

# PRINCIPAL NEWS

December 15, 2025

## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

What a wonderful week we have enjoyed at Anne Sullivan Elementary! Our Choir performances and Pit Crew performance were truly spectacular, and we are so proud of our talented students for sharing their voices, confidence, and holiday spirit with our community. Their hard work and dedication shined brightly on stage.



We also celebrated a magical Polar Express Day, where our Dalmatians wore cozy pajamas, enjoyed festive activities, and experienced the joy of storytelling. A special thank you goes out to the amazing dads/parents who volunteered their time to come read to our students. Your presence made the day even more meaningful, and we are grateful for the positive role models you continue to be in our school.

As we head into our final week before the holiday break, we are excited to wrap up the semester strong. Students will continue learning, connecting, and celebrating the season together. We appreciate your support in helping maintain strong attendance and positive routines, so our Dalmatians finish the semester with confidence and pride.

We also want to take this moment to wish a Happy Hanukkah to those who are celebrating the Festival of Lights.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for sharing your children with us each day. We wish everyone a joyful, bright, and peaceful week ahead as we prepare for the holidays.

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

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Recently we named Fawzia Elsaadi as our 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year. In addition, she was named FBISD's December Leader of the PAC. (Professionalism, Accountability, Communication) We are truly fortunate to have her working at our campus! Please read below.



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## PROFILE OF A GRADUATE

### *December 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.



Mackenzie Kim  
Alex Zhang  
Ms. Kreminski  
Pre-K

Anika Mannam  
Alston Lai  
Ms. Proett  
1st

Ellie Nguyen  
Murtaza Ibrahim  
Ms. Hodge  
2nd

Jesna Abraham  
Ayaan Shivji  
Ms. Rey

3rd

Cassidy Cruz

Nyel Idrees

Ms. Hamlett

4th

Ava Momin

Ansh Joshi

Ms. Trliceck

5th

Congratulations to our Staff member as well:

Ms. Hobbs, Special Education

Delma Hernandez, Custodial

## EARLY RELEASE

Reminder that students are dismissed at 12:10 p.m. on Friday.

Please be sure to be on-time and make arrangements if necessary for this early release day.

**12:10**

## DECEMBER DRESS DAYS

These are our December theme days if your child would like to participate.



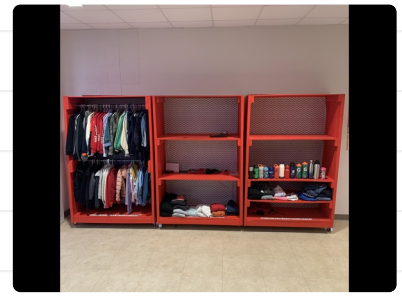
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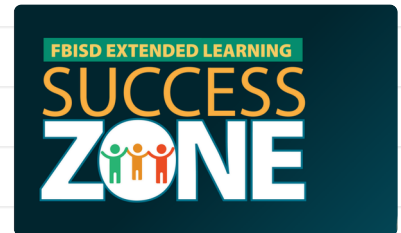
If your child is missing any items, please encourage a visit the Lost and Found soon. Unclaimed items will be donated on December 19th.



## 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!



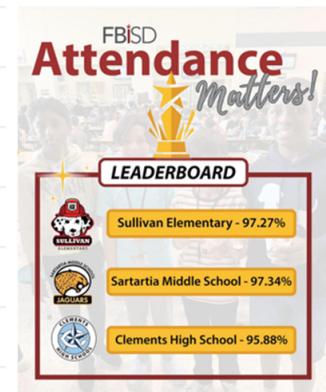
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## ATTENDANCE

We are very proud to announce that ASE had the highest attendance rate for elementary campuses in FBISD to end the month of November. This is outstanding recognition and reflects your commitment to your child's education.



## PARENT DRIVE PROTOCOL

In an effort to expedite the process of morning drop-off, we ask that all students and families are prepared once the door is opened.

*Preparedness includes:*

- \* Shoes on students
- \* Food consumption ceased
- \* Backpack next to student in car and not in the trunk where safety is compromised with a parent needing to open the trunk to retrieve it
- \* Conversations concluded so child is focused on exiting the car

We thank you for your efforts during morning drop-off.



## 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

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's spelling bee! We are so proud of everyone's hard work.

Congratulations to our winner Zayan Wahab who will move on to compete in the district spelling bee in February and our runner-up Krishiv Daram!



## 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](http://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](#)

## MATH OPPORTUNITY

We're excited to announce that the Dulles Math Honor Society (Mu Alpha Theta) will be hosting our third annual Dulles Math Bash this fall! Math Bash is a competition designed for elementary and middle school students to practice problem solving, build confidence, and most importantly, have fun with math.

Last year, more than 400 students from across Fort Bend ISD and nearby districts joined us, and we're hoping to see even more this year. The contest will be held on Saturday, January 17th, 2026,

from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM at Dulles High School, and it's open to students in grades 3 through 8. Younger students are also welcome to compete in the 3rd grade division.

You can find more details about the schedule, the different rounds, and sample problem sets on our website:

<https://dhsmathbash.weebly.com/>.

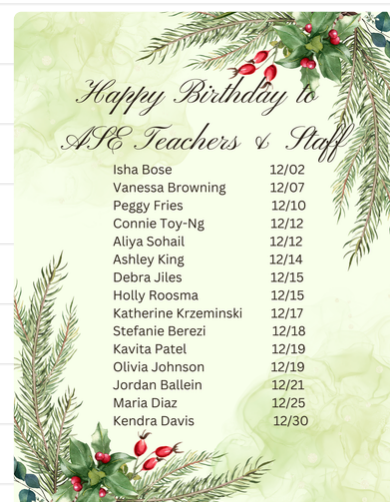
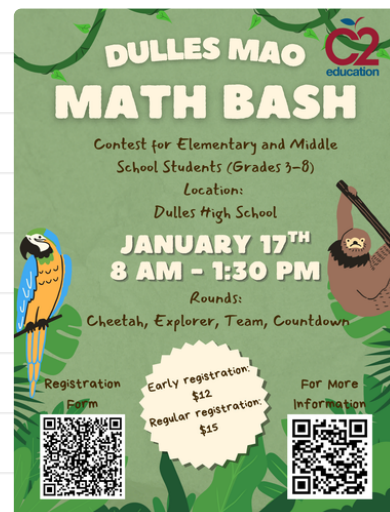
To sign up, please fill out the [google form](#). For early registrars (paid by January 3rd), the cost is \$12, which should be paid through our portal. Otherwise, normal registration costs \$15, which may be paid through the portal or in cash/check on the day of the contest. The payment link can be found on our registration page (<https://dhsmathbash.weebly.com/register.html>).

Most importantly, this event is for all students, not just those who already do math competitions. Whether your children are experienced problem solvers or just want to try something new, they will find an encouraging and welcoming environment at Math Bash.

We are looking forward to another great year of Math Bash, and we cannot wait to see your children there!

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy December birthdays to the following staff members.



## 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.
2. Thank you for your support in participating in the National Handwashing Week! Keeping our families, peers, and teachers healthy helps us all!
3. These great, fun family activities keep our healthy habits going strong during this busy holiday season! Also, a reminder, these runs is another great way to prepare for the **Simon 5K Run** in



February!

Coach Andy Stewarts 30K and 10K Run:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/SugarLand/CoachAndy30K>

Candy Cane Course:

[https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/SugarLand/CandyCaneCourseHouston?afit\\_token=nEo7m2fmm92CgJEun85Te3o6ksNELF8b](https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/SugarLand/CandyCaneCourseHouston?afit_token=nEo7m2fmm92CgJEun85Te3o6ksNELF8b)

For more fun runs all around the Houston area, click here:

<https://www.runguides.com/houston/runs>

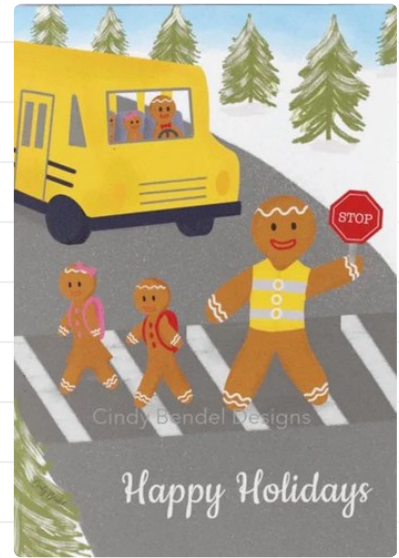
## COURTESY PATROL UPDATE

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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## 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

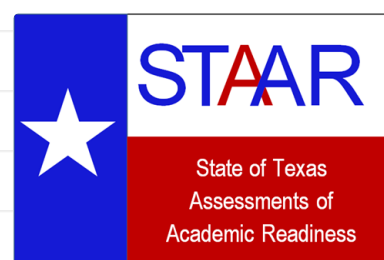
On the following dates, we will be administering STAAR tests. We do not permit parent lunch visits, for any grade level, on these days. We thank you for your cooperation.

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

April 7-9: 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](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 15-19th

### Gratitude in Action

Gratitude is more than a feeling, it's an action. At home, invite your child to practice gratitude through kindness: writing a thank-you note, helping with chores, or doing something thoughtful for a family member.

At school and in the community, students can express gratitude by using polite words, caring for shared spaces, and showing respect to peers and teachers. When children practice gratitude through their actions, they help create positive spaces wherever they go.

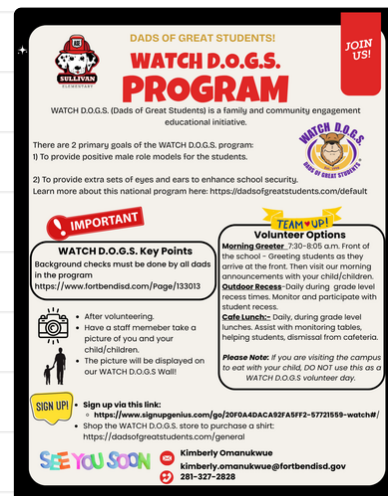


## WATCH D.O.G.S.

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.

December submissions:

4th grade: Sahara John

Kindergarten: Athena Halageri-Rao, multiple pieces

1st grade: Sunny Liu



December Writing Menu.pdf

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## FBEF

Save up to 20% on NUTCRACKER! tickets with Code "BEND" – tickets and details at

<https://www.smartfinancialcentre.net/events/nutcracker-magical-christmas-ballet/>.



## 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!



## 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





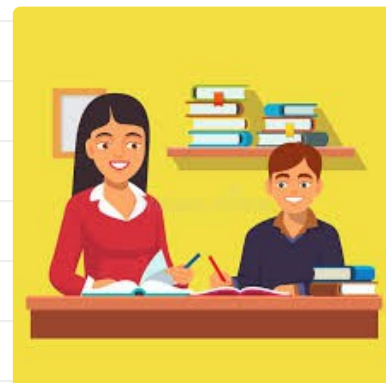
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## ASE TUTORS

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://thedriver.net/event-registration/site.event\\_reg/eid/72921023459](https://thedriver.net/event-registration/site.event_reg/eid/72921023459)



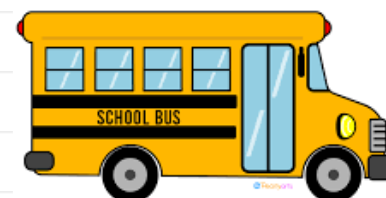
## BUS POSTER CONTEST

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.







## 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.

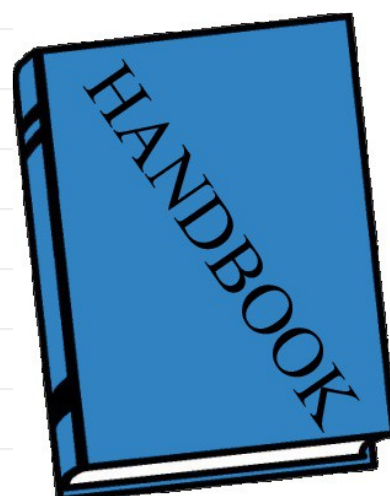


All other students going home on buses, in cars, or daycare vans will not have a change in dismissal.

## 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

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

1/8/2026 Students Return to School



**Donna Whisonant**

Donna is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters