

PRINCIPAL NEWS

January 6, 2026

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Dalmatian Families,

Welcome back, and Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and joyful holiday break filled with special moments with family and friends. As we return to Anne Sullivan Elementary, we are excited to welcome our students back to campus and begin this new year refreshed, recharged, and ready to learn.



January is a wonderful time for fresh starts and renewed goals. Our teachers are eager to reconnect with students, reestablish routines, and continue building strong learning experiences that challenge and support every Dalmatian. We will be focusing on setting academic and personal goals, strengthening positive habits, and encouraging perseverance as we move into the next part of the school year.

We appreciate your continued partnership in helping our students transition back smoothly after the break. Supporting strong attendance, consistent routines, and daily reading at home will help our Dalmatians jump right back into learning and success.

We look forward to an exciting and productive start to the new year and are grateful to serve such a wonderful school community. Here's to a great beginning to 2026 at Anne Sullivan Elementary!

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

SUCCESS ZONE INFORMATION

We're excited to share that registration for Success Zone – Spring 2026 is right around the corner. Registration opens Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., and closes Sunday, February 8, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.

Classes fill fast due to limited space, so we encourage you to register early. Don't forget to set your alarms!





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FSMS INFORMATION FOR 5TH GRADERS

FSMS will be hosting a Fine Arts Feature on Tuesday, January 20th 6:00-7:30 PM at FSMS.

At this event, students will have the opportunity to explore each of our programs in person. This come-and-go event will feature interactive and hands-on exhibits for students to sing, act, view artwork and try out our band and orchestra instruments.

More information is included below.



5th Grade Parent Email Elective Choice.pdf

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PARENT DRIVE PROTOCOL

In an effort to expedite the process of morning drop-off, we ask that all students and families are prepared once the door is opened.

Preparedness includes:

- * Shoes on students
- * Food consumption ceased
- * Backpack next to student in car and not in the trunk where safety is compromised with a parent needing to open the trunk to retrieve it
- * Conversations concluded so child is focused on exiting the car



We thank you for your efforts during morning drop-off.

4TH AND 5TH GRADERS

Letters About Literature Contest – Open to 4th & 5th Graders!

Does your child love to read and write? The Letters About Literature Contest invites students to write a letter to an author (living or deceased) explaining how their book impacted them. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate reading and personal expression!

**LETTERS ABOUT
LITERATURE
CONTEST**

OPEN TO 4TH & 5TH GRADERS

Write a letter to
an author about
how their book
has impacted you



Read. Be Inspired. Write Back.
Deadline: January 26, 2026
www.tsl.texas.gov/lettersaboutliterature

First-place winners receive \$300. Second-place winners receive \$200, and third-place winners receive \$100. Additionally, the Texas Center for the Book will give \$300 grants to the school libraries of each first-place winner. First-place winners will also receive a travel stipend (\$400) to go towards travel to the Texas Library Association Annual Conference in Houston in March 2026. The winning students will be recognized in a ceremony at the conference.

Deadline: Monday, January 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. CT

Learn more and submit entries here: [Letters About Literature - Center for the Book | Texas State Library](#)

MATH OPPORTUNITY

We're excited to announce that the Dulles Math Honor Society (Mu Alpha Theta) will be hosting our third annual Dulles Math Bash this fall! Math Bash is a competition designed for elementary and middle school students to practice problem solving, build confidence, and most importantly, have fun with math.

Last year, more than 400 students from across Fort Bend ISD and nearby districts joined us, and we're hoping to see even more this year. The contest will be held on Saturday, January 17th, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM at Dulles High School, and it's open to students in grades 3 through 8. Younger students are also welcome to compete in the 3rd grade division.



You can find more details about the schedule, the different rounds, and sample problem sets on our website: <https://dhsmathbash.weebly.com/>.

To sign up, please fill out the [google form](#). For early registrars (paid by January 3rd), the cost is \$12, which should be paid through our portal. Otherwise, normal registration costs \$15, which may be paid through the portal or in cash/check on the day of the contest. The payment link can be found on our registration page (<https://dhsmathbash.weebly.com/register.html>).

Most importantly, this event is for all students, not just those who already do math competitions. Whether your children are experienced problem solvers or just want to try something new, they will find an encouraging and welcoming environment at Math Bash.

We are looking forward to another great year of Math Bash, and we cannot wait to see your children there!

PE CORNER

1. Reminder: As we move into colder weather months, please remember that safety is important, and we will follow our district's weather guidelines. Please continue to come prepared for PE.
2. These great, fun family activities keep our healthy habits going strong during this busy holiday season! Also, a reminder, these runs is another great way to prepare for the **Simon 5K Run** in February!

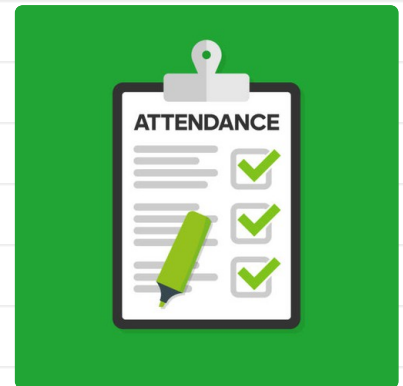


For more fun runs all around the Houston area, click here:

<https://www.runguides.com/houston/runs>

ATTENDANCE

Our overall attendance rate for the fall semester was 97.26%. This score far exceeds the district expectation and is a testament to our commitment to learning at our school. Please keep up the great efforts this spring.



MAP DATES

We will take our middle of the year MAP assessments on these days. All students in FBISD engage in these tests. Results of these assessments are used for instructional purposes.

January 21: Reading for K, 2, 4

January 22: Reading for 1, 3, 5

January 27: Math for K, 2, 4

January 28: Math for 1, 3, 5

February 3: Science for 3, 4, 5



STAAR DATES AND LUNCH VISITS

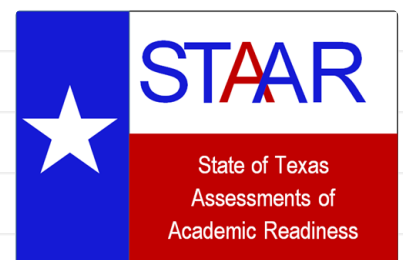
On the following dates, we will be administering STAAR tests. We do not permit parent lunch visits, for any grade level, on these days. We thank you for your cooperation.

February 5th: Reading for 5th (Field Test)

April 7th-9th: Reading for 3rd-5th

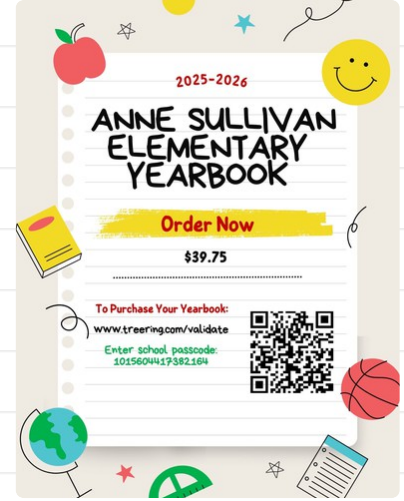
April 14th: Science for 5th

April 21st-23rd: Math for 3rd-5th



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>



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PTA NEWSLETTER

Please refer to the PTA newsletter for all PTA related information.

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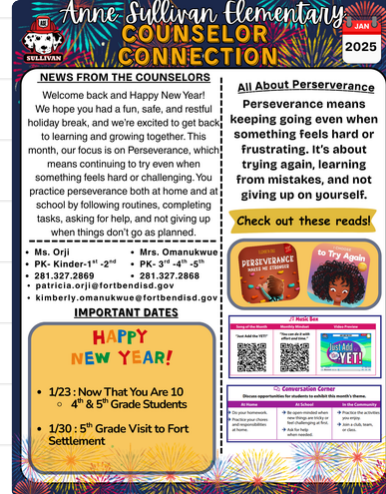
This month, we are focusing on perseverance, which means doing your best and not giving up, even when something feels hard. Perseverance teaches children to keep going through challenges,

emotions, and social situations. By practicing perseverance, children build confidence, resilience, and problem-solving skills.

January 5th- 9th

Perseverance Starts with Effort

Perseverance is the ability to keep trying even when something feels hard. You can help your child build this skill by praising effort rather than perfection. When your child struggles with homework, sports, or learning something new, encourage them to try again and remind them that mistakes are part of growth.



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 December Challenge Menu.

Final December submissions:

4th grade: Sahara John

3rd grade: Naya Parikh

Kindergarten: Athena Halageri-Rao, multiple pieces

1st grade: Sunny Liu





January Writing Menu.pdf

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FBEF

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



FBEF SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for this FBEF event!



GT

The December edition of the Gifted and Talented newsletter is now available.

Link: <https://secure.smores.com/n/13atz>



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





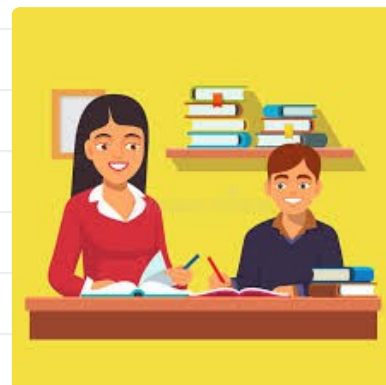
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ASE TUTORS

Here is the 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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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!

Here is a link to sign up and for more info!

https://thedriver.net/event-registration/site.event_reg/eid/72921023459



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.





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.



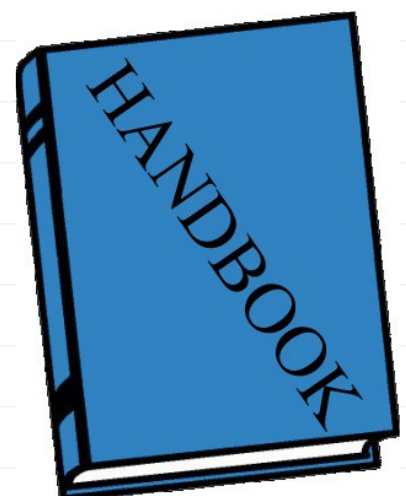
At 2:45 p.m. a Blackboard Connect notice will be sent to parents informing the community of a RainyDay Dismissal. Walkers/bikers will either become a car rider or remain a walker. If your child remains a walker, he/she will meet you at the normal pick-up location. Parents are not permitted to come to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

12/22-1/7 PreK-5th student holiday

1/8/2026 Students Return to School

1/19/26 MLK Day, No school for all



Donna Whisonant

Donna is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters