

PRINCIPAL NEWS

May 4, 2026

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dalmatian Families,

As we move into another busy and exciting week at Anne Sullivan Elementary, our students continue to stay focused and engaged as we approach the end of the school year. Classrooms are filled with meaningful learning as students apply their skills and build on the progress they have made throughout the year.



Students are currently working on their end of year MAP testing. These assessments provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate their growth and reflect the hard work they have put in all year long. We encourage our Dalmatians to take their time, stay confident, and do their very best. Your support at home, ensuring students are well rested, arrive on time, and are ready to learn, makes a big difference during this important time.

May 4th to 8th is Teacher Appreciation Week, and we are excited to celebrate the incredible educators who make a difference in the lives of our students each day. Their dedication, care, and commitment to student success are what make ASE such a special place. We also recognize Nurse Day on May 6th and extend our appreciation to our school nurse and nurse aide for the care and support they provide to our students and staff.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to finish the school year strong. We are proud of our students and all they have accomplished as they continue to Learn, Inspire, and Lead.

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

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

This week we celebrate the incredible work of our ASE teachers. We will share daily tokens of our gratitude with them. They are very deserving of all accolades, as the calling to be a teacher is one

of service and dedication. ASE is an outstanding school because of the teaching staff. We tip our hats to them! Please help me in thanking your child's teachers this week!



NURSE APPRECIATION

We extended our highest praise to Nurse Peluse and her assistant, Ms. Davis. They are both knowledgeable and treat all students and staff with genuine care every day. Our health is a priority to both of them and we are grateful. Please help me in recognizing both of them this week.



PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION

This month of May we also recognize the incredible work of our campus leader, Mrs. Whisonant. She opened the school 10 years ago and has dedicated every day since then to establishing a community grounded in strong academic learning, coupled with the social and emotional growth of all children. Let's share our gratitude with her when you see her on campus!



CAR RIDER LINE

We want to thank all families for their patience on Friday in our car rider line, as we had to pause operations due to lightning in the area. We will always act in the best interest of students and staff during inclement weather, thus we thank you for understanding. Despite the car scanning stoppage, we were able to load our last student at 4:25 p.m. We thank everyone for their efforts!



CULTURE, CLIMATE AND ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

This is a friendly reminder to provide your valuable feedback on the 2026 Culture, Climate, and Engagement Survey. **The survey will close at 11:59PM on May 10th.** Your feedback is important and supports our continuous improvement planning efforts for the coming year.



If you did not receive the email, please request a survey ink from Organizational.Development@fortbendisd.gov.

I encourage you to take a few minutes to share your feedback using the survey link emailed to all parents and guardians of active students in Skyward Q.

A survey link will be sent directly to your email from OrganizationalDevelopment@fortbendisd.gov. Please watch for this message and take a few minutes to share your feedback. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete, and your responses will be confidential.

Students in grades 3 through 12 will also have the opportunity to participate in the survey. Only students whose parents/guardians have provided consent for participation in district surveys on the Beginning-of-Year forms will be included.

Your feedback helps us understand what is working well and where we can continue to grow. Thank you for your partnership and for helping us strengthen our school community.

SEPAC

Please see the attached information related to the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee and the May meeting.



SEPAC 4.29.26 Flyer with meeting link.pdf

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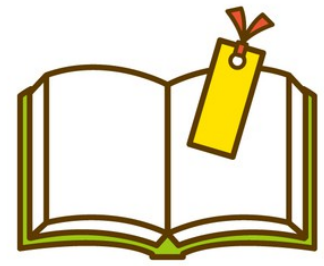
LIBRARY INFORMATION

Library Books Are Due Soon

What a great year it has been! I've truly enjoyed working with you and appreciate all of your support. It has been such a joy serving as your school librarian this year! As the school year winds down, here are a few important library dates to keep in mind—especially as we head toward the last day of school on May 28.

Important Library Dates

- May 1: Last day for students to check out library books
- May 4–8: Library book return period
(All books should be returned on or before Field Day.)
- May 15: Library fines due
- May 28: Last day of school



Summer Reading Kickoff

We're excited to kick off summer reading with a visit from our friends at the Sienna Branch Library on Wednesday, May 20! Their librarians will be sharing fun and helpful summer reading info with our campus during our live morning broadcast.

Thank you again for a wonderful year! I hope your summer is filled with great books, lots of reading, and special family memories.

CODING CLUB

Congratulations to our Coding Club members. We also thank Ms. Giannetti and Ms. Cervates for providing this opportunity for our students.

Placed 2nd in district competition

Navya Shah

Aashvi Neema

Stella Solanki (4th)

Aarohi Dandikwar



Placed 3rd in district competition

Raman Srinand

Lakshmanan Srinand

Eshaan Mondal

Ruthvik Kothapolly

EXTENDED DAY UPDATE

Priority registration for the 2026-2027 school year will open on Monday, May 4 for students currently enrolled in a school year program.

Parents should complete the enrollment contract based on the student's grade level and home campus for the 2026-2027 school year.

A new contract for before and after school care must be submitted each school year, *even if the student attended in 2025-2026 or summer programs*. Students are not automatically enrolled in Little Learners, Extended Day, or Club Excel from school year to school year.

Contracts for before and after school programs are individually reviewed and approved, based on campus availability. This process takes around ten business days, or longer during high-volume



times like in July and August. You'll receive an email when you submit your contract, and then another email notification once the contract you submitted has been reviewed and approved.

FIELD DAY 2026

Volunteers are needed to help with Field Day on May 8th. Please consider assisting on campus if your schedule permits.



MATH MASTERS TRY-OUT

The ASE Mathmasters club is hosting its annual tryout exam for all rising 3rd, 4th and 5th graders interested in joining for the 2026-2027 school year.

The tryout will be hosted on May 21st, after school in the cafeteria, and parents should pick up at 4:15. The deadline for signing up is May 15th.

Sign up link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSen6GJ4iBQzp2DZUgHqpcbp2wCGjiNoXCa15X0-X1R4eg4Heg/viewform?usp=header>

PE CORNER

As the weather changes, we will adhere to the district FBISD weather guidelines. Please dress weather appropriate and send a labeled water bottle each day so they can stay hydrated during PE and recess!



Safety Patrol: Please continue to arrive 7:30-7:50 and end your commitment of service strong. You are demonstrating Student Ownership by being of service to ASE students and setting an example for future Courtesy/Flag Patrollers.

Wellness Corner:

Let's finish the year strong & healthy keeping up great habits as we head toward the end of the school year.

Action for Happiness Calendar: simple, positive ideas to help students build kindness and happiness. Try a few activities together as a family!



Action for Happiness_May 2026.pdf

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VIPS

Thank you to our April VIPs Priyank Bansal and Toral Joshi. We are grateful for their efforts.



WELLNESS CORNER

Please see our May Wellness Corner calendar.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2026-2027

Please see the attached flyer if interested in ordering school supplies for next year.



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AWARD CEREMONIES

Please mark your calendars for our end of year Award ceremonies.



Awards Day 2026 DW.pdf

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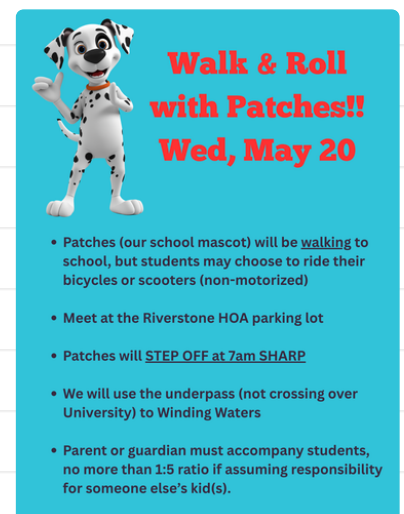
MAY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to recognize the importance of our emotional and mental well-being. Just like we take care of our bodies, it's important to take care of our minds too. This month is a great opportunity to check in with ourselves and others, practice self-care, and remind our students that it's okay to ask for help and talk about their feelings.



WALK AND ROLL

Join us on May 20th as we encourage all students to walk or ride their bikes to school with Patches.



WAIT UNTIL 8TH

There's a reason why top Silicon Valley executives are saying no to the smartphone until at least 14 for their children. In fact, there is a long list of reasons and parents need to know them.

But first, what is Wait Until 8th?

Wait Until 8th is a pledge that empowers parents to rally together to delay giving children a smartphone until at least the end of 8th grade.

After 10 families in the same grade-level sign the online pledge, the pledge “activates” and families will begin receiving e-mails and updates with the names of other families after they sign the pledge. Third grade at ASE is already activated, which grade is next?!



Ready to sign? Pledge here: <https://www.waituntil8th.org/take-the-pledge>

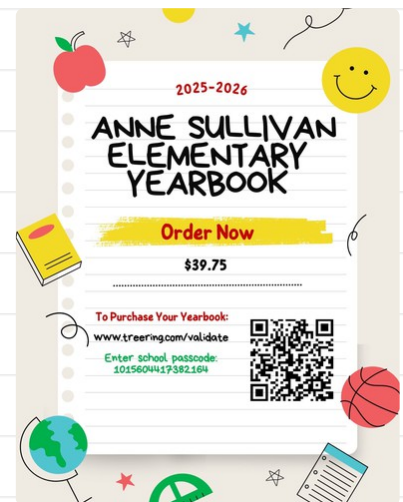
Need more info? See a list of reasons with links to research here:

<https://www.waituntil8th.org/why-wait>

Spoiler alert! Smartphones are not only an academic distraction, they increase the risk for mental health challenges

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/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>



Please refer to the May Challenge Menu.

Final April Submissions:

1st grade: Ameya Routhu (18 submissions)

1st grade: Olivia Zhao (multiple submissions)

1st grade: Veeksha Sampathkumar

Kindergarten: Athena Halageri-Rao (multiple submissions)

Kindergarten: Akshar Hari



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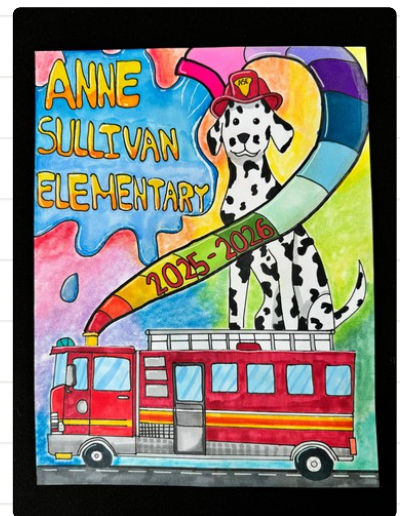
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YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to these outstanding student artists for winning the 2025-2026 ASE yearbook cover contest! Their work will be featured as the front and back covers of our yearbook:

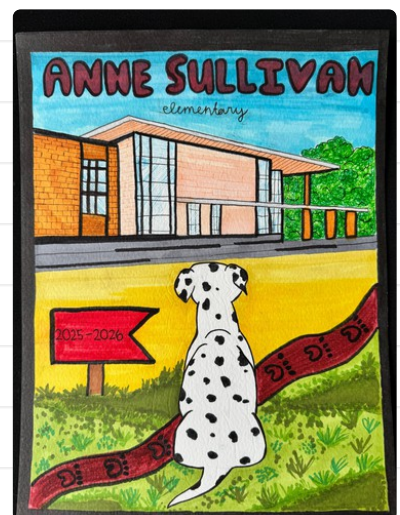
Seen here is Winner: Audrey Lai, 5th grade

Thank you to all of the talented students who entered the competition! Select artwork has also been included within the pages of the yearbook.



YEARBOOK COVER CONTENT WINNERS

Here is our Runner-up, Mehreen Vejlani, 4th grade



SUMMER PROGRAM

As part of FBISD, AIM offers a variety of engaging classes and enrichment opportunities designed to keep students learning, exploring, and having fun throughout the summer. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



2026 AIM Flyer -Summer Camp.pdf

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FBEF

Check out FBEF's Community Discount Program for savings on partner products and services! Visit <https://bit.ly/fbefcommunitydiscounts> for details!



FBEF

Invest in our Students and Empower our Teachers. Support the Fort Bend Education Foundation's Annual Giving Campaign at <https://bit.ly/FBEFAnnualGiving25>.



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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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.

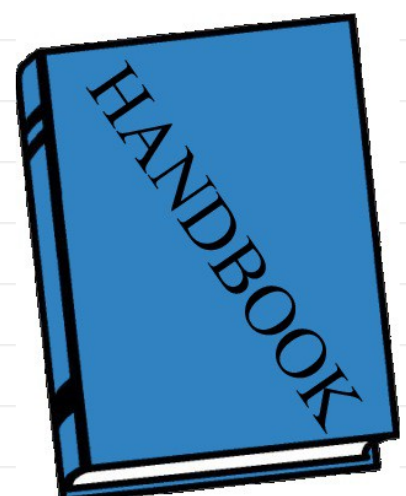


At 2:45 p.m. a Blackboard Connect notice will be sent to parents informing the community of a RainyDay Dismissal. Walkers/bikers will either become a car rider or remain a walker. If your child remains a walker, he/she will meet you at the normal pick-up location. Parents are not permitted to come to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

5/8 *Field Day*

5/13 *VIPS Volunteer celebration, 4:30-5:30 pm*

5/20 *Walk or Roll to school with Patches*

5/26 *Prek-4th Award Ceremonies*

5/28 *5th grade Graduation*



Donna Whisonant

Donna is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters