

# PRINCIPAL NEWS

December 1, 2025

## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Dalmatian families,

We hope that everyone had a restful and joyful Thanksgiving. It is hard to believe that December is already here! As we begin this new month, our campus is filled with excitement and a renewed sense of purpose. December may be a short month, but it is an important one which is full of meaningful learning, special events, and opportunities for our Dalmatians to shine.



This month, our students will take part in several exciting activities, including JA Day, the ACS STEM Day for 4th and 5th grade students, a Choir Performance, our campus Spelling Bee, the Polar Express experience, and a Holiday Sing-Along for all grade levels. These experiences bring learning to life, build community, and create lasting memories that make ASE such a special place to learn and grow.

As we move through December, we encourage families to support strong attendance, daily reading, and positive routines at home. Your partnership helps our students finish the semester successfully and continue to live out our vision to Learn, Inspire, and Lead.

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

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

## 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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## GIFT COLLECTION

We are collecting gifts this week for those in need. Please see the attached information and we thank you for your generosity for those less fortunate.



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## ATTENDANCE

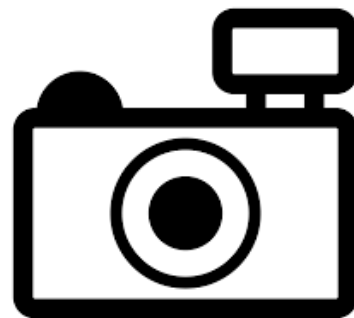
As a reminder, we are required to document student absences, whether Excused (ex: illness related) or Unexcused (ex: vacation). Regardless of how a child performs, once enrolled in a public school, students are required to attend 90% of the year.

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.



## 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.



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## FROM THE CLINIC

Here is important information from our Nurse Peluse concerning student 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



**ASE Holiday Party Schedule 2025 - parents.pdf**

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## SPELLING BEE

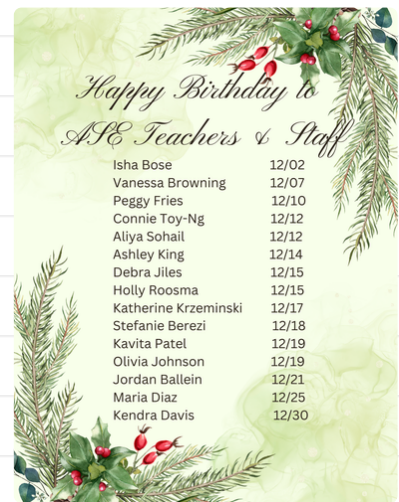
Congratulations to the following students for qualifying for the all school Spelling Bee Tuesday, December 9th. Thanks also to everyone who participated and got to practice and showcase their spelling skills!

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



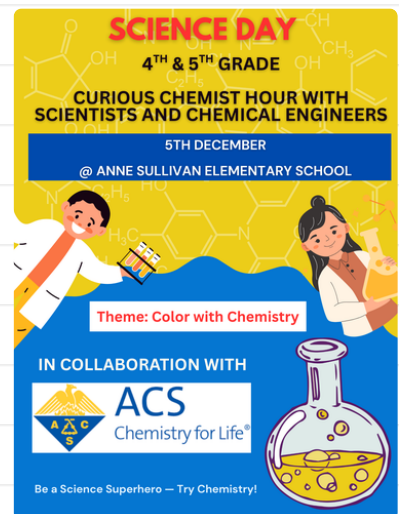
## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy December birthdays to the following staff members.



## SCIENCE

We are happy to be partnering with ACS to bring Science Day to our fourth and fifth grade students at ASE on December 5th



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please see the following information about a volunteer opportunity.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/70A0948AAAB22A7FB6-60075239-shared>



## 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.



## KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

Kids Heart Challenge Update: Thank you Dalmatians for helping us raise awareness for heart health and to those who completed Finn's Mission!

More information coming soon about the Thank You Gifts.



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**KHC\_Family Engagement Toolkit 2025.pdf**

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## KIDS HEART CHALLENGE DONATIONS

Please use this QR code to donate.



## COURTESY PATROL UPDATE

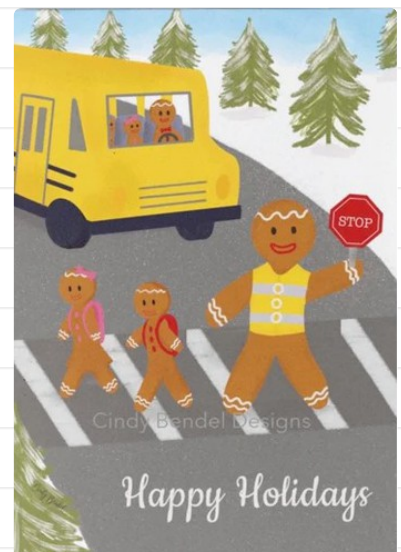
Thank you all for doing such a wonderful job and helping us make it through the first semester. Your commitment and leadership are truly appreciated.

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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## ART REFLECTIONS

Please reference this information if you are interested in having your child participate in the Art Reflections event.

Art Reflections Awards ceremony is Tuesday, Dec 2nd, from 6-7:30 in the ASE cafeteria.



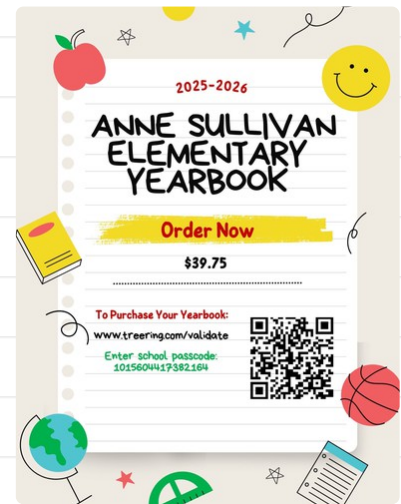
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## YEARBOOK

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](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, 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 1-5th

The Power of Noticing the Good

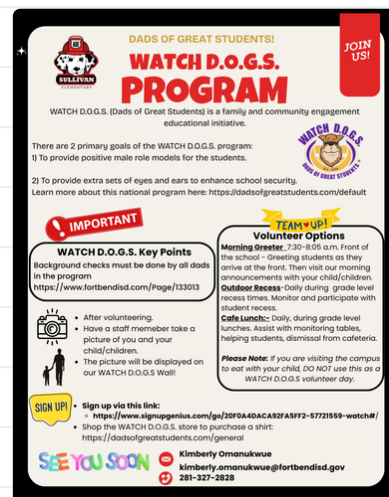
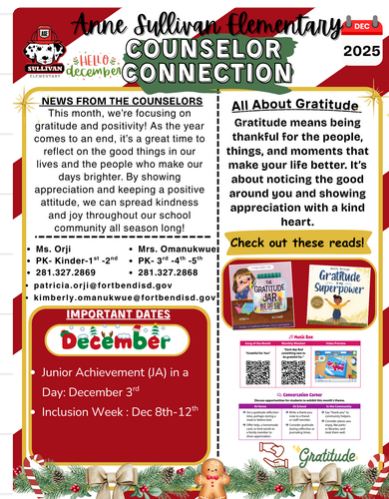
Learning about gratitude helps students pause and notice the good around them. At home, encourage your child to share one thing they're thankful for each day or periodically, big or small. This simple habit builds a positive mindset and teaches them to look for bright spots in challenging moments. At school, students can show gratitude by saying "thank you," helping a classmate, or acknowledging someone's kindness. When children learn to see the good, they begin to be the good everywhere they go.

## 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](mailto: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.

FINAL November submissions:

4th grade: Sahara John



4th grade: Caleb Patel  
4th grade: Mira Rangan  
3rd grade: Kyra Pasari  
2nd grade: William John  
2nd grade: Zara Atif  
1st grade: Gavin Patel  
1st grade: Olivia Zhou  
1st grade: Veeksha Sampathkumar  
Kindergarten: Athena Halageri-Rao (several pieces)  
Kindergarten: Isaac John  
Kindergarten: Akshar Hari (several pieces)  
Kindergarten: Yalini Narendran (several pieces)  
Kindergarten: Vetri Narendran



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## STUDENT EVENT

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



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## FBEF

Community Discounts

Are you looking for a deal on certain products and services? Check out the Fort Bend Education Foundation's Community Discount Program! You'll find deals on automotive needs, electronics, furniture and more! Visit <https://bit.ly/fbefcommunitydiscounts> for details!



## 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/1D196l00UXq39g4xPvmmfuUgyHB8uycf30wjJaxZkIR0/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!



## 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.

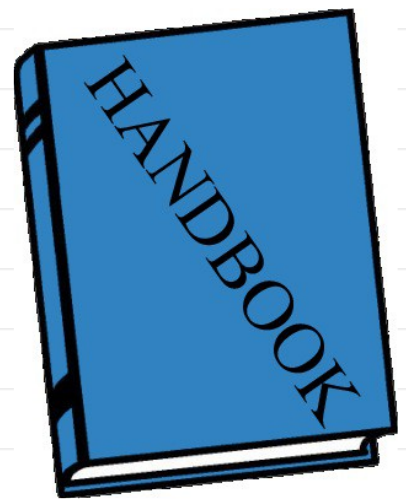
At 2:45 p.m. a Blackboard Connect notice will be sent to parents informing the community of a RainyDay Dismissal. Walkers/bikers will either become a car rider or remain a walker. If your child remains a walker, he/she will meet you at the normal pick-up location. Parents are not permitted to come to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



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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