

PRINCIPAL NEWS

September 8, 2026

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dalmatian Parents,

It is hard to believe we are already well into the school year! Our Dalmatians have settled into their routines, and it has been wonderful to see our classrooms filled with learning, collaboration, and excitement. Each week, our students are becoming more confident, building relationships, and working hard each day.



We had a wonderful Open House this past week! It was so exciting to see so many of our ASE families on campus. Thank you for taking the time to visit classrooms, meet with teachers, and learn more about the great things happening at Anne Sullivan Elementary. We truly value the partnership we have with our families and know that when we work together, our students are the ones who benefit most. A special thank you to our incredible teachers and staff for all of their preparation and for making the evening such a success!

Our students also completed MAP testing this week. We are proud of the effort and perseverance they demonstrated as they worked through their assessments. MAP results provide our teachers with valuable information about each student's current strengths and areas for growth. Our teams will use this information to help guide instruction, plan small-group support and enrichment, and ensure we are meeting the individual needs of our Dalmatians. Thank you to our students for working hard and doing their best!

I hope all of our ASE families enjoyed the long weekend and had an opportunity to relax, recharge, and spend time together. We look forward to another great week of learning!

We are also looking for additional Watch D.O.G.S. dads and father figures who are available to assist us with morning arrival. Having extra helping hands makes a tremendous difference as we welcome students, help them safely exit their vehicles, and keep our car line moving as efficiently as possible. Even if you are only able to help occasionally, we would greatly appreciate your support. Thank you to the Watch D.O.G.S. who have already volunteered their time as we appreciate you!

As we move further into the school year, please continue to make attendance and arriving on time a priority. Every instructional minute matters. Our doors open at 7:30 a.m., announcements begin at

7:55 a.m., and instruction begins promptly at 8:05 a.m. Please allow additional time for morning traffic and the car line so our students can begin their day ready to learn.

There are so many wonderful things happening throughout our building, and we are excited about the year ahead. Thank you, ASE families, for your continued support, encouragement, and trust. Together, we will continue to make this a wonderful year for every Dalmatian!

ASE students will Learn...Inspire...and Lead...We are ASE!

PROFILE OF A GRADUATE

Congratulations to our August Profile of a Graduate Leaders at ASE!

Students are nominated based on the Fort Bend ISD Profile of a Graduate strategic plan:

Equipped with skills for life

A servant leader

An effective communicator

A critical thinker

A compassionate citizen

A collaborative team member

A life-long learner



Adelynn Shashidhar

Adam Guo

Ms. Crick, PreK

Sarah Joseph

Sumedh Hulsurkar

Ms. Soueid, Kindergarten

Yusra Chowdhury

Keshav Athreya

Ms. Krzeminski, 1st grade

Aarya Gupta

Daniel Balderrama Brondani

Ms. Ditman, 2nd grade

Eva Jose

Ford Kisner

Dr. Taylor, 3rd grade

Araina Gilani

Elijah Hardison

Ms. Rey, 4th grade

Sahasra Anavaram

Jorge Santiago Torres

Ms. Williams, 5th grade

Staff Winners:

Ms. Rice, instructional paraprofessional

Ms. Bose, Kindergarten

DALMATIAN NATION DRIVE

Dalmatian Nation Drive is LIVE!

PTA's biggest fundraiser is back to help fund our school's activities supporting our students and our teachers!

Now it is easier than ever to donate and share with your family and friends to get us to our \$50,000 goal!

Please donate today! Note that all donations are tax-deductible!



FAMILY PICNIC DAY

In honor of Grandparents Day, please make plans to join us for our annual Family Picnic on October 8th during lunch time. Please see the following form and we look forward to seeing you on campus.



Family Picnic ASE 2026.pdf

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ART CLUB-4TH AND 5TH GRADERS

Attention 4th and 5th graders: If interested in joining the ASE Art Club, sponsored by Ms. Sharma, please see the attached information.

Art Club Details:

Meets two Thursdays each month

Time: 3:25 PM - 4:25 PM

Location: Upstairs Art Room

Starting in October





Art Club Permission Slip- 2026-27 (4th.5th grade).docx

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PARENTS OF GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

We will hold our annual GT parent meeting *virtually* on September 14th from 5:00-5:45 PM. This meeting is designed for parents of students who are currently identified in our GT program and receiving services from their teachers already at ASE.



Please use the following link to login to the meeting.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/260724104679438?p=rVqhSCcq7XKNE5lbge>

Meeting ID: 260 724 104 679 438

Passcode: zH6PV9nf

CALLING ALL DADS

Come learn about ASE Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of GREAT Students) and how you can get involved at school!

This is a great opportunity to make a difference, support our students, and be an important part of our school community. ❤️



Location: ASE Cafeteria

Date: September 21

Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

17828 Winding Water Lane

Sugar Lane, Texas 77479

Come join us and learn more! We'd love to see you there! 🐾

Pizza will be provided.

<https://forms.gle/ggjT3zbd7q9LMgtE6>

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Once enrolled in a public school, students are required to attend 90% of the school year. Any child who misses 18 or more school days, with either excused or unexcused absences, will become part of an academic review meeting for promotion standards.



Administration will reach out to families of students with excessive absences and spring conferences will be conducted to determine if a child meets promotion standards based on the missed instructional time.

We ask that you are mindful of this law, especially when it comes to vacation and travel plans around holidays.

FBISD has a target goal of 95% student attendance for the year for all elementary schools. We hope to achieve and exceed this goal! Updates will be posted in this Smore related to school attendance rates over the course of this year.

SNACKS IN THE CAFETERIA

Snacks are now for purchase in the cafeteria. These include a variety of cookies, chips, water, treats and ice cream.

Campus protocols include:

- * Snacks are not sold to PreK and Kinder students.
- * 1st grade children may buy snacks on Fridays only.
- * Students may purchase 1 snack a day.



We ask that you speak with your child about purchasing snacks. You may also place restrictions on your child's account so that you can better monitor what is being bought.

UIL

Is your child in 2nd-5th grade?

Does your child like to compete on a team?

Do they like to perform in front of an audience?

Do they like to be challenged by solving math problems and learning music?



If you answered yes to any of these questions, please look forward to information about UIL at ASE!

There will be grade level information available for parents to view the events for their child before signing them up for try outs.

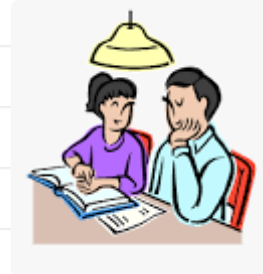
A live link will be available through the Parent Smore September 14-September 25 to sign up for UIL Try Outs.

The UIL Try Outs will be at ASE on Wednesday, September 30 from 3:30-5:30 (the students will stay after school).

The two events where your child will compete will be on the following Saturdays: November 14th and April 17th.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Parent conferences will be held from September 14th - October 8th. Your child's teacher will reach out to you to set up a time to discuss progress and performance.



2ND ANNUAL LIBRARY POSTER CONTEST

We're excited to announce the 2nd Annual ASE Library Poster Contest, celebrating the magic of libraries, the joy of reading, and the power of books!

This year's theme is "Reading Takes You Everywhere", and all PreK–5th grade students are invited to participate.

Poster Guidelines

- Size: 8.5" x 11" (standard paper)
- Must include the theme
- Use crayons, markers, or colored pencils (no glitter or 3D items)
- Be neat, colorful, and creative!
- Write your full name, grade, and homeroom teacher on the back. Please write neatly!



Deadline: Submit your poster to the ASE Library by September 18, 2026. More details can be found in your child's Schoology Library course.

Let's celebrate our love for reading and make this tradition a colorful success!

FITTEST SCHOOL CHALLENGE

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!



FITTEST SCHOOL CHALLENGE 2027.pdf

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LUNCH VISITS

For those coming to visit during lunch time on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, we ask that you are mindful of the following ASE procedures and thank you for your cooperation.



START WITH HELLO & TURN IT GOLD WEEK

September 21st-25th is *Start with Hello & Turn It Gold* week.

Start With Hello was implemented to raise awareness and educate students and the community on ways to reduce isolation and increase connectedness.

Turn It Gold spreads awareness about childhood cancer.

Please see the information below and the student dress theme days.



Start With Hello and Turn it Gold 2026.pdf

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FALL PICTURES

Mark your calendar for September 8th as Fall Picture Day for students. Please see all information noted below.





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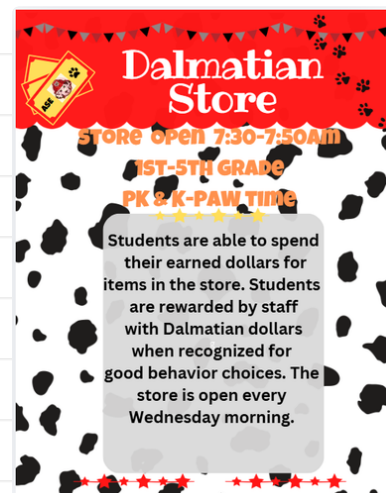
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DALMATIAN DOLLAR STORE

The Dalmatian Dollar Store will have its grand opening on Wednesday, September 16th. We will monitor the store's hours and activity and make necessary adjustments, if needed, during the year.

1st-5th graders can shop from 7:30-7:50 a.m.

PK and Kinder students will shop during their PAW time, under the supervision of a grade-level paraprofessional.



GT TESTING

If you are interested in submitting your child's name for GT testing, please refer to the information contained in this link. More campus information is forthcoming.

The deadline to submit a parent request for testing is September 30th.

<https://www.fortbendisd.gov/departments/gifted-talented>

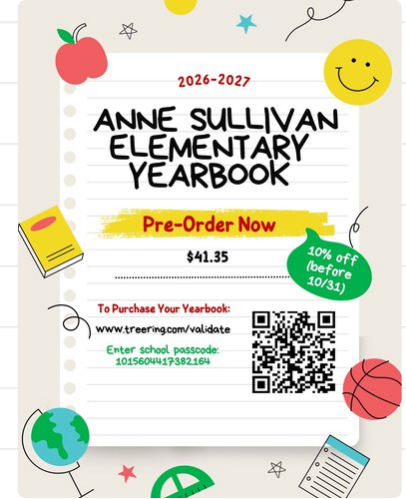


YEARBOOK INFORMATION

The 2026–2027 yearbook is now available for purchase.

Families can save 10% by ordering by October 31.

This Early Bird Special will be the only yearbook discount offered this school year, so we encourage families to take advantage of the savings and reserve their copy early!



ORDER ASE SPIRIT WEAR

The ASE Spirit Wear store will open up for online orders starting August 14th. Don't forget to login online and update your account with your child(s) name and homeroom teacher.



Please place your order on Membership Tool Kit account using the following link or send the physical form with payment back to your child's homeroom teacher by August 28th.

[Anne Sullivan Elementary PTA - Login](#)

COUNSELOR CORNER

September: FRIENDSHIP

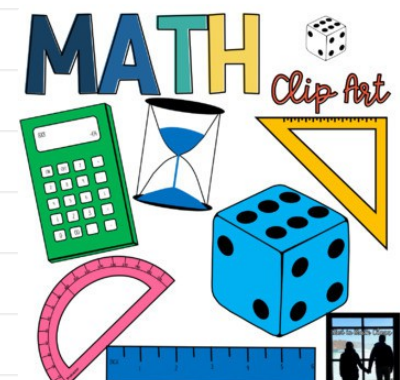
Week 1 - Encourage Kindness and Inclusion

Parents can help children build strong friendships by teaching them the importance of kindness, sharing, taking turns, and including others. Encourage your child to notice when someone is being left out and to invite them to participate. Simple actions, such as saying hello, offering to share a toy, or asking someone to join a game, can make a big difference. Children who learn to be welcoming and considerate are more likely to develop positive and lasting friendships.



MATH EVENT

Please see the following flyer about a math event for FBISD students.





Math Event.pdf

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SPIRIT NIGHT

Bounce Bounce Spirit Night - Friday, September 18 | 4-8PM

School has been in for a few weeks! Grab some of your new and old friends and have a blast at Bounce Bounce! Waivers must be signed online to jump and socks are required! Please mention ASE PTA at checkout so our school can receive 20% of all sales!



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!

September submissions:

5th: Avi Panchal

4th: Azil Tariq

2nd: Zayna Smith

2nd: Fiora Long

2nd: Daniel Balderrama Brondani

2nd: Phoebe Lee

2nd: Aiza Falak

1st: Athena Halageri-Rao (multiple submissions)

Kindergarten: Olivia Balderrama Brondani

Please refer to the September Challenge Menu.



September Writing Menu.pdf

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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.

TUTORS

Here is a list of both current and former ASE staff members who privately tutor students throughout the year. Please reach out to them if you desire extra academic support for your child.



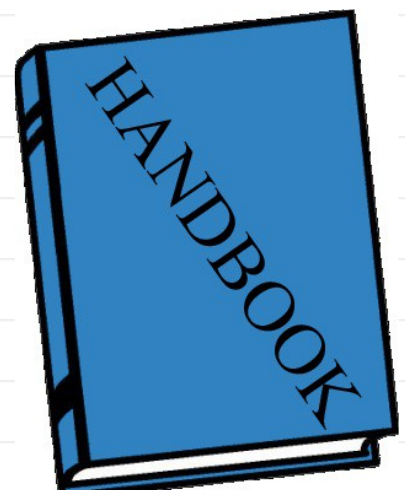
Tutor List ASE 9.8.26.xlsx

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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

9/18: *Bounce Bounce spirit night*

9/21: *Watch Dog Dad Night, 4:30-5:30 p.m.*

9/24: *Early Release for students, 12:10 p.m.*

9/25: *Professional Development Day for teachers, No school for students*

9/30: *Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night*

10/8: *Family Picnic Day during lunch time*



Donna Whisonant

Donna is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters