

PRINCIPAL NEWS

November 10, 2025

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Dalmatian Families,

As we begin a new week and embrace the month of November, our campus is filled with gratitude, excitement, and a deep sense of purpose. This time of year reminds us to slow down, reflect on what we're thankful for, and celebrate the many ways our students continue to grow, learn, and lead each day.

This week, we are especially proud to honor our veterans. At Anne Sullivan Elementary, we recognize the courage, sacrifice, and dedication of the men and women who have served our country. Their commitment to protecting our freedoms serves as a powerful example of leadership and service...values we strive to instill in our Dalmatians every day. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all our ASE family members who have served or are currently serving. Thank you for your bravery and selflessness.



In classrooms across ASE, students are engaging in meaningful learning experiences that encourage curiosity, kindness, and perseverance. As we move through the second nine weeks, we're continuing to emphasize strong attendance, consistent effort, and daily reading habits that help our students thrive academically and socially.

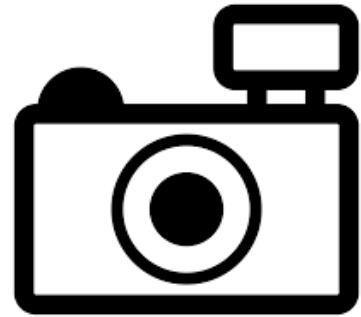
As we move toward the Thanksgiving season, we are filled with gratitude for our incredible staff, students, and families. Your partnership and support make a lasting impact on our school community, helping every Dalmatian Learn, Inspire, and Lead.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week ahead as we continue to learn, celebrate, and honor those who serve.

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

STUDENT PICTURES

Fall picture retakes and group photos have been rescheduled to December 10th.



DADD

We are working with our ASE dads to create an even safer environment in the mornings for our students coming to school. Dropping your child off for school is only to occur in Parent Drive. Cars that are allowing their children to exit next to a curb near our Crosswalk area are not following school safety protocols. We thank our dads who have been able to serve in the mornings.



VETERANS DAY

On November 11th we will be celebrating Veteran's Day at ASE. We would love to honor the veterans in our ASE family. If you are a veteran, we invite you to come walk in our parade and join us for brunch immediately after. You can sign up for the parade using the sign-up genius in the flyer.

All students are encouraged to wear red, white and/or blue on this day.



If you have a veteran in your family, please help us honor them by creating a poster for our honor wall. See attachments for more information.

All posters need to be turned in by Friday, November 7th.



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NOVEMBER PROFILE OF A GRADUATE

A Fort Bend ISD Graduate has a rigorous academic foundation, strong character, and is...

- Equipped with Skills for Life ...equipped with skills for life.
- Servant Leader ...a servant leader.
- Effective Communicator ...an effective communicator.
- Critical Thinker ...a critical thinker.
- Compassionate Citizen ...a compassionate citizen.
- Collaborative Team Member ...a collaborative team member.
- Life-long Learner ...a life-long learner.

Congratulations to:

Athena Halageri-Rao

Akshar Hari

Ms. Ivory, Kindergarten

Amelia Tan

Anand Trivedi

Ms. Patel, 1st grade

Diya Patel

Landon Lacap

Ms. Hampton, 2nd grade

Sofia Laberge

Adam Abu Al Rub

Ms. Nickerson, 3rd grade

Avi Panchal

Rithik Adams

Ms. Fries, 4th grade

Mila Hernandez

Ayden Guo



Staff Winners:

Ms. Ivory, Kindergarten
Ms. Payne, 4th grade

PARENT DRIVE REMINDERS

In an effort to expedite the line while maintaining the most safe environment, we ask that you are mindful of the following tips when dropping your child off in the morning.

1. Your child should be ready to unload with all school materials in hand.
2. All conversations must end when we open the door. If you attempt to talk with your child as he/she is walking down the sidewalk, this can create a very unsafe experience.
3. Respectfully merge with other drivers to form one line prior to the bend in the Parent Drive Circle.



PE CORNER

1. This month, we're highlighting the "Action for Happiness" 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!

Also, cooler weather is here! Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for PE. Staying prepared keeps PE fun and safe for all!



KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

Thank you for helping us raise awareness for heart health! There's still time to register and complete Finn's Mission and learn hands-only CPR.



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KIDS HEART CHALLENGE DONATIONS

Please use this QR code to donate.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy November Birthdays to our ASE staff members.



PARENT LUNCH

On November 20th, there will be no parental lunch visits permitted as our counselors will be doing a read-a-loud event with students. We thank you for your understanding.



WELLNESS

1. Our wellness goals this month center on healthy hearts, diabetes awareness and spreading kindness. Together, let's stay active, eat well and show kindness all month long!

40th Annual Shottenkirk Fort Bend Sugar Land Turkey Trot (November 27th):

<https://sugarlandturkeytrot.com>

Run Houston! Sugar Land Santa Run (December 6th):

<https://txruns.com/sugarland5k10k>



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.



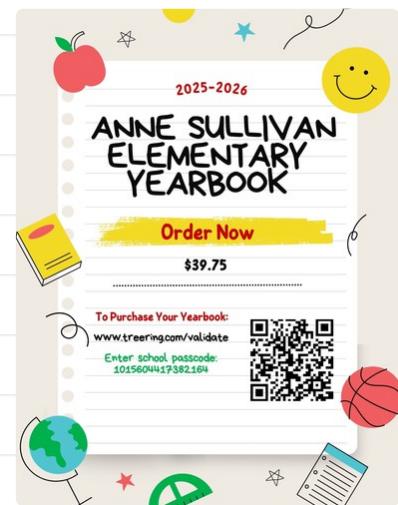
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YEARBOOK

Reminder to order your Yearbook soon!



SPELLING BEE

It's that time of year again for ASE's Spelling Bee. Students in grades 3-5 have the opportunity to showcase their spelling skills. Please see attached documents and the library schoology course for more information.

Classroom spelling tests will be given Thursday, November 13th during the students' ELA block.



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Spelling Bee Home Letter #1.pdf

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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

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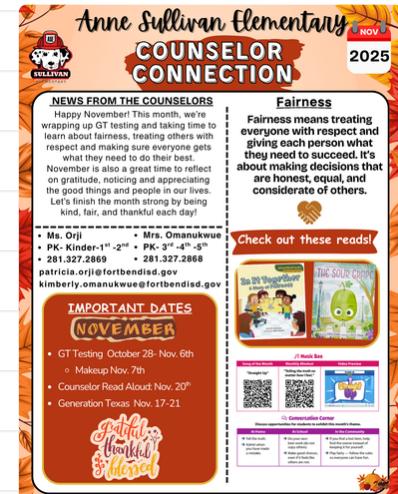
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COUNSELOR CORNER

November 10th-14th

Justice means doing what's right and standing up for others. Encourage your child to use their voice kindly—whether that's inviting someone to play, telling a teacher when something feels unfair, or showing courage when they see someone left out. Remind them that fairness and kindness help make our school and world a better place for everyone.



STUDENT RECOGNITION

The ASE Math Masters finished in 2nd place during the Team Sweepstakes at the Math League November Qualifying Round of the Great Houston Area, hosted at The Honor Roll School on November 8th.

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the Math League Gulf District Championship in April, 2026:

3rd Grade:

Anika Patra (3rd place)

4th Grade:

Kaylee Zhou

Jonathan Chiang

Marcus Tu

Kai Osmomonov

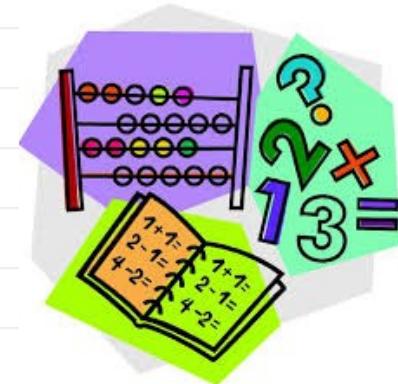
5th Grade:

Eshaan Mondal (3rd place)

Ayden Guo

Naoki Hotta

Nicholas Ma



UPCOMING SPIRIT NIGHTS

Attached are the flyers for upcoming spirit nights.

Nov 17- Chick-Fil-A



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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 November Challenge Menu.



November submissions:

4th grade: Sahara John

2nd grade: William John

Kindergarten: Athena Halageri-Rao (several pieces)

Kindergarten: Isaac John



November Writing Menu.pdf

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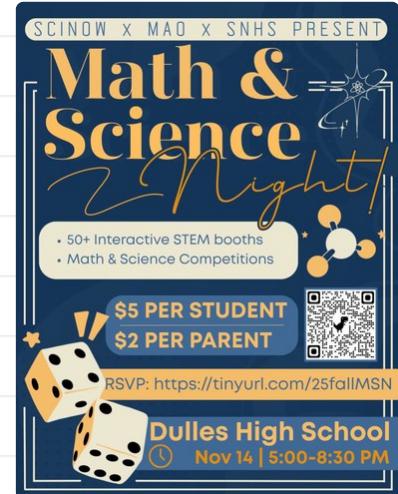
The August Edition of the Gifted and Talented newsletter is now available. [GT September Newsletter](#)



Student Event

Dulles MAO, Dulles SciNOW, and Dulles Science National Honor Society are excited to announce our 5th Annual Math and Science Night at Dulles High School (550 Dulles Ave, Sugar Land, TX 77478) on Friday, November 14th, 2025, from 5:00 – 8:30 PM.

Our event is a wonderful opportunity for elementary and middle school students to explore the exciting world of science, technology, engineering, and math through fun, hands-on learning experiences. Last year's event welcomed hundreds of students, and this year will be bigger and better!



We plan to have a night full of STEM-filled fun, featuring:

- 50+ Interactive Booths covering topics from biology, chemistry, and physics to robotics and math, each with engaging mini-lessons and hands-on activities like mouse trap cars, slime, and oobleck.
- Math and Science Competitions that allow students to challenge themselves and win exciting prizes such as legos and more!
- Live Demonstrations and Experiments that bring science and math concepts to life.

100% of proceeds will go toward charity, helping support children and families.

Tickets are \$5 per child and \$2 per parent.

Parents who would like to attend are kindly asked to RSVP here: [2025 Fall Math & Science Night RSVP](#)

Here is the payment link for the event: [Revtrak Payment](#)

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/1D196I0OUXq39g4xPvmmfuUgyHB8uycf30wjJaxZk1R0/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.

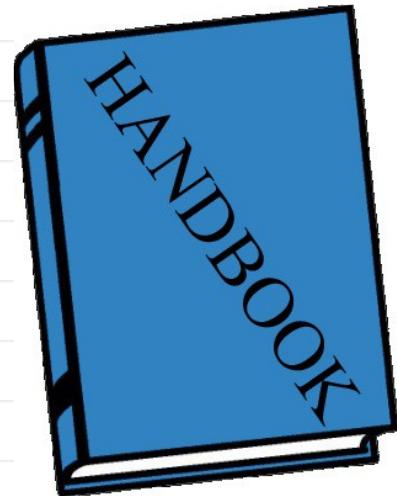


At 2:45 p.m. a Blackboard Connect notice will be sent to parents informing the community of a Rainy Day Dismissal. Walkers/bikers will either become a car rider or remain a walker. If your child remains a walker, he/she will meet you at the normal pick-up location. Parents are not permitted to come to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

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

11/11: Veterans Day, wear red, white and blue

11/20: PreK-5: No parent lunch visits

11/24-11/28: Thanksgiving Holiday for all

12/10: Group pictures and Fall Retakes



Donna Whisonant

Donna is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters