

PRINCIPAL NEWS

January 20, 2026

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dalmatian Families,

We hope everyone had a meaningful and restful Martin Luther King Jr. Day. As we return to campus this week, our students are back in learning mode and making great progress in classrooms across Anne Sullivan Elementary.



Academically, students are diving deeper into grade-level TEKS through reading, writing, math problem-solving, and hands-on learning experiences. Teachers are using this time to strengthen foundational skills, provide targeted support, and challenge students to think critically and explain their thinking. Students are also taking their MAP middle of the year assessments, which help teachers better understand each child's progress and plan instruction to meet individual learning needs.

We appreciate your continued support at home by encouraging daily reading, ensuring students get plenty of rest, and reinforcing positive study habits. These efforts play an important role in helping students feel confident and prepared during testing and daily instruction.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and commitment to your child's education. We look forward to another productive and engaging week as our students continue to Learn, Inspire, and Lead.

Warmly,

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

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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

· Life-long Learner ...curious, seek opportunities to be creative, a thirst for knowledge and ability to adapt to change, academically prepared.

Misty Yu
Avaneesh Vyas
Ms. Crick
Pre-K

Zareen Vejlani
Tegan Joshi
Ms. Roosma
1st

Thea Panchamia
Shane Sultanali
Ms. Polk
2nd

Evelyn Xu
Gyan Das
Ms. Solanki
3rd

Naya Shah
Niyam Chauhan
Mr. King
4th

Emma Yau
Ethan Yang
Ms. Vancampen
5th

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Thank you to all of the students who submitted t-shirt designs for the staff shirt for the 10-year anniversary celebration. The staff voted and a winner has been selected. The winner of the t-shirt design contest is Kavya Pingali in 5th grade. Her design will be featured on the shirt that all staff will wear for the 10-year anniversary celebration.

Congratulations Kavya!



PARENT DRIVE PROTOCOL

As your vehicle comes to a complete stop, older students may open their car doors to help expedite drop-off. A staff member will come over to supervise, but we do not have staff for a 1-on-1 experience when it comes to unloading. We thank you for your support of this process.



VALENTINES PARTIES

Mark your calendar and plan to attend your child's Valentine's party this spring. See the attached flyer for more information.



2026 Valentines Party Flyer.pdf

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HANDS-ON SCIENCE

Thanks to our generous PTA, students will all participate again this year in Hands-On Science experiences in their classrooms. Please see the included information below.



Paws on Science Flyer 2026.pdf

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PARENT LUNCHES

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

February 11th

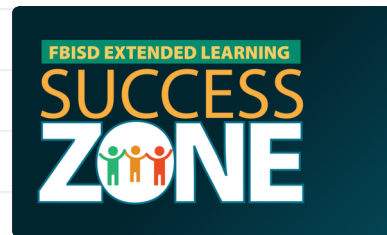
February 12th



SUCCESS ZONE INFORMATION

We're excited to share that registration for Success Zone – Spring 2026 is right around the corner. Registration opens Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., and closes Sunday, February 8, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.

Classes fill fast due to limited space, so we encourage you to register early. Don't forget to set your alarms!



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FSMS NIGHT FOR 5TH PARENTS

If your child will attend FSMS next year, please plan to attend this important evening event.



FSMS INFORMATION FOR 5TH GRADERS

FSMS will be hosting a Fine Arts Feature on Tuesday, January 20th 6:00-7:30 PM at FSMS.

At this event, students will have the opportunity to explore each of our programs in person. This come-and-go event will feature interactive and hands-on exhibits for students to sing, act, view artwork and try out our band and orchestra instruments.

More information is included below.

COURSE SELECTION DATES: 1-26-26 thru 2-13-26.



5th Grade Parent Email Elective Choice.pdf

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GT ACADEMY-5TH GRADE PARENTS

Please see the attached information if you are considering the GT Academy for your 5th grader next year.



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Parent Need to Know About the GTA 25-26.pdf

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4TH AND 5TH GRADERS

Letters About Literature Contest – Open to 4th & 5th Graders!

Does your child love to read and write? The Letters About Literature Contest invites students to write a letter to an author (living or deceased) explaining how their book impacted them. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate reading and personal expression!

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE CONTEST

OPEN TO 4TH & 5TH GRADERS

Write a letter to an author about how their book has impacted you.



Read. Be Inspired. Write Back.

Deadline: January 26, 2026

www.tsl.texas.gov/lettersaboutliterature

First-place winners receive \$300. Second-place winners receive \$200, and third-place winners receive \$100. Additionally, the Texas Center for the Book will give \$300 grants to the school libraries of each first-place winner. First-place winners will also receive a travel stipend (\$400) to go towards travel to the Texas Library Association Annual Conference in Houston in March 2026. The winning students will be recognized in a ceremony at the conference.

Deadline: Monday, January 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. CT

Learn more and submit entries here: [Letters About Literature - Center for the Book | Texas State Library](https://www.tsl.texas.gov/lettersaboutliterature)

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.



WELLNESS CORNER

1. January is Mental Health Awareness - encouraging us to focus on taking care of our minds, bodies and hearts.

Action for Happiness: *Happier January* calendar! Each day offers a simple action that builds positivity, kindness, and wellbeing. These daily acts strengthen our hearts and minds and can make a big difference!



Stay active: 2026 Lonestar Stampede:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/SugarLand/2022LoneStarStampedeTexasExesHoustonChapter>

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

We wish the following staff members a Happy Birthday this month of January.



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



STAAR DATES AND LUNCH VISITS

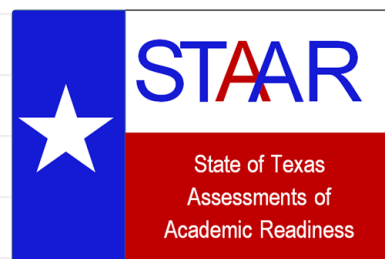
On the following dates, we will be administering STAAR tests. We do not permit parent lunch visits, for any grade level, on these days. We thank you for your cooperation.

February 5th: Reading for 5th (Field Test)

April 7th-9th: Reading for 3rd-5th

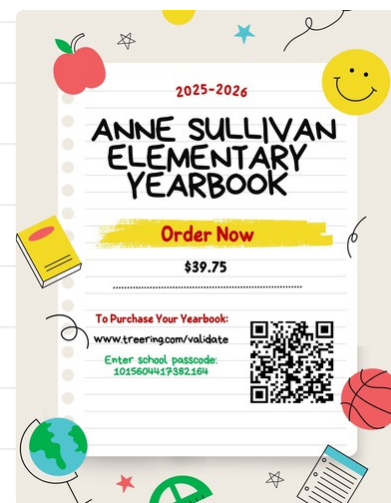
April 14th: Science for 5th

April 21st-23rd: Math for 3rd-5th



YEARBOOK

Reminder to order your Yearbook soon!



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/c2jldifkw?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, we are focusing on perseverance, which means doing your best and not giving up, even when something feels hard. Perseverance teaches children to keep going through challenges,

emotions, and social situations. By practicing perseverance, children build confidence, resilience, and problem-solving skills.

January 19-23

Perseverance Through Emotions

Perseverance isn't just about tasks; it's also about managing emotions. When your child feels disappointed, frustrated, or upset, help them practice staying with the feeling instead of shutting down or giving up. Encourage deep breaths, talking it out, or taking a short break and returning to the situation. Learning to work through emotions builds emotional perseverance.

STUDENT EVENT

Please see this student event below.



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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 January Challenge Menu.

January submissions:

4th: Mira Rangan

3rd: Naya Parikh

Kindergarten: Vetri Narendran

Kindergarten: Yalini Narendran

Kindergarten: Akshar Hari (multiple pieces)

Kindergarten: Athena Halageri-Rao (multiple pieces)



January Writing Menu.pdf

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STUDENT RECOGNITION

ASE Math Masters students delivered an outstanding performance at the Dulles Math Bash, hosted at Dulles High School on January 17, 2026. Competing against approximately 20 elementary schools from across the Greater Houston area, ASE earned **1st Place** in the Elementary Team Sweepstakes.



In addition to the team's top finish, several ASE students achieved high individual placements in their respective grade levels:

3rd Grade

- Anika Patra – 6th Place

4th Grade

- Kaylee Zhou – 3rd Place
- Vivaan Ruparel – 4th Place

5th Grade

- Eshaan Mondal – 1st Place (also 1st Place in the Countdown Round)
- Lakshmanan Srinand – 5th Place

Congratulations to all participating students for their hard work and dedication, and thank you to our coaches, volunteers, and families for their continued support of academic excellence at ASE.

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!



GT

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

Link: <https://secure.smores.com/n/13atz>



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



Tutor List 25-26.pdf

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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://thedriven.net/event-registration/site.event_reg/eid/72921023459



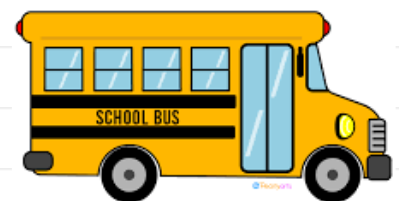
BUS POSTER CONTEST

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.

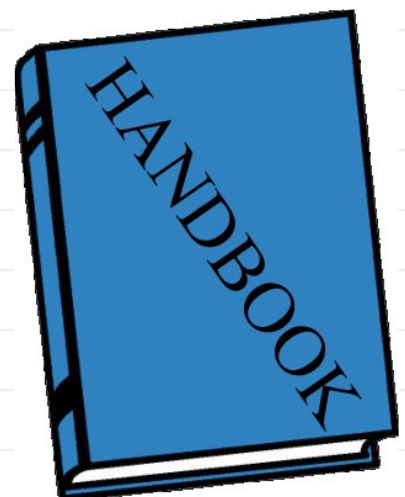


At 2:45 p.m. a Blackboard Connect notice will be sent to parents informing the community of a RainyDay Dismissal. Walkers/bikers will either become a car rider or remain a walker. If your child remains a walker, he/she will meet you at the normal pick-up location. Parents are not permitted to come to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

2/5/26 *No parent lunch visits due to STAAR Field test*

2/11/26 *Valentine's parties, PK-4th, ABC, SAILS, No parent lunch visits*

2/12/26 *Valentine's party, 5th, No parent lunch visits*

2/12/26 *Early Dismissal for Students, 12:10 p.m.*

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



Donna Whisonant

Donna is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters