1419831279>



COUNSELOR CORNER

This month, our counseling focus is on gratitude and positivity, two powerful skills that help children feel happier, build healthy relationships, and handle challenges with confidence. When gratitude is practiced both at school and at home, it becomes a lifelong habit.

December 8-12th

Positivity Starts at Home

A positive outlook is a skill that can be taught and practiced daily.

You can support your child by modeling positive self-talk and reframing setbacks as learning moments. When children see adults choosing calm and hope, they learn to do the same.

At school, positivity shows up through teamwork, encouraging others, and trying again even when something is hard. These small actions create a classroom environment where students feel supported, safe, and confident.

WATCH D.O.G.S.

Calling all dads!

We'd love for you to volunteer at our school and become a part of the WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program. Your presence makes a big difference, and it's a great way to support students, build community, and be a positive role model! Click on the link to Sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4DACA92FA5FF2-57721559-watch#/>

MONTHLY WRITING CHALLENGE

In an effort to grow future authors and develop the love of writing in our students, each month we will pose a writing topic for our PreK-5 Dalmatians to respond to as an optional activity. A child

who completes the Challenge can submit his/her work to Ms. Roach electronically or in the yellow bus located near the front office. stefanie.roach@fortbendisd.gov

Pieces submitted will be displayed on our Writing Challenge hallway bulletin board, along with recognition in this Smore. Creativity is encouraged and grammatical errors are forgiven!

Please refer to the December Challenge Menu.

December submissions:

Kindergarten: Athena Halageri-Rao, multiple pieces



December Writing Menu.pdf

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STUDENT EVENT

Please see the following discount if interested in attending Holiday Lights.



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FBEF

Save up to 20% on NUTCRACKER! tickets with Code "BEND" – tickets and details at

<https://www.smartfinancialcentre.net/events/nutcracker-magical-christmas-ballet/>.



FBEF

Invest in our Students and Empower our Teachers. Support the Fort Bend Education Foundation's Annual Giving Campaign at <https://bit.ly/FBEFAnnualGiving25>.



FBEF SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for this FBEF event!



SCIENCE FAIR

Science Fair is open to all students. We will judge our top 2 third, fourth, and fifth grade projects. In addition, only third, fourth and fifth grade students will compete at the district level. Students can work in partners but must have approval from their science teacher to begin.

Tentative Date for the district science fair:

March 26, 2026



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ASE TUTORS

Here is the link to our ASE staff members who tutor students during the year. If you have any questions, please reach out to the teacher directly.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/0/d/1D196I0OUXq39g4xPvmmfuUgyHB8uycf30wjJaxZkIR0/htmlview>



SIMON SPINE RUN

Please mark your calendar for this district sponsored race. Last year ASE won the Fittest School Challenge as we had the most participants from all FBISD schools. Let's do it again!

Here is a link to sign up and for more info!

https://thedriver.net/event-registration/site.event_reg/eid/72921023459



Bus Poster Contest

National School Bus Safety Week Poster Contest

The theme for the 2025–2026 poster contest is:

“Safe Rides, Everyday Heroes”

If your child would like to participate by making a poster, please read the attached file for the guidelines, submission information and examples. The poster must be completed by March 2, 2026 and dropped off at the front desk at ASE with the label attached. The submission label is available in the attachment. We will arrange for all posters to be picked up and submitted.



Guidelines and Entry Form_NSBSW Poster Contest.pdf

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Parent Volunteering

In order to volunteer at an ASE event, every volunteer must complete a [Background Check](#) each school year online. We encourage all adults to complete one before school begins. The verification process takes a few business days.

[Parent resources](#) can be found on the FBISD main webpage. Including information about bus routes, extended learning, district calendar, and more!



Rainy Day Dismissal

Rainy Day dismissal pertains only to those families whose children walk or ride a bike to school each day. Each parent of a child who walks or rides a bike is required to notify the homeroom teacher of a Rainy Day alternative plan.

At 2:45 p.m. a Blackboard Connect notice will be sent to parents informing the community of a Rainy Day Dismissal. Walkers/bikers will either become a car rider or remain a walker. If your child

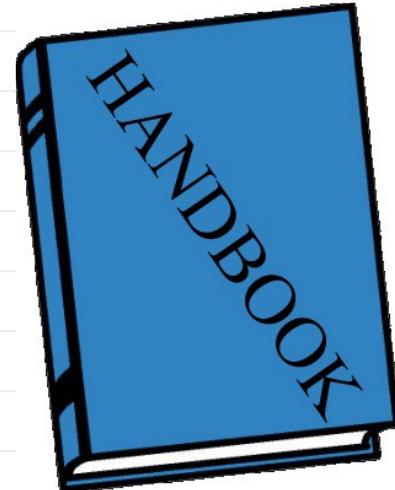


remains a walker, he/she will meet you at the normal pick-up location. Parents are not permitted to come to the building doors or encroach on the campus sidewalks to get their children in the rain. This can lead to an unsafe dismissal.

All other students going home on buses, in cars, or daycare vans will not have a change in dismissal.

ASE PARENT HANDBOOK

This handbook is full of information for ASE families to reference throughout the year. Changes or updates to the document will be noted here in the Smore.



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SAVE THE DATE

- 12/10 Group pictures and Fall Retakes
- 12/12 PreK-5th: Polar Express Day, students only
- 12/18 PreK-4th: Holiday parties
- 12/18 PIT Crew & Choir Holiday program, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 12/19 5th grade Holiday party
- 12/19 PreK-5th: 12:10 dismissal
- 12/22-1/7 PreK-5th student holiday



Donna Whisonant

Donna is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters