Principal News

October 26, 2026

Principal Message



Dear Dalmatian Families,
We have an exciting week ahead at Anne Sullivan Elementary! October has been filled with wonderful learning opportunities, and we are looking forward to celebrating several special events with our students and families. It is hard to believe we are already approaching the end of October!

This week is Red Ribbon Week! This is a special time for our students to learn about the importance of making healthy choices, showing kindness, and living a positive, drug-free life. Throughout the week, we will celebrate making good decisions and encourage our Dalmatians to be the best versions of themselves. We look forward to seeing our students participate in the fun activities and dress-up days planned for the week!

We are also excited about our upcoming Book Fair. There is nothing better than seeing our students develop a love for reading and discover new books that spark their imagination. We encourage our families to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to help build excitement around reading. Thank you for supporting our library and helping us inspire a lifelong love of books!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 31, for our Fall Festival! We are looking forward to a fun-filled event with our Dalmatian families. Our Fall Festival is always a wonderful opportunity to bring our school community together for laughter, excitement, and special memories. We hope to see everyone there as we celebrate the fall season together!

A special thank you to our amazing PTA, volunteers, and staff members who give so much of their time to make these events possible. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive school community. Your dedication and generosity help make ASE a special place for our students.

As a reminder, parent lunch visits are welcome on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesdays remain our designated non-visitor lunch days. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We are looking forward to a fantastic week filled with learning, reading, school spirit, and fun! Together, we continue to Make Our Mark and

create wonderful memories for our Dalmatians.

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

Profile of a Graduate



Congratulations to our October Profile of a Graduate Leaders at ASE!
Students are nominated based on the Fort Bend ISD Profile of a Graduate strategic plan:
Equipped with skills for life
A servant leader
An effective communicator
A critical thinker
A compassionate citizen
A collaborative team member
A life-long learner

Charlotte Mathew
Avaneesh Vyas
Ms. Tom
K

Elaina Dhukka
Maison Kim
Ms. Anderson
1

Thanvi Ravishankar
Ayaan Gaur
Ms. Solanki
2

Zara Atif
Murtaza Ibrahim
Ms. Larson
3

Adeola KUFORJI
Nevin Joseph
Ms. Fries
4

Naina Kumar
Deren Duan
Ms. Giannetti
5

Staff Winners: Mr. Parker and Ms. Omanukwue

PTA

The PTA will be hosting an exciting auction at the Fall Festival featuring exclusive experiences you won't want to miss. Stop by (or visit the website) and place a bid! Don't miss your chance to win something special while supporting our school!



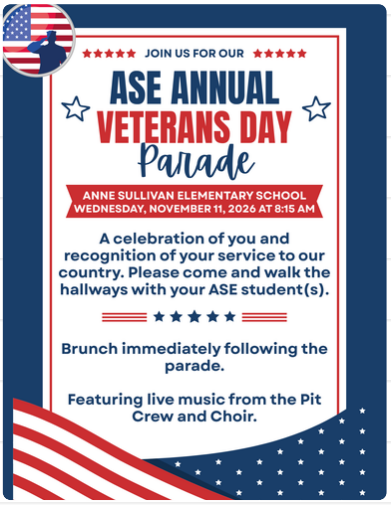
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Calling All Veterans

On November 11th @ 8:15 a.m. we will hold our annual Veterans Day parade and brunch honoring those who have served our country. This *student-only* parade has been a long-standing ASE tradition and well embraced by all.

A S*ign-up Genius link is forthcoming* so that we will have an accurate count of how many Veterans may be joining us for the parade and brunch afterward.

Additionally, see the below information about the Honor Wall that we will create to honor their service as well.



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Art Reflections

Art Reflections 2026-2027

Theme: What My Culture Means to Me
Deadline: Nov. 4th, 2026
Complete Google Form for each entry:
https://forms.gle/ZAz2zUQSfnRY6Yt28
Questions? Please contact: artreflections@annesullivanpta.org



Looking forward to seeing our ASE students share their creativity and culture!

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Costumes at School

As we look to the month of October, this is a reminder that student costumes are **not** to be worn at school. Our Fall Festival will be held on October 31st, and costumes **are** permitted to be worn during this event. We thank you for your understanding.



Fall Festival

Mark your calendars now for our annual Fall Festival on October 31st from 10:00-12:00 p.m. It promises to be a truly enjoyable event for all!



October Red Ribbon Week

We encourage all students to participate in the theme days related to Red Ribbon Week. RRW is our commitment to being drug-free and making healthy choices.



50th Day

We encourage all students to participate in the 50th day of school on October 29th. Please see the included flyer.



PE Wellness Corner

Please see the October Wellness calendar included below.



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National Kids Day Event

Please consider participating with your children. Registration link: https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/SugarLand/NationalKidsDaySuperstars



Science Fair

1st-5th grade students are encouraged to participate in the Science Fair. Please see the attached handbook and communicate with your child's science teacher.

Project are due 2/18/27.

3rd-5th grade will advance two projects to compete in the district science fair.



PDF **Science_and_Engineering_Fair_Handbook 26.27.pdf** Download 585.7 KB

Spelling Bee 2026-2027

Students in grades 3-5 have the opportunity to participate in the Anne Sullivan Elementary Spelling Bee this school year.

Classroom Qualifying Round
The qualifying round will take place during students' ELA classes on Tuesday, November 10, 2026. No sign-up is required. Students who choose to participate will complete a written spelling test consisting of 20 words. The test will include a combination of words from the Scripps study list as well as words not found on the list.

School-Wide Spelling Bee
The top spellers from each grade level will advance to the school-wide Spelling Bee, which will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
To support student preparation:

- The Scripps study word list is available in each student's Schoology Library Course.
- Students can download the free Scripps Word Club app for additional practice and interactive spelling games.
- Parents, please see the below resources.
- Scripps National Spelling Bee for Families: https://www.spellingbee.com/parents
- Word Club App: https://www.spellingbee.com/word-club

Participation
Participation is completely optional, but we encourage all interested students to take part in the event. The Spelling Bee is a wonderful opportunity for students to strengthen their spelling skills, expand their vocabulary, and build confidence in their academic abilities. Thank you for your support in promoting this event and encouraging student participation!

October Birthdays

We want to wish all of these staff members a very Happy Birthday this month of October.



Fittest School Challenge

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!



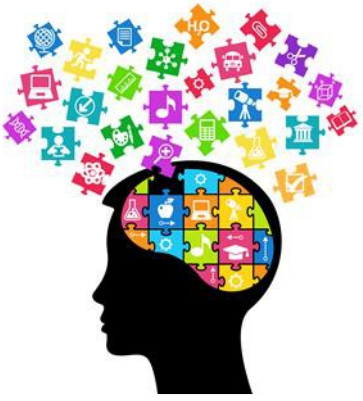
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GT Testing

Fall Testing Window:
Universal Screener (2nd graders)
10/26-10/30

Fall GT Testing
11/2-11/13

https://www.fortbendisd.gov/departments/gifted-talented

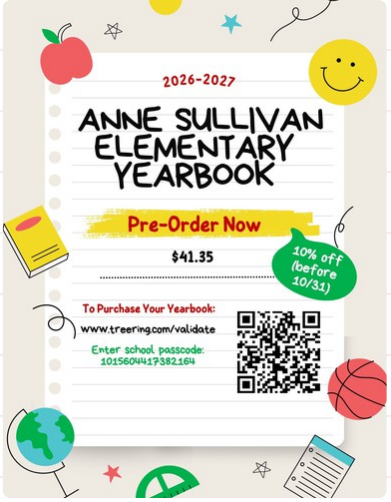


Yearbook Information

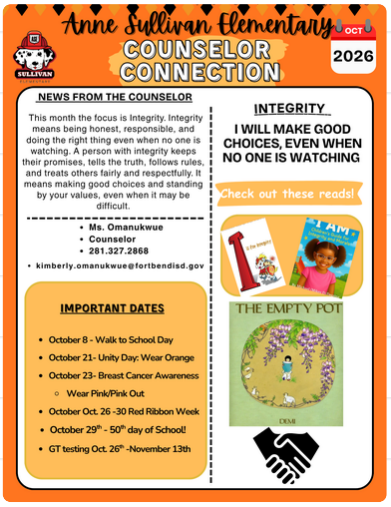
The 2026–2027 yearbook is now available for purchase.

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!



Counselor Corner

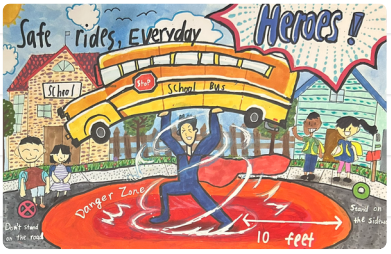


Our October theme is related to growing integrity in our students.

Keep Your Word

Tip: Help your child understand the importance of keeping promises and following through on commitments.
Try this at home: Choose one age-appropriate responsibility your child agrees to complete, such as feeding a pet, putting away toys, or finishing homework.
Practice: Talk about how keeping your word helps others know they can trust you.
Family reminder: *"My words and actions should match."*

School Bus Safety Contest



<u>National School Bus Safety Poster Contest 2026-2027:</u>
From our State to the National Stage! The National School Bus Safety Poster Contest gives students across North America an opportunity to use their creativity to promote an important message: school bus safety.

Every safe mile makes a difference — and every student has a story to tell! The National School Bus Safety Poster Contest invites students to bring this year's theme to life through original artwork that promotes positive school bus safety practices.
This year's theme is
Safe Miles = Big Smiles

All posters must be completed by March 3, 2026, and the Lake Olympia Transportation Department should be informed to arrange pick-up or drop-off.

Last year, Alston Lai, one of our own ASE students, won Division 1 and Best of Show! We are very proud of this achievement and hope to see more of our students participate and do well this year.

PDF **NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY POSTER CONTEST GUIDELINES.pdf** Download 3.4 MB

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!

October submissions:
5th: Kabir Sarao
5th: Sanna Naveen
4th: Jessie Gao
4th: Sanvi Ghosh
4th: Anaya Al Isawi
3rd: Angad Mago
2nd: Olivia Zhou
2nd: Riyan Naveen
1st: Athena Halageri-Rao (multiple submissions)
Kindergarten: Milan Prakash
Kindergarten: Elara Khowaja

Please refer to the October Challenge Menu.

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Spirit Night

Spirit Night at Magpie's Gifts, November 13, 10AM - 6PM
4837 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
Shop and give back! Shop in store or online at Magpie's and mention ASE PTA so we can get 15% back for our school!



Spirit Night

Spirit Night - Mia's Table, November 10, 11am-9pm
15908 Lexington Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
Join us for our next Spirit Night at Mia's Table! You don't have to cook and 20% of your sales goes back to our school when you mention ASE PTA! It's a win win!



Science Opportunity

Please see the following information about a science opportunity for your child.



Dance Opportunity

Please see the flyer if interested in a dance opportunity for your child in December.



Student Event

Please see the following event offered to our students.



Student Event

For the Love of Music is dedicated to helping youth gain confidence with vocal performances by giving them opportunities to sing at different events in front of an audience.

For the Love of Music will:

- Host performances at retirement homes, churches, and community events
- Educate youth about vocal health and performance preparation
- Help youth gain confidence with singing
- Give youth a chance to connect with new audiences



For the Love of Music is hosting an event on Saturday, December 19th from 2 PM- 3 PM and Monday, December 28th from 10 AM to 11 AM.

Location

Grand Living at Riverstone

4828 LJ Pkwy, Sugar Land, TX 77479

If your student is interesting in performing, please fill out the Google form using the sign up link given in the flyer.

PDF **OFFICIAL For the Love of Music Brochure.pdf** Download 1.5 MB

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.

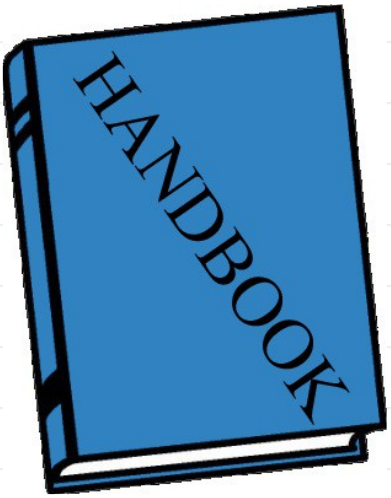


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ASE Parent Handbook

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.

* Cheating update included



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Save the Date



10/29: *50th Day of School*
10/31: *Fall Festival, 10:00-12:00 p.m.*
11/11: *Veterans Parade for students and Veterans, 8:15 a.m.*

Donna Whisonant
Donna is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters