Principal News

November 16, 2026

Principal Message



Dear Dalmatian Families,
It is hard to believe we are already halfway through November. As we head into another week at Anne Sullivan Elementary, I want to take a moment to express how thankful I am for our wonderful school community. Our students continue to amaze us with their hard work, kindness, and enthusiasm for learning. It is a joy to walk through our classrooms each day and see the great things happening across our campus.

Our Veterans Day Parade was a huge success. It was such a special morning as we came together to honor the brave men and women who have served our country. Seeing our students, staff, families, and veterans come together made this celebration truly meaningful. A special thank you to Ms. VanCampen for her outstanding leadership in organizing and coordinating this wonderful event. We also want to thank our teachers, staff, and families for their support and participation. Most importantly, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of our veterans for their service and sacrifice. It was an honor to celebrate you at ASE.

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, this is a wonderful time to reflect on the many things we have to be grateful for. At ASE, we are especially thankful for our dedicated teachers and staff who go above and beyond each day to ensure our students feel safe, supported, and successful. We are equally grateful for our families who continue to partner with us and support the work we do each day. Your involvement and encouragement make a tremendous difference in the lives of our students.

As we approach Thanksgiving Break, we encourage our Dalmatians to continue demonstrating kindness, respect, and gratitude. A simple thank you, a helping hand, or a kind word can make someone's day brighter. These small acts of kindness help create the positive and welcoming school environment we value at ASE.

Our teachers and students continue to work hard as we move through the second nine weeks of school. We remain focused on providing meaningful learning experiences, challenging our students academically, and celebrating their growth along the way. Please continue encouraging your child to read each evening, complete assignments, and arrive at school on time and ready to learn.

We also want to extend another special thank you to our amazing Watch D.O.G.S. dads for their continued support with morning car rider duty. Your time, dedication, and willingness to help make such a positive difference for our students and staff. We appreciate all that you do for our Dalmatian family.

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

As we prepare for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, I hope our families will have an opportunity to slow down, spend quality time together, and reflect on the many blessings in their lives. We are truly fortunate to be part of such a caring and supportive school community.
Thank you for sharing your children with us each day and for making Anne Sullivan Elementary such a special place to learn and grow. We look forward to another wonderful week at ASE.

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

Crosswalk Safety

Please remember to walk inside the designated Crosswalk areas when crossing streets around campus. This reminder is for the safety of all adults and children.



Book Drive

The ASE Student Council is having a children's book donation drive from November 5 to November 18.

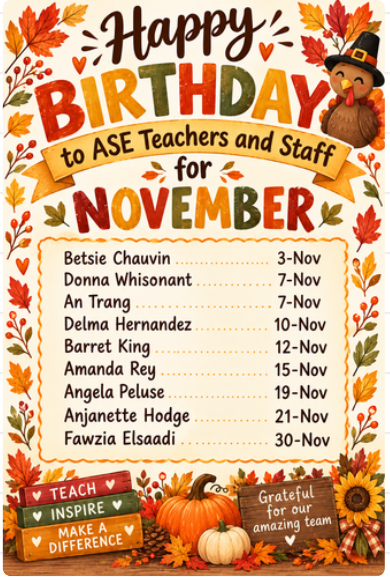


Please donate new or gently used (good working condition with no markings in the pages) children's books in any language from Pre-K to 5th grade level by dropping off the books in the collection box at the entrance of each grade level hallway.

The last day of the children's book donation drive will be on Wednesday, November 18. The books will be donated to the Fort Bend County Libraries. Thank you for your generosity to help out the community!

Staff Birthdays

Happy November Birthday to the following staff members.



Holiday Cheer Drive

Please consideration a donation this holiday season to the less fortunate. Attached is our flyer with items noted for consideration. We appreciate the spirit of generosity that ASE shows every year.

Collecting items: November 9th- December 4th



Holiday Parties

All parents are invited to join their child(ren) for the December Holiday classroom party. Due to space constraints, we ask that siblings remain at home and we thank you for understanding.



PE Corner

Please see the Action for Happiness November calendar 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.



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Spelling Bee 2026-2027

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

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!

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!



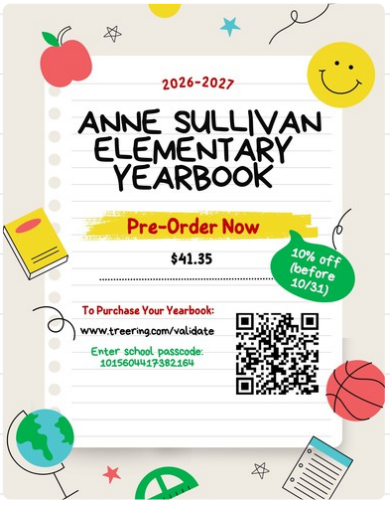
PDF **FITTEST SCHOOL CHALLENGE 2027.pdf** Download 230.9 KB

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

5 Gratitude Tips for Parents 💛

4. Appreciate the Little Things: Teach your child that gratitude does not have to be about receiving gifts or getting something they want. Encourage them to appreciate everyday blessings, such as having a family that cares for them, friends to play with, a safe place to live, and opportunities to learn new things. Take time to discuss these blessings and explain why they are meaningful.

Helping children recognize the value of everyday experiences can encourage them to feel more content, develop empathy, and understand that happiness often comes from the simple things in life.



School Bus Safety Contest



National School Bus Safety Poster Contest 2026-2027:
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!

November submissions:
5th: Sahara John
5th: Zayan Wahab
5th: Avi Panchal (multiple submissions)
4th: Misha Sayani
4th: Siddharth Rayapeta
4th: Azil Tariq
4th: Josiah Dean
3rd: William John
2nd: Caroline Xu
1st: Vetri Narendran (multiple submissions)
1st: Yalini Narendran (multiple submissions
1st: Isaac John
1st: Athena Halageri-Rao (multiple submissions)
Kindergarten: Milan Prakash

Please refer to the November Challenge Menu.

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Student Honors



The ASE Math Masters finished 2nd place in Team Sweepstakes at the Math League November Qualifying Round of the Greater Houston Area, hosted at The Honor Roll School on November 14. Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the Math League Gulf District Championship in April 2027:

3rd Grade:
- Sahil Kumar (4th place)

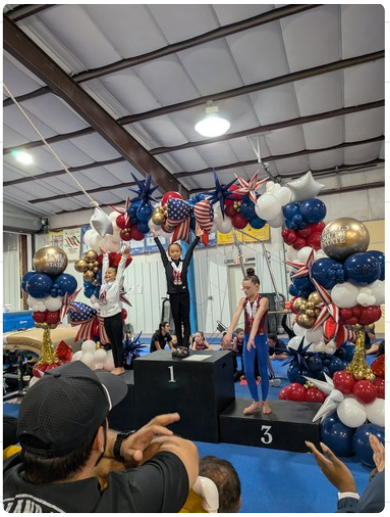
4th Grade:
- Nora Yi

5th Grade:
- Marcus Tu
- Vivaan Ruparel
- Mustafa Iqbal
- Aneel Immadi

We are proud of every student who participated and gave their best effort!

A special thank you to our school sponsors, Mrs. Whisonant and Ms. Mitchell, for their continued support of our Math Masters team!

Student Recognition



Phoebe Lee, a second-grade student, recently competed in the 2026 South State Gymnastics Competition and earned an impressive score of 9.9 on the uneven bars, placing 1st in her event.
Way to go!

Lights, Camera, Create



The 2026–27 Film Fest Competition is OPEN!
You can begin to get your students involved by sharing the flyer and website below with your school community. This is an enrichment opportunity which celebrates and showcases the creative talents of our students, fostering a passion of storytelling through a variety of digital media, including film and photography.
Submissions are due Tuesday, February 16, 2027, at 4:00 P.M.
Student finalists from each category will be celebrated at the Film Fest Awards Show on Thursday, April 1, 2027, from 6:00–7:30 P.M. at Dulles High School's Rodgers Auditorium.
Link: Film Fest Competition and Awards Show

Dance Opportunity

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



Support the FBEF

Save the date and support the Education Foundation.

In addition, please see all upcoming FBEF events noted below.



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Student Event



On behalf of Dulles High School's Science National Honor Society, we are excited to invite your students and families to our annual Math & Science Night (MSN) on Friday, November 20, 2026, at Dulles High School!

Math and Science Night (MSN) is a long-standing community STEM outreach tradition. Each year hundreds of high school and college volunteers come together to transform our campus into an exciting, interactive STEM experience, designed to incite curiosity and promote early exposure to fields in the mathematics and sciences.

The event features hands-on chemistry experiments, robotics demonstrations, engineering challenges, interactive activities, and much more. With over 200 student volunteers, as well as 60+ booths including Rice University, HCC, AOPS, University of Houston, and American Chemical Society, attendance offers students a chance to experience the vastness of the world of STEM. It's a fun and engaging team activity outside of practice/competition involving direct interaction with community organizations, and exposure to a wide range of fields.

Our proceeds go entirely to charity, and after raising thousands last year, we hope to do even more this year with your help.

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
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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.

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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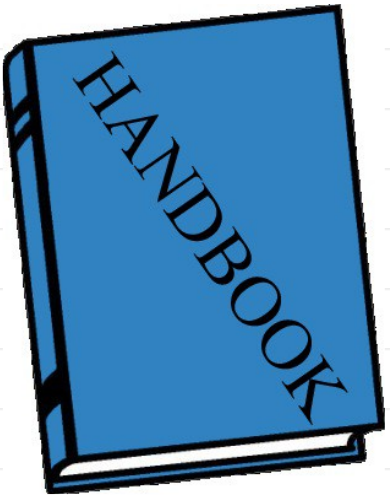
ASE Parent Handbook

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.



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Save the Date



11/23-11/27: *Thanksgiving Holiday, No school for all*
12/17: *Holiday parties, PK-4th (see times above)*
12/18: *Holiday party, 5th & Early dismissal for all students, 12:10 p.m.*
12/21-1/5 *Winter Break, no school for students*
1/6 *Classes resume for students*


Donna Whisonant
Donna is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters