Principal News

October 19, 2026

Principal Message



Dear Dalmatian Families,
Welcome back, Dalmatians! We hope everyone had a wonderful Fall Break and enjoyed the time away from school. Whether you spent the break traveling, relaxing, or making special memories with family and friends, we hope you had an opportunity to rest, recharge, and enjoy some well-deserved time together. We are excited to welcome our students and staff back to Anne Sullivan Elementary and look forward to another fantastic week of learning!

It is hard to believe how quickly the school year is moving along! Our students have already accomplished so much, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work, growth, and enthusiasm for learning. As we return from Fall Break, we are ready to jump back into our routines, continue building on what we have learned, and make every instructional day count.

We would also like to officially welcome two new teachers to our Dalmatian family! Ms. Kristen Di Vece is joining our third grade team, and Ms. Waraich is joining our first grade team. We are excited to have both of these wonderful educators at Anne Sullivan Elementary! They bring valuable teaching experience, a passion for education, and a commitment to helping students succeed. We know they will be great additions to our campus, and we look forward to the positive impact they will make on our students and school community. Please join us in giving them a warm Dalmatian Nation welcome!

We also want to extend another huge thank you to our amazing Watch D.O.G.S. dads who continue to volunteer their time helping with morning car rider duty. Your dedication, positive energy, and willingness to lend a helping hand make such a difference for our students and staff. We truly appreciate everything you do to help our mornings run smoothly!

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 understanding and cooperation as we continue to follow our campus procedures.

As we return to our regular school routines, please help us ensure that students arrive on time each morning. Our doors open at 7:30 a.m., announcements begin at 7:55 a.m., and instruction

begins promptly at 8:05 a.m. Every minute matters, and we want all of our Dalmatians to have a great start to their day!

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful students, dedicated teachers, and supportive families who make Anne Sullivan Elementary such a special place. We are looking forward to a great week ahead as we continue to learn, grow, and Make Our Mark!

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

Bus Riders

Please make sure that all bus riders are wearing their school badge. All student ID's will be scanned for safety and accountability purposes.



Academic Dishonesty



According to the Student Code of Conduct in FBISD, cheating is defined as *giving or receiving information or help on a test; plagiarizing or representing another person's work as their own, possession of any unauthorized material during a test; copying another student's assignment or knowingly allowing another unauthorized student to copy from his/her assignment; working with others on a project that is meant to be done individually; unauthorized possession of test or quiz questions and/or answer sheets; completing an assignment, test or quiz on behalf of another student; submitting duplicate work; having someone else complete an assignment, test, or quiz on behalf of the student, accessing a teacher edition, or other examples of academic dishonesty. Using electronic devices to send or receive information as described above or utilizing Artificial Intelligence (AI) to represent a student's original work is also classified as cheating.*

If cheating is determined to have occurred on a Major assessment or Daily assignment, an administrator is required to issue an In-School Suspension. In addition, the grade on the assessment or assignment will result in a 50% and noted in Skyward. Please note this district policy is applicable to 3rd-5th graders.

Students in grades K-2 will receive the 50% grade.

Parking During Extended Day Pick-Up

Parents and guardians picking up students from Extended Learning or Success Zone will be required to park in a designated parking space and walk to the building to sign their student out. Parents will no longer be permitted to park along the fire lane during dismissal.



Attendance Update

As we end the first term of the year, our ASE current attendance rate is 97.64%. Our campus goal is 97% set by FBISD. Our recorded data shows our high commitment to all students attending school when not ill. Keep up the evident efforts ASE!



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 Theme Day

Please help us celebrate Unity Day by dressing in orange on the 21st.



October Theme Day

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. We encourage all students to wear pink on the 23rd.



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.



MAP Results

Your child's NWEA MAP Growth scores are now available in Skyward in the Test Result tile. These assessments are given during the school year to help teachers understand what your child knows and what they are ready to learn next. For help accessing scores, please see the attached Skyward

Job Aid for Parents. This year's MAP Growth scores are based on updated national norms. The new national norms make sure your child's MAP Growth results reflect how students across the country are performing today, giving teachers a more accurate picture for setting growth goals.



PDF **Skyward - Viewing Test Results_Parent Aid.pdf** Download 287.8 KB

PE Wellness Corner

Please see the October Wellness calendar included below.



PDF **Wellness_Actionforhappiness_October 2026.pdf** Download 523.6 KB

National Kids Day Event

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



4th and 5th grade students

Please see this flyer if interested in the Makerspace Club.



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 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

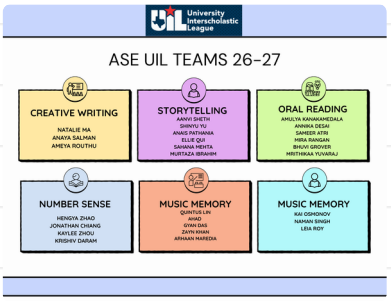
We encourage all interested students to join the fun and start studying!

PDF **Spelling Bee Letter to Parents.pdf** Download 65.3 KB

UIL

Congratulations to the following students for their performance in UIL competition.

If you have any questions, please contact missy.hochstetler@fortbendisd.gov.



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!



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

GT Testing

Fall Testing Window:

Universal Screener (2nd graders)
10/26-10/30

Fall GT Testing
11/2-11/13

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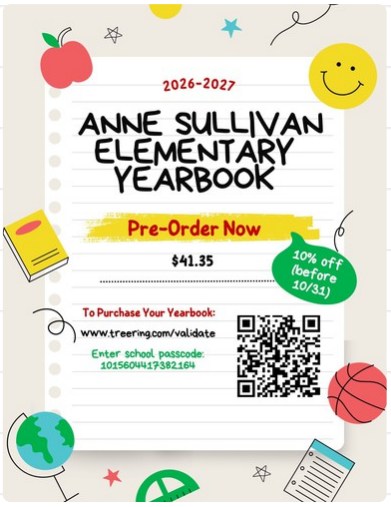


Yearbook Information

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

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

October 19th — Take Responsibility

Tip: Help your child learn to take responsibility for their choices and actions.

Try this at home: If your child makes a mistake, ask, “What can you do to make this right?”

Practice: Encourage them to clean up a mess, apologize, or correct a mistake without blaming someone else.

Family reminder: *“I am responsible for my choices.”*



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:
4th: Jessie Gao
4th: Sanvi Ghosh
4th: Anaya Al Isawi
1st: Athena Halageri-Rao (multiple submissions)
Kindergarten: Milan Prakash



Please refer to the October Challenge Menu.

PDF **October Writing Menu.pdf** Download 3.7 MB

Spirit Night

Spirit Night on Tuesday, October 20; 11AM to 9PM
Local Table; 3434 FM 1092; Missouri City, 77459

Please help support our school by eating at Local Table! Be sure to mention ASE PTA so we can get 15% of the proceeds from your dine-in or takeout purchase!



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.



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.

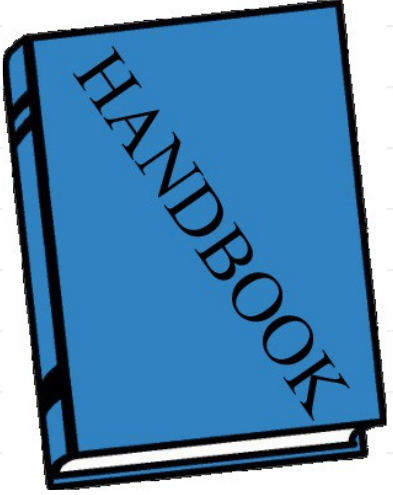


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ASE Parent Handbook

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



10/22: *Report Cards posted in Skyward*
10/29: *50th Day of School*
10/31: *Fall Festival, 10:00-12:00 p.m.*

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Donna is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

