

PRINCIPAL NEWS

September 21, 2026

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Dalmatian Families,



We had another wonderful week at Anne Sullivan Elementary! Our students have been working hard, and we are proud of the learning taking place throughout our building. We have now wrapped up our Beginning-of-Year (BOY) MAP testing. Thank you to our students for giving their best effort and to our teachers and staff for supporting them throughout the testing process. Our teachers will use this information, along with classroom data, to help identify students' strengths and areas where additional support or enrichment may be needed.

Our teachers are also busy conducting parent-teacher conferences. These conversations are such an important part of the partnership between home and school. Conferences provide an opportunity to talk about your child's progress, celebrate successes, discuss areas for growth, and work together to support your child throughout the year. Thank you to our families for taking the time to meet with our teachers.

Please remember that students will not have school on Friday, September 25. Our teachers and staff will be participating in professional learning and planning as we continue working to provide the very best instruction for our Dalmatians. We hope our students enjoy the long weekend!

As we move further into the school year, routines are established and learning is in full swing. Please continue helping us by making sure students arrive each morning on time, well rested, and ready to learn. Every day and every minute of instruction matters.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are grateful for our amazing students, staff, and families who make ASE such a special place to learn and grow. Together, we will continue to Make Our Mark.

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

START WITH HELLO & TURN IT GOLD WEEK

September 21st-25th is *Start with Hello & Turn It Gold* week.

Start With Hello was implemented to raise awareness and educate students and the community on ways to reduce isolation and increase connectedness.

Turn It Gold spreads awareness about childhood cancer.



Please see the information below and the student dress theme days.



Start With Hello and Turn it Gold 2026.pdf

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EARLY DISMISSAL

This is a reminder that early dismissal will occur on Thursday. Please be sure to notify your child's daycare that we will release students at 12:10 p.m. Buses will run on this day.



PARENT DRIVE UPDATE

Parent Drive Do's and Don'ts:

Do: Merge your vehicle when coming into the drive from Winding Waters. One car at a time please. We also ask that you respect the volunteer dads who are assisting with this one-car-at-a-time merge design.



Do's



Don'ts

Don't: Pull into the parking lot and ask your child to exit the car and walk to the building on their own. The parking lot is for those families who are walking their child physically up to the school building and/or those who have school business in the office to tend to in the morning.

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.





DALMATIAN NATION DRIVE

Dalmatian Nation Drive is LIVE!

PTA's biggest fundraiser is back to help fund our school's activities supporting our students and our teachers!

Now it is easier than ever to donate and share with your family and friends to get us to our \$50,000 goal!

Please donate today! Note that all donations are tax-deductible!



DND

Back by popular demand, ASE custom lanyards!! For every student that raises \$100 for our DND, they will receive a 2026 newly designed custom lanyard!

We are ALMOST to our goal! Here is the link to donate!

<https://asepta.membershiptoolkit.com/fundraiser/3511>



VIPS

ASE PTA is pleased to recognize Mauricio Berber, Robert Guevara, and Nathan Rife as our August VIPS of the Month! As dedicated members of the ASE PTA Dad's Club, Mauricio, Robert, and Nathan have gone above and beyond in supporting our school community through their time, energy, and commitment. Mauricio Berber has been a regular volunteer in the morning car rider line, helping ensure a safe and smooth arrival process for students. He has also assisted with teacher recess coverage and helped set up recess equipment at the start of the school year.



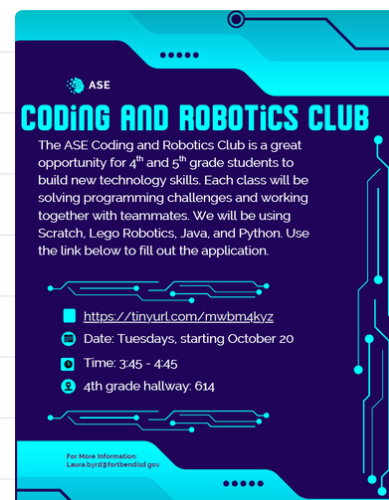
Robert Guevara generously volunteered his time to assist with setting up recess equipment and other heavy lifting during Back-to-School events. He has also stepped up to serve as a 4th Grade Room Representative this year. Nathan Rife, former Dad's Club Chair and current VP of Programs,

has been a consistent presence in the morning car rider line during the first few weeks of school. In addition to supporting various Back-to-School events, he has actively encouraged more dads to join the PTA and become involved in the school community.

These three dads have made a meaningful impact on the experiences of ASE students, teachers, and families. We hope their example inspires more fathers to get involved at their children's school. Thank you, Mauricio, Robert, and Nathan, for your commitment to our school, teachers, and students.

CODING AND ROBOTICS-4TH & 5TH GRADERS

Please see the following information for any 4th and 5th graders interested in Coding and Robotics.



FAMILY PICNIC DAY

In honor of Grandparents Day, please make plans to join us for our annual Family Picnic on October 8th during lunch time. Please see the following form and we look forward to seeing you on campus.



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WELLNESS CORNER

September self-care ideas are shared below. This is our monthly action for happiness guide.



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SPELLING BEE 2026-2027

Students in grades 3-5 are invited to participate in the Anne Sullivan Spelling Bee! This is a wonderful opportunity for students to build spelling skills, expand their vocabulary, and challenge themselves academically.



Parents are encouraged to review the attached Spelling Bee parent letter for important dates and participation information. Students can prepare by accessing the Scripps study materials and downloading the free **Scripps Word Club** app for additional practice and interactive study games. Information, resources, and links will be available in each student's **Schoology Library Course** for easy access throughout the school year. The Scripps National Spelling Bee also offers helpful resources for families on its website.

- Scripps National Spelling Bee Website: [Parents | Scripps National Spelling Bee](#)
- Word Club App: [Word Club | Scripps National Spelling Bee](#)

We encourage all interested students to join the fun and start studying!



Spelling Bee Letter to Parents.pdf

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ART CLUB-4TH AND 5TH GRADERS

Attention 4th and 5th graders: If interested in joining the ASE Art Club, sponsored by Ms. Sharma, please see the attached information.

Art Club Details:

Meets two Thursdays each month

Time: 3:25 PM - 4:25 PM



Location: Upstairs Art Room

Starting in October

Please find the Art Club form attached



Art Club Permission Slip- 2026-27 (4th.5th grade).docx

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CALLING ALL DADS

Come learn about ASE Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of GREAT Students) and how you can get involved at school!

This is a great opportunity to make a difference, support our students, and be an important part of our school community. ❤️

Location: ASE Cafeteria

Date: September 21

Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

17828 Winding Water Lane

Sugar Lane, Texas 77479



Come join us and learn more! We'd love to see you there! 🐾

Pizza will be provided.

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UIL

It is **UIL Try Out** Time!



If your child is in **2nd-5th grade** and loves to perform, complete complicated math problems, write, retell stories, or listen to music critically **please**:

1. View the **PowerPoint** for your child's grade:
1. Use the link or QR code below to sign up for the 26-27 UIL Tryouts. You will be able to sign-up your child from **9/14-9/25**.

[26-27 UIL Try Outs Sign Up – Fill out form](#)

1. If your child is trying out, they will stay after school on **Wednesday, September 30th from 3:30-5:30**. (The time that your child will be ready for pick up will vary. An estimation of when each tryout will end will be emailed to you on Monday, September 28. You will pick up your child from the gym on the side of the school with the teacher's parking lot.
2. **Prepare** your child for UIL Try Outs by viewing the links to the event(s) that they want to try out and having them practice.
3. If you have questions, please email: missy.hochstetler@fortbendisd.gov.



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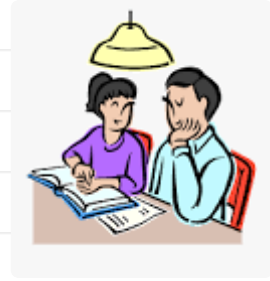
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



PARENT CONFERENCES

Parent conferences will be held from September 14th - October 8th. Your child's teacher will reach out to you to set up a time to discuss progress and performance.



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!



FITTEST SCHOOL CHALLENGE 2027.pdf

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GT TESTING

If you are interested in submitting your child's name for GT testing, please refer to the information contained in this link.

See new attachment about an upcoming parent meeting.

Fall Testing Window:

Universal Screener (2nd graders)

10/26-10/30

Fall GT Testing

11/2-11/13

The deadline to submit a parent request for testing is September 30th.

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



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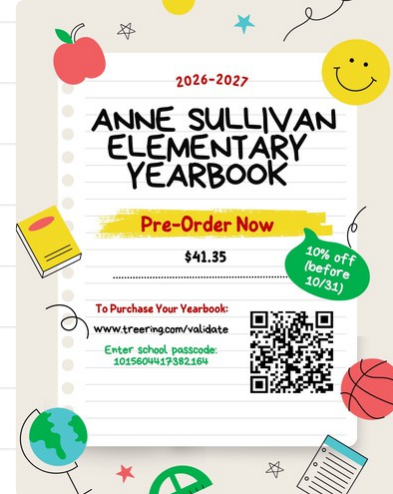
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YEARBOOK INFORMATION

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

September: FRIENDSHIP

Week 1 - Encourage Kindness and Inclusion

Parents can help children build strong friendships by teaching them the importance of kindness, sharing, taking turns, and including others. Encourage your child to notice when someone is being left out and to invite them to participate. Simple actions, such as saying hello, offering to share a toy, or asking someone to join a game, can make a big difference. Children who learn to be welcoming and considerate are more likely to develop positive and lasting friendships.



SPIRIT NIGHT

Chick-Fil-A SPIRIT NIGHT! Wednesday, September 30, 3-8PM, 6124 Hwy 6, Missouri City, 77459

Enjoy a meal at chick-fil-a and the proceeds go back to our school! Make sure you mention ASE PTA and turn in your receipt in the drive thru or inside the restaurant!



SPIRIT NIGHT

DUMONT CREAMERY SPIRIT NIGHT! Friday, October 2, 4-10PM 4734 LJ PKWY, STE 300, Sugar Land, 77479

Enjoy a sweet treat from the brand new creamery in Riverstone! Please mention ASE PTA when ordering so 20% of your order will go back to our school!



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!

September submissions:

5th: Avi Panchal (multiple)

5th: Kabir Sarao

4th: Azil Tariq

4th: Naya Parikh

2nd: Zayna Smith

2nd: Fiora Long

2nd: Daniel Balderrama Brondani

2nd: Phoebe Lee

2nd: Aiza Falak

2nd: Olivia Zhou

2nd: Azia Momin (multiple)

1st: Athena Halageri-Rao (multiple submissions)

1st: Gracie Lau

1st: Isabelle Mathew

Kindergarten: Olivia Balderrama Brondani

Kindergarten: Milan Prakash

Kindergarten: Diya Kulkarni

Kindergarten: Ayla Parikh

Please refer to the September Challenge Menu.



September Writing Menu.pdf

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SCIENCE OPPORTUNITY

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



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.



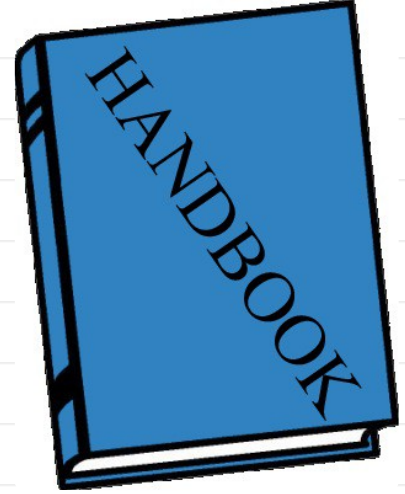
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ASE PARENT HANDBOOK

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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Principal: Donna Whisonant

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Campus Compliance Coordinator: Ginger Humphreys-Garza (Special Education, 504, STAAR)

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SAVE THE DATE

9/21: Watch Dog Dad Night, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

9/24: Early Release for students, 12:10 p.m.

9/25: Professional Development Day for teachers, No school for students

9/30: Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night

10/8: Family Picnic Day during lunch time

10/8: End of 1st Grading Term

10/9: Teacher Planning Day-no school for students

10/12-16: No school for all

10/22: Report Cards posted in Skyward





Donna Whisonant

Donna is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

