

PRINCIPAL NEWS

August 24, 2026

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dalmatian Families,

We have now completed our first full week of school, and what a wonderful week it has been! Our students are settling into their routines, building relationships with their teachers and classmates, and getting down to the important work of learning.



Thank you, parents, for your continued patience and support as we establish our routines for arrival, dismissal, transportation, and all the other pieces that come with beginning a new school year. Each day, things continue to run more smoothly because of your partnership.

We are excited to welcome our families for parent lunch visits beginning Monday. Parents and guardians may visit their child for lunch on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesday is our designated non-visitor lunch day. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain this schedule throughout the school year.

If you are dropping off a lunch for your child, lunches must be dropped off at the front office by 10:00 a.m. Whenever possible, please send your child's lunch with them in the morning. We have limited staff available to make lunch deliveries during the school day.

Now that we have completed a full week, our students are becoming familiar with their morning routines. 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 plan to arrive early enough for your child to enter the building, get to class, unpack, and be ready for the day. We know the car rider line can become busy as we get closer to the start of school, so arriving earlier can make a significant difference. Being on time helps our students begin their day feeling calm, prepared, and ready to learn.

It has been wonderful seeing our hallways and classrooms filled with learning, laughter, and excitement again. We are grateful for the trust you place in us each day and for the partnership between our families and staff.

We have had a great start, and we are looking forward to another fantastic week at Anne Sullivan Elementary!

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

LUNCH VISITS

We are excited to welcome parents and guardians to join their children for lunch beginning **Monday, August 24**.

We recently shared that Fridays would be reserved for counselor lessons, student programming, and other campus activities and would not be available for parent lunch visits. After receiving feedback from our PTA and families, we learned that **Fridays are an important day for many of our parents, particularly dads who may have Fridays off from work**. We appreciate this feedback and want to be responsive to the needs of our families.



After reviewing our schedule, we have decided to make a change. **Wednesday will now be our designated day without parent lunch visitors.**

Beginning August 24:

- **Monday – Parent lunch visits welcome**
- **Tuesday – Parent lunch visits welcome**
- **Wednesday – No parent lunch visitors**
- **Thursday – Parent lunch visits welcome**
- **Friday – Parent lunch visits welcome**

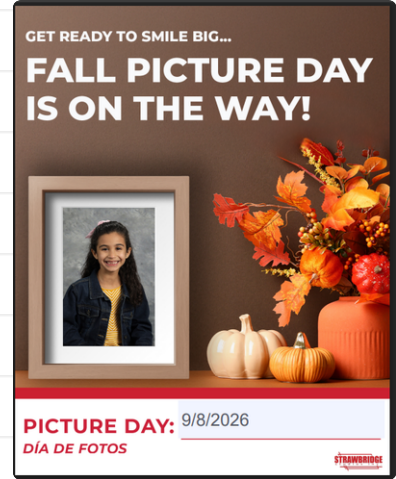
Wednesdays will be reserved for counselor lessons, student programming, and other campus activities.

We understand that this is a change from what was previously communicated, and we appreciate your flexibility and understanding. We value our partnership with our families and appreciate the feedback that helps us make decisions that support our entire Dalmatian community.

We look forward to welcoming you for lunch beginning **August 24!**

FALL PICTURES

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



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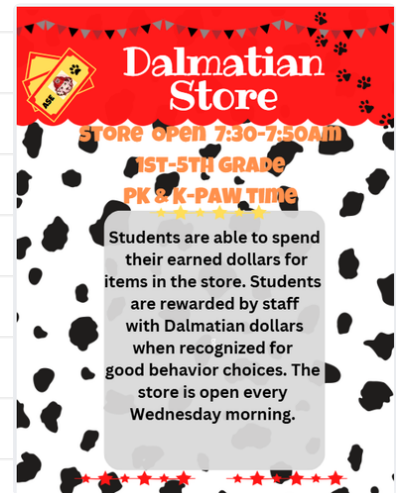
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DALMATIAN DOLLAR STORE

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.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Happy August birthday to the following staff members.



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>

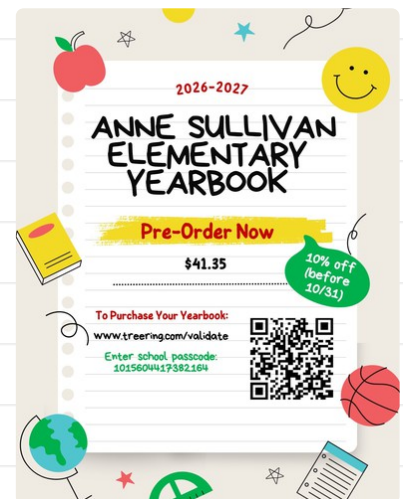


YEARBOOK INFORMATION

The 2026–2027 yearbook is now available for purchase.

Families can save 10% by ordering by October 31.

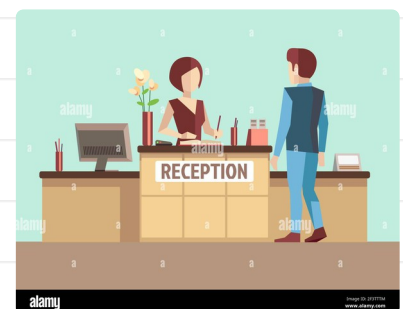
This Early Bird Special will be the only yearbook discount offered this school year, so we encourage families to take advantage of the savings and reserve their copy early!



DROPPING OFF LUNCHES & DELIVERIES

If you need to drop a lunch off for your child, the front lobby houses white bins for your convenience. Please label your child's lunch with a tag/slip provided on the table and place in the correct white lunch bin. We bring all lunches to the cafe for consumption at 10:00 AM. Please note this time.

Additionally, as a reminder, if you need to drop off a lunch for your child, **all lunches must be dropped off at the front office by 10:00 a.m.**



Whenever possible, please send your child to school with their lunch in the morning. We have limited staff available during the school day to deliver lunches to the cafeteria.

Please also be aware that all other **deliveries received will not be delivered to students until 12:35 p.m.** We do not have staff available to make individual deliveries throughout the day.

We appreciate your help in ensuring students arrive at school prepared with everything they need for the day. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

BEING ON TIME MATTERS

Dalmatians, we need your help getting our students to school on time and ready to learn!

Beginning today, we will officially begin counting tardies. Our doors open at **7:30 AM sharp**, and students are encouraged to arrive early enough to get to their classrooms and prepare for the day.

Announcements begin at 7:55 AM, and instruction begins promptly at 8:05 AM.



We have noticed that our **car rider line has been especially long**, particularly as we get closer to the start of the school day. Please plan accordingly and arrive earlier. Waiting until 7:50 or 7:55 to enter the car rider line may not give your child enough time to get into the building and to class on time.

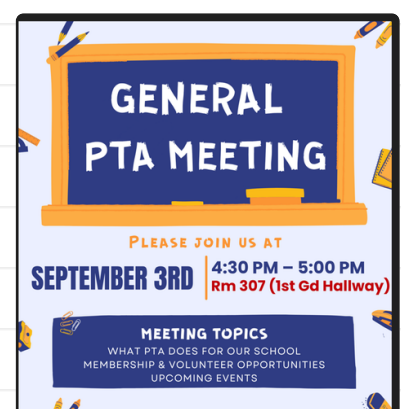
Being on time matters! When students arrive late, they miss morning routines, important announcements, and valuable instructional time. It can also make it more difficult for them to settle into the learning that has already begun.

Please help us by adjusting your morning routine, leaving home a little earlier, and taking advantage of our **7:30 AM arrival time**.

Thank you for partnering with us to start every Dalmatian's day successfully and maximize every minute of learning!

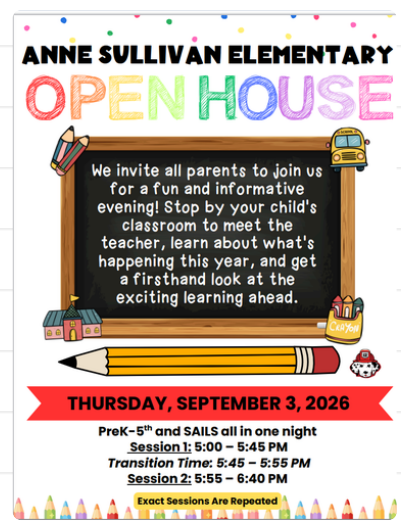
PTA MEETING

Please make plans to attend the PTA meeting held on September 3rd, just before Open House. We hope all families can attend!



OPEN HOUSE

This year we will hold Open House for PreK-5th and Sails all in one night. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. We ask that you are mindful of parking around the school, leaving room for emergency vehicles in the neighborhood and by not blocking any residential driveways.



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](#)

CAR RIDER LINE DROP-OFF

We had a successful first week of school including dropping students off in Parent Drive in the morning. In order to safely and expeditiously keep the long line of cars moving forward, we ask that you follow this protocol:

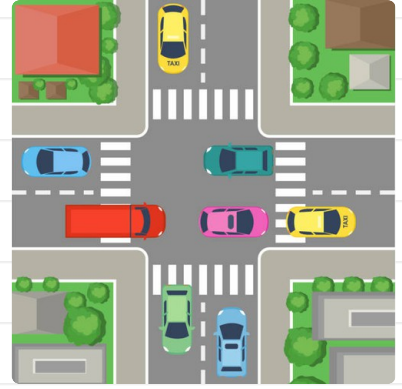


- * Children are prepared to exit the car. Students who are eating, playing on devices or gathering their items in the car are unprepared to unload and hold up the movement of the line.
- * Children seated on the right side of the car have easier access to getting out onto the sidewalk, when their door is opened.
- * Pull all the way forward to the white sign indicating, " Pull Up to Here".
- * Older siblings can help their brothers/sisters exit the car.
- * *Cell phones are NOT permitted to be used in Parent Drive for safety purposes. Therefore, driving and video taping of children would be considered an unsafe practice, and we ask that it is not done.*

We thank you for being mindful of these noted practices.

INTERSECTIONS DURING PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

Please keep all intersections clear of vehicles during both morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. We have both students crossing streets and buses arriving at both times of day and need clear intersections for safety. We thank you for your cooperation.



CAMPUS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The CPAC, composed of professional staff, parents, community representatives and business representatives is to participate in campus decision-making related to planning, budgeting, curriculum, staffing patterns, staff development and school organization. The CPAC is charged with approving professional development of a campus nature recommended by the principal and is of great importance in the decision-making process.



Roles and responsibilities of the CPAC are to:

- * obtain broad-based community, parent, and staff input, and provide information to those persons on a systematic basis
- * be involved in the development of the CIP and monitoring of progress through signaling
- * support the District's Goals and Objectives, specific to the academic achievement and growth of students served by the campus and aligned with the Profile of a Graduate
- * meet for the purpose of implementing planning processes through community-based accountability and site-based decision making in accordance with Board policy and administrative procedures
- * assist the campus principal with the development, review, and revision of the campus improvement plan
- * consult with the principal in the planning, operation, supervision, and evaluation of the campus educational program
- * approve the portions of the Campus Improvement Plan addressing campus staff development needs

The CPAC shall be composed of at least 12 members who shall represent campus-based professional staff, two parents of students enrolled at the school, two community members who reside in the district, and two business representatives, who are not required to live in the district. We are currently looking for 2 parent representatives, 2 community members and 2 business partners. If you have interest in serving on this school committee, please reach out to Ms. Whisonant.

Meetings will be held this year on October 1st, December 3rd, February 25th, and April 22nd @ 4:00 p.m. Selections for this campus committee will be announced August 28th.

SEPAC

FBISD's ASE Special Education Parent Advisory Committee presents "Let's Talk", a monthly series to encourage conversations with your child about special needs and disability awareness. Your

SEPAC reps for 2026-27 are Nikki Harrison and Rashmi Trivedi. To kick off the new school year, every student will receive a wristband with the message "At ASE Everyone Belongs."

Students are encouraged to place the wristband on their water bottle as a daily reminder that every child is a valued member of our school community. We encourage families to ask their children what the message means to them and to continue the conversation at home.

Special
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Parent
Advisory
Committee

AUGUST
WELCOME BACK!
LET'S
TALK

At ASE Everyone Belongs

To kick off the new school year, every ASE student will receive a wristband with the message "At ASE Everyone Belongs." Students are encouraged to place the wristband on their water bottle as a daily reminder that every child is a valued member of our school community.

This initiative is a collaboration between the ASE PTA and the ASE Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC). Inspired by Autism Awareness Month and our school's commitment to preventing bullying, our goal is to promote kindness, inclusion, empathy, and acceptance throughout the entire school year.

We encourage families to ask their children what the message means to them and to continue the conversation at home. Together, we can help build a school culture where every student feels welcomed, respected, included, and knows they truly belong.

We look forward to partnering with you to make ASE a place where everyone belongs.

MONTHLY SERIES TO ENCOURAGE CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR CHILD
BROUGHT TO YOU BY FBISD'S ASE SEPAC COMMITTEE
Contact asesepac@gmail.com for more information.

COUNSELOR CORNER

August Counselor's Corner: Focus on Responsibility

This month, students are learning about responsibility—the ability to make good choices, complete tasks, and be accountable for their words and actions. Developing responsibility helps children become more independent, builds confidence, and prepares them for success both in school and at home. Below are a few ways you can encourage and practice responsibility with your child throughout their daily routine.

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NEWS FROM THE COUNSELOR
Welcome to a New School Year!
I am excited to welcome you and your child to a new school year! I look forward to partnering with you to help make this a successful and rewarding year for every student.
As your school counselor, my goal is to support students' academic, social, emotional, and personal growth in a safe, inclusive, and encouraging environment where every child feels valued and empowered to succeed.
Throughout the year, I will provide classroom guidance lessons, small group counseling, individual check-ins, and school-wide activities focused on topics such as emotional well-being, conflict resolution, goal setting, and other important life skills.
Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or if there is any way I can support your child. I am here to listen, collaborate, and work alongside you to ensure your child has a positive and successful school year.
I look forward to a wonderful year of learning, growth, and achievement. Here's to a fantastic school year!

All About Responsibility
This month, our Dalmatians are learning all about RESPONSIBILITY! Responsibility means doing what you're supposed to do and making good choices.

Check out these reads!




RESponsibility

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1. Responsibility at Home

Children learn responsibility by helping with age-appropriate tasks and following daily routines. Encourage your child to make their bed, put away toys, feed a pet, or help set the table. Praise their efforts by saying, *"I'm proud of you for taking responsibility and finishing your job!"* These small responsibilities help build confidence and independence.

2. Responsibility at School

At school, responsibility means coming prepared to learn, following classroom expectations, completing assignments, and taking care of school materials. Ask your child questions like, *"What was one responsible choice you made today?"* or *"How did you help take care of your classroom?"* Celebrating these positive choices reinforces responsible habits.

3. Responsibility with Friends

Being responsible also means treating others with kindness, honesty, and respect. Encourage your child to keep promises, tell the truth, apologize when they make mistakes, and think about how their actions affect others. These skills help build strong friendships and teach accountability.

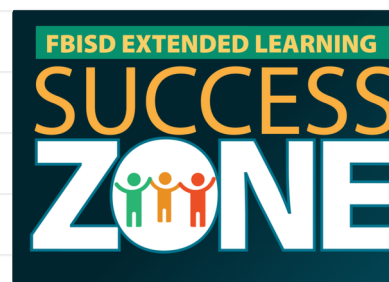
4. Responsibility Every Day

Responsibility is something children practice in many ways each day—from putting belongings away and remembering their backpack to following directions and making safe choices. Remind your child that everyone makes mistakes, and being responsible also means learning from those mistakes and trying again.

Working together, we can help our children develop the responsibility they need to become confident, caring, and successful learners. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child grow this important character trait!

SUCCESS ZONE CLASSES

If interested in having your child participate in after-school Success Zone classes on campus, please see the following information.



Success Zone Classes 26-27.pdf

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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!

If your child would like to write over the summer, included are menus for the months of June and July. Have your child turn them in when he/she returns in August.

Please refer to the August Challenge Menu.

Summer and August submissions:

5th grade: Sahara John

5th grade: Avi Panchal

4th grade: Naya Parikh

3rd grade: Salwa Maredia

3rd grade: Suhani Karbhari

3rd grade: Yuvraj Chadha (multiple submissions)

3rd grade: William John

2nd grade: Jedidiah Ajayi

2nd grade: Olivia Zhou

1st grade: Athena Halageri-Rao (June, July & August)

1st grade: Yalini Narendran

1st grade: Vetri Narendran

1st grade: Elaina Dhukka

1st grade: Isaac John

Kindergarten: Ayla Parikh

Kindergarten: Milan Prakash



August Writing Menu.pdf

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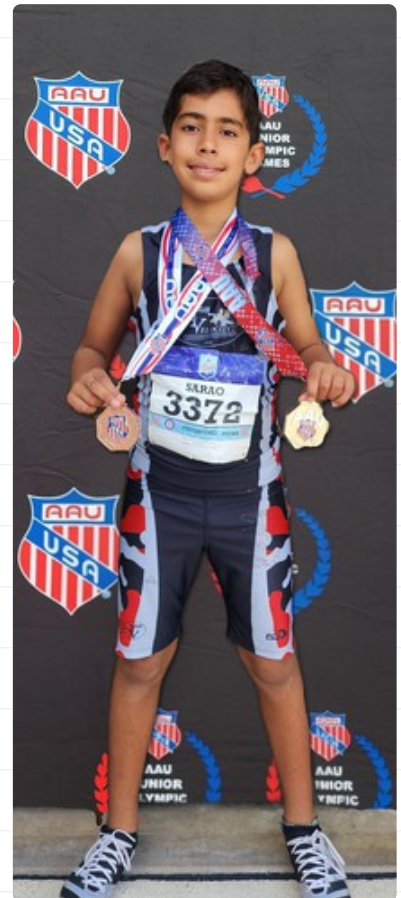
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STUDENT RECOGNITION

Kabir Sarao (5th) qualified through district and then regional trials to represent the Gulf district and compete at the AAU Junior Olympics in Track and Field in Des Moines.

Kabir competed in the Triathlon events (High jump, shot put, and 400m run).

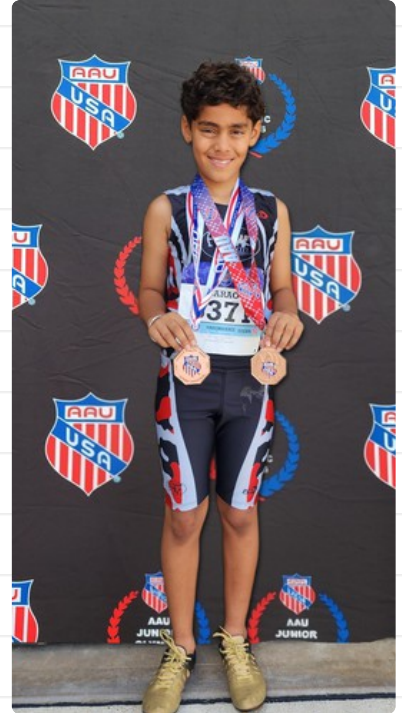
Way to go!



STUDENT HONOR

Angad Vir Sarao (3rd) also qualified through district and then regional trials to represent the Gulf district and compete at the AAU Junior Olympics in Track and Field in Des Moines. Angad Vir competed in the 1500m run.

Nice work!



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.



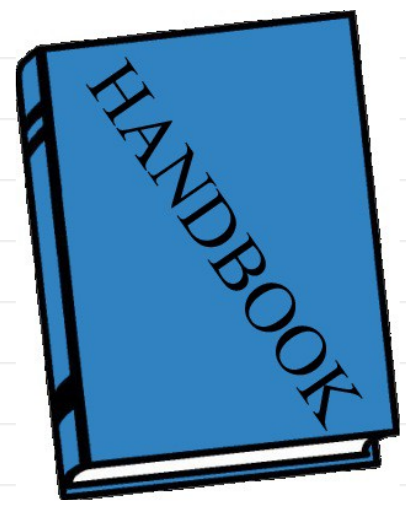
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ASE PARENT HANDBOOK

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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STAFF

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Campus Compliance Coordinator: Vanessa Browning (Special Education, 504, STAAR)

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SAVE THE DATE

9/3: PTA meeting, 4:30-5:00 p.m.

9/3: Open House, 5:00-6:40 p.m.

9/7: Labor Day, No school for all

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

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



Donna Whisonant

Donna is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

