

PRINCIPAL NEWS

February 17, 2026

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Dalmatian Families,

We hope everyone enjoyed the four-day weekend and had a fun and restful time on both Friday and Monday. We are excited to welcome our students back to campus on Tuesday and jump right back into strong routines and focused learning.

Even though it is a short week, instruction remains a top priority across all grade levels. Students are actively engaged in rigorous lessons aligned to grade-level standards in reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. Teachers are continuing to monitor progress, provide targeted small-group instruction, and challenge students to think critically, explain their reasoning, and apply skills in meaningful ways.

As we move further into the semester, this is an important time for reinforcing foundational skills and preparing students for upcoming assessments and projects. We encourage families to support learning at home by ensuring students read daily, complete assignments with care, and come to school prepared and ready to learn.

We appreciate your partnership in helping our Dalmatians stay focused and motivated. Together, we will continue building academic confidence and strong character as our students Learn, Inspire, and Lead.

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

RESOURCE OFFICER DAY

We would like to take a moment to recognize the work of Officer Wilson at our school. February 17th is Resource Officer Day. He has been a terrific addition to our staff, ensuring safety of all. He is committed to maintaining a safe environment in all hallways, classrooms, outdoor spaces and indoors. We are grateful for his efforts and love of our students.





RAMADAN

Ramadan is a special and meaningful month observed by Muslims around the world. During this time, many Muslims fast each day from sunrise to sunset. Fasting means not eating or drinking during daylight hours and is practiced to encourage self-discipline, gratitude, compassion for others, and spiritual reflection.

Ramadan is also a time focused on kindness, generosity, family, and helping those in need. At the end of the month, many families celebrate with a holiday called Eid al-Fitr, which includes prayers, meals, and time spent with loved ones.

We appreciate the diversity of our school community and thank you for supporting and respecting the traditions of all families.

This year Ramadan will begin on the evening of Feb. 17, 2026 (subject to moon sighting).



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Honoring Black History Month at Anne Sullivan Elementary February is **Black History Month**, a time to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and lasting impact of Black Americans throughout our nation's history. At Anne Sullivan Elementary, we honor this month as an opportunity to learn, reflect, and grow together as a community grounded in *Pawsitivity, Pride, and Purpose*.

Throughout the month, our Dalmatians will engage in meaningful learning experiences that highlight influential leaders, innovators, artists, scientists, and change-makers who have shaped our country and continue to inspire future generations. Classroom discussions, read-alouds, writing activities will provide students with opportunities to explore stories of courage, perseverance, and excellence.

Black History Month is not only about honoring the past, but also about empowering our students to recognize their own potential to make a difference. We are proud to cultivate a campus culture where every child feels valued, respected, and inspired to lead.

We look forward to celebrating together as we continue building a school community rooted in unity, learning, and Dalmatian Pride.



LUNAR NEW YEAR

As we welcome the Lunar New Year, we celebrate a time of renewal, hope, and new beginnings. This special holiday is observed by many families around the world and is rich with traditions that honor family, gratitude, good fortune, and the promise of a bright year ahead.

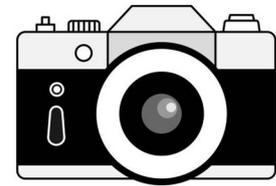


The Lunar New Year is a wonderful opportunity for us to recognize and celebrate the diverse cultures that make our school community so strong and vibrant. We are grateful for the traditions, stories, and values our families share, which help our students learn not only academics, but also respect, understanding, and global awareness.

May this new year bring your family happiness, good health, prosperity, and continued success. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community.

SPRING PICTURES

Spring Pictures are February 17th. Please see the attached information.



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TELPAS SCHEDULE

Here is our TELPAS schedule if your child participates in this assessment.



ASE TELPAS Testing Schedule for Parent Smore.pdf

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FEBRUARY PROFILE OF A GRADUATE

February 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.



Elaina Dhukka
Maddox So
Ms. Nguyen
Kindergarten

Anaya Salman
Aariz Merchant
Ms. Toledo
1st grade

Julia Chiang
Daniel Yau
Ms. Toy-Ng
2nd grade

Aviela Francis-Ayanwale
Pablo Hernandez
Dr. Taylor
3rd grade

Sarah John
Dev Jadav
Ms. Payne
4th grade

Claire Tran
Kiaan Mehta
Ms. Warner
5th grade

Staff Winners are: Ms. Williams, 5th grade and Ms. Hochstetler, Reading Specialist

RAMADAN

Ramadan Supervision in the Library

During the holy month of Ramadan, the library will offer a supervised space for students who are fasting during their scheduled lunch periods. This service will be available from February 18 through March 13, 2026. Parents are required to sign up and submit a permission form indicating the specific days their child will visit the library. Please note that students may only attend during their assigned lunch period and not during recess or P.E. Students must wear their ID badges at all times and follow all supervision guidelines. Additional information is available on the sign-up form.



[2026 Ramadan Supervision in the Library – Fill out form](#)

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Former ASE students attending QVMS are holding a School Supply Drive to help those in need this week. If you are able to donate items noted on this flyer, they would be grateful, as well as the recipients of our generosity.



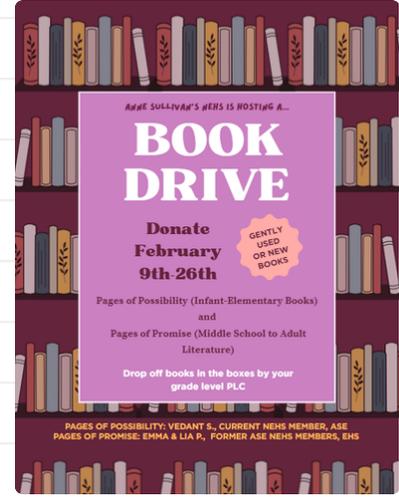
PET SUPPLIES DRIVE

Former ASE students attending QVMS are holding a Pet Supply Drive to help those furry friends in need this week. If you are able to donate items noted on this flyer, they would be grateful, as well as the animals, of our generosity.



BOOK DRIVE

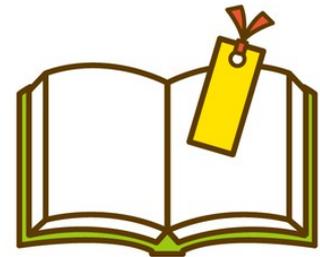
Our National Honor Society is hosting a Book Drive. If you are able to contribute gently used books to it, your contributions will be used by others in need of reading material. We thank you!



BOOK CIRQUE CONTEST

Calling all ASE readers! Students are invited to participate in the district's annual Book Cirque Challenge, a creative reading project that encourages students to select a book from the state reading list and design a unique project inspired by their chosen title.

All projects are due to the ASE Library on or before March 11, 2026. Families can find full details—including guidelines and book options—in the Book Cirque folder inside your child's Library Schoology Course.



Let's celebrate reading, creativity, and imagination—one book project at a time!



Book Cirque Flyer_.pdf

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BOOKMARK CONTEST

Get ready, ASE readers—our annual Bookmark Contest is back! Students in PreK–5th grade are invited to design their own bookmark inspired by this year's theme: *Reading Adventures Await*.

All entries should be submitted on the official form to the ASE Library by Wednesday, March 11, 2026.



Winning designs will be professionally printed and shared with all students in April as part of our School Library Month celebration. Every participant will receive a small token of appreciation for their creativity and effort.

Limit: One entry per student.

Let the reading adventures—and the creative inspiration—begin!



2026 Bookmark Contest.pdf

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SPACE COWBOYS READING PROGRAM

We're excited to share that ASE students are invited to participate in the 2026 Space Cowboys Reading Program!

This fun, community-wide initiative encourages a love of reading while rewarding students for their hard work.

To participate, students simply need to read four books at their reading level. Once they've completed all four and have their reading log initialed by a parent/guardian or teacher, they will earn two free tickets to a Space Cowboys game this season. Reading must be completed by March 25, 2026.



To help families get started, the ASE Library will send home a copy of the reading log in students' Friday Folders.

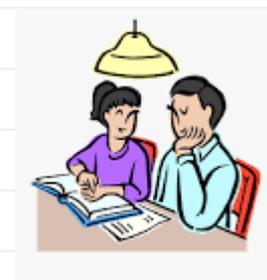
Teachers will submit the names of students who finish the challenge, and ticket vouchers will be delivered to campus and sent home. Families can then choose their preferred game date using the instructions on the voucher.

Let's knock this reading challenge out of the park—one book at a time!

PARENT EVENT

If interested, see this information about an upcoming parent event related to the bestselling book, [The Anxious Generation](#), for parents and educators on March 11 at 6pm.

It ties in closely with the *Wait Until 8th* message as well: delaying smartphone usage.



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10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for our 10-year *Anniversary Celebration*. This event will include classroom visits and the Anniversary Celebration.



SPIRIT WEAR

The Spirit Wear website is open and we're excited to announce some items are on sale so grab them before they're gone!

ASE will also be celebrating its 10th year anniversary. Have the kids celebrate in style in our limited edition 10th year anniversary spirit shirts!

Website link: <https://asepta.membershiptoolkit.com/spiritstore>

If you have any questions let us know!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following staff members this month of February.



HANDS-ON SCIENCE

Paws on Science is coming this Spring and we are so excited. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come volunteer in your child's class and work with them on a Science activity. PTA will train you and provide you with the lesson and all the materials to complete the Science activity with the class.



Please use the sign-up genius link to sign up for your child's class.

Remember that you cannot be a classroom volunteer without completing a FBISD background check. Instructions and important information are in the sign-up genius. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45A9AF2AA4FAC61-61799114-paws>



PARENT LUNCHES

We will close our cafeteria for parent lunch visits on the following days in February for Valentine's party purposes, the half-day and Counselor Read Aloud. We thank you for your understanding.

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PE & WELLNESS CORNER

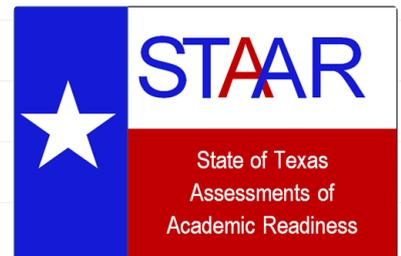
1. February is Heart Month! Continue to make healthy habits and activities that support strong hearts and bodies. For more ideas, please click on our February Action for Happiness calendar.
2. FBISD is recognizing *Save a Life Week* - February 23-27th. With a focus on Hands-Only CPR, students in grades 3-5 will learn about safety awareness and life-saving skills students can carry beyond the classroom. These lessons strengthen students with confidence that can truly make a difference.



STAAR DATES AND LUNCH VISITS

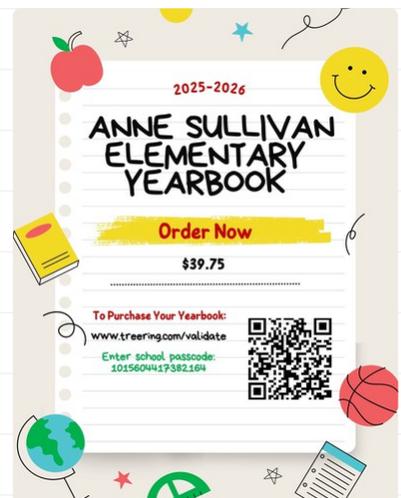
On the following dates, we will be administering STAAR tests. We do not permit parent lunch visits, for any grade level, on these days. We thank you for your cooperation.

- April 7th-9th: Reading for 3rd-5th
- April 14th: Science for 5th
- April 21st-23rd: Math for 3rd-5th



YEARBOOK

Reminder to order your Yearbook soon!



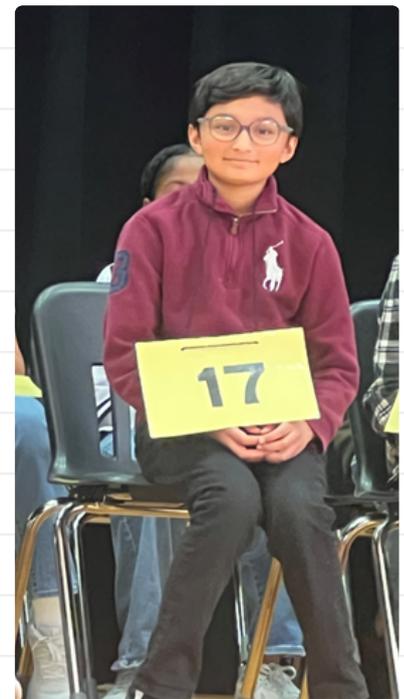
FSMS

Please see the following information about FSMS and their celebration.



STUDENT HONORED

Congratulations are in order to Zayan Wahab, 4th grader, who represented ASE at the district Spelling Bee last weekend. He came in 10th place among all the finalists. We are very proud of his efforts!



STUDENT RECOGNITION

ASE students Gyan Das and Aysen Lakhani made it to the TOP 200 contest entries for the HLSR Creativity Contest. Winners will receive not only a blue ribbon, but grounds passes for the Rodeo! In addition, the winning art work will be displayed near Miss Moo's barn in the NRG Center throughout the entire rodeo. We had over 7,000 entries, and the talent of the third graders this round was very impressive, so being in the top 200 is a great accomplishment. We are so proud of our winners!



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

Below is the link for the January PTA Newsletter.

<https://asepta.membershiptoolkit.com/newsletter/07479-nl20241210111441-094359700-1518088399>



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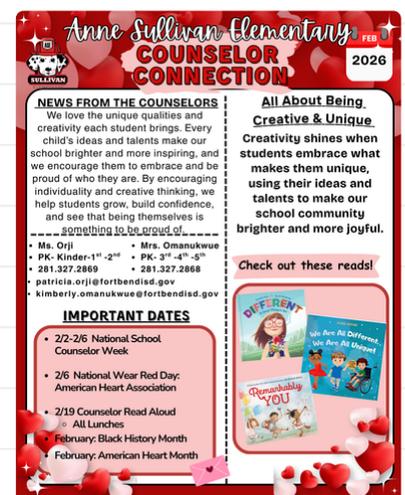
Creativity and imagination play an important role in a child's learning and confidence. By noticing, encouraging, and talking with children about their ideas, families can help children feel proud of who they are and comfortable expressing themselves.

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Supporting Imagination Through Conversation

Talking with your child about their ideas helps creativity flourish.

Asking open-ended questions like, "Tell me about what you made," or "What gave you that idea?" shows curiosity and helps children feel proud of their thinking. Listening patiently, even when ideas feel silly, lets children know their thoughts are important.



WATCH D.O.G.S.



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!



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The January edition of the Gifted and Talented newsletter is now available.

Link: <https://app.smore.com/n/tcp9v>



ASE TUTORS

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





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.



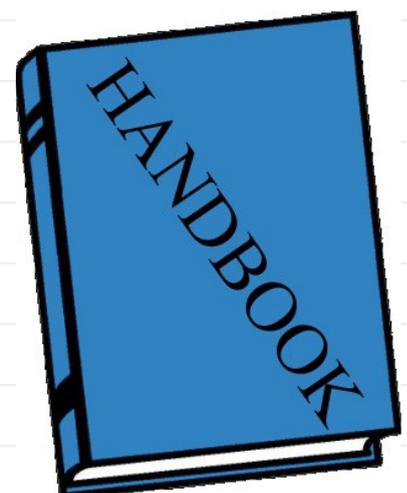
At 2:45 p.m. a Blackboard Connect notice will be sent to parents informing the community of a RainyDay Dismissal. Walkers/bikers will either become a car rider or remain a walker. If your child remains a walker, he/she will meet you at the normal pick-up location. Parents are not permitted to come to 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.

* Clarification added to Photos being taken at school.





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SAVE THE DATE

2/19/26 *Counselor Read Aloud in cafe, No parent lunch visits*

3/6/26 *No School for students*

3/16-3/20 *Spring Break, No school for all*

3/27/26 *10-Year Anniversary Celebration, 5:00-6:45 p.m.*



Donna Whisonant

Donna is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters