

PRINCIPAL NEWS

November 17, 2025

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dalmatian Families,

What an incredible week it has been at Anne Sullivan Elementary! Our **Veterans Day Parade** was huge success and such a meaningful celebration for our school community. It was truly heartwarming to see our students, staff, and families come together to honor the brave men and women who have served our country. The pride and gratitude displayed by our Dalmatians reminded us all of the importance of service, courage, and unity. A special thank you goes out to our ASE families and veterans who joined us for this special day as you made the event truly memorable.



As we look ahead, we have just **one more week before the Thanksgiving Break**, and our campus is buzzing with energy as students continue learning, collaborating, and growing together. This is a wonderful time to pause and reflect on the many reasons we are thankful...our dedicated teachers, our supportive families, and our amazing students who make ASE such a joyful place to learn each day.

Let's finish the week strong by encouraging our students to stay focused, show kindness, and continue living out our school vision to **Learn, Inspire, and Lead** in everything they do.

We are grateful for your continued partnership and wish all of our Dalmatian families a wonderful week filled with gratitude and learning.

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

DECEMBER DRESS DAYS

These are our December theme days if your child would like to participate.



ASE Student December Calendar 2025.pdf

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HOLIDAY TRAVEL AND ATTENDANCE

With the holidays approaching, we want to take a moment to remind all families that missed school days related to vacations are considered Unexcused. Here are the guidelines from FBISD.



Fort Bend ISD Attendance Procedures

If a student is absent, an automated phone call and email are sent to the parents. Upon the student's return, an excuse note must be presented within 5 days of the absence. If a student receives 3 unexcused absences within a 4-week period or 5 total unexcused absences in a semester, a warning letter will be mailed. If a student accumulates 5 unexcused absences during a semester, an #Attend2Achieve Truancy Diversion Program invitation will be mailed home. If a student accrues 10 unexcused absences in a 6-month period, a referral may be sent to the appropriate authorities.

For more information on Fort Bend ISD attendance procedures, helpful resources, as well as questions about attendance, please visit www.fortbendisd.com/attendance

STUDENT PICTURES

Fall picture retakes and group photos have been rescheduled to December 10th.



HEALTH INFORMATION

Please see the following information about student health during this time of year.



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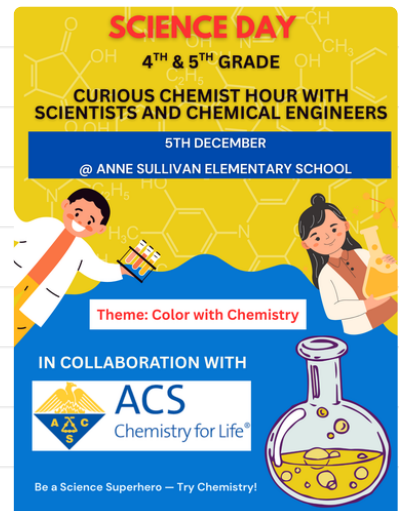
PARENT LUNCH

On November 20th, there will be no parental lunch visits permitted as our counselors will be doing a read-a-loud event with students. We thank you for your understanding.



SCIENCE

We are happy to be partnering with ACS to bring Science Day to our fourth and fifth grade students at ASE on December 5th



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please see the following information about a volunteer opportunity.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/70A0948AAAB22A7FB6-60075239-shared>



NOVEMBER PROFILE OF A GRADUATE

A Fort Bend ISD Graduate has a rigorous academic foundation, strong character, and is...

- Equipped with Skills for Life ...equipped with skills for life.
- Servant Leader ...a servant leader.
- Effective Communicator ...an effective communicator.
- Critical Thinker ...a critical thinker.
- Compassionate Citizen ...a compassionate citizen.
- Collaborative Team Member ...a collaborative team member.
- Life-long Learner ...a life-long learner.

Congratulations to:

Athena Halageri-Rao
Akshar Hari
Ms. Ivory, Kindergarten

Amelia Tan
Anand Trivedi
Ms. Patel, 1st grade

Diya Patel
Landon Lacap
Ms. Hampton, 2nd grade

Sofia Laberge
Adam Abu Al Rub
Ms. Nickerson, 3rd grade

Avi Panchal
Rithik Adams
Ms. Fries, 4th grade

Mila Hernandez
Ayden Guo
Ms. Serle, 5th grade

Staff Winners:
Ms. Ivory, Kindergarten
Ms. Payne, 4th grade



VIPS

ASE PTA would like to recognize Nathan Rife and Yash Mehta as the October VIPS of the Month.

As ASE PTA Dad's Club Co-Chairs, they not only assist with the (literal) heavy lifting for any school event, but they also rally the dads to serve as a positive role model and male presence on campus. In October, they enlisted committee members to set up/break down canopy tents for the

Grandparents Day Family Picnic, to assemble cabinets/shelves that were gifted to teachers by PTA, and to volunteer for the morning car rider line. Most importantly, Nathan and Yash mobilized Dad's Club in an effort to create a safer environment during morning school drop-off.

We thank them both for their commitment to our school, teachers, and students!



PARENT DRIVE REMINDERS

In an effort to expedite the line while maintaining the most safe environment, we ask that you are mindful of the following tips when dropping your child off in the morning.

1. Your child should be ready to unload with all school materials in hand.
2. All conversations must end when we open the door. If you attempt to talk with your child as he/she is walking down the sidewalk, this can create a very unsafe experience.
3. Respectfully merge with other drivers to form one line prior to the bend in the Parent Drive Circle.



PE CORNER

1. This month, we're highlighting the "Action for Happiness" calendar! Each day offers a simple action that builds positivity, kindness and wellbeing. These daily acts strengthen our hearts and minds and can make a big difference!

Also, cooler weather is here! Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for PE. Staying prepared keeps PE fun and safe for all!



KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

Thank you for helping us raise awareness for heart health! There's still time to register and complete Finn's Mission and learn hands-only CPR.



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KHC_Family Engagement Toolkit 2025.pdf

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KIDS HEART CHALLENGE DONATIONS

Please use this QR code to donate.



SEPAC

FBISD's ASE Special Education Parent Advisory Committee presents "Let's Talk", a monthly series to encourage conversations with your child about special needs and disability awareness.

Next week we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Signed into law Nov 29, 1975, the IDEA Act ensures that children with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE). It is important because it guarantees specially designed instruction and related services that allow eligible students to fully participate in their education.

Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

NOVEMBER
50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE IDEA ACT

LET'S TALK

What is IDEA:
The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was signed into law on November 29, 1975, to ensure that children with disabilities have a right to a free, appropriate public education (FAPE).

Why is it important:
IDEA has transformed our schools by guaranteeing specially designed instruction and related services for eligible children with disabilities, ensuring they can participate fully in their education.

Services offered:
Speech/occupational/physical therapy, music therapy, counseling, dyslexia, psychology services, interpreting services, behavior support, homebound, health support, assistive technology, etc

MONTHLY SERIES TO ENCOURAGE CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR CHILD
BROUGHT TO YOU BY FBISD'S ASE SEPAC COMMITTEE
Contact asesepac@gmail.com for more information.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy November Birthdays to our ASE staff members.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO ASE
TEACHERS & STAFF**

Betsie Chauvin	11/03
Anagha Machado	11/03
Donna Whisonant	11/07
An Trang	11/07
Delma Hernandez	11/10
Barret King	11/12
Velckis Vallarta	11/13
Amanda Rey	11/15
Angela Peluse	11/19
Anjanette Hodge	11/21
Fawzia Elsaadi	11/30

WELLNESS

1. Our wellness goals this month center on healthy hearts, diabetes awareness and spreading kindness. Together, let's stay active, eat well and show kindness all month long!

40th Annual Shottenkirk Fort Bend Sugar Land Turkey Trot
(November 27th): <https://sugarlandturkeytrot.com>

Run Houston! Sugar Land Santa Run (December 6th):
<https://txruns.com/sugarland5k10k>



ART REFLECTIONS

Please reference this information if you are interested in having your child participate in the Art Reflections event.

Art Reflections Awards ceremony is Tuesday, Dec 2nd, from 6-7:30 in the ASE cafeteria.



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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.
<https://asepta.membershiptoolkit.com/newsletter/07479-nl20251029082057-014966900-1419831279>



COUNSELOR CORNER

November 17-21

As we head into the holiday break, we're combining fairness and justice with a focus on *gratitude*. Gratitude helps children appreciate what they have and the people who support them every day. This week, try sharing one thing your family is thankful for and one way you can show fairness or kindness to others. Together, we can help our Dalmatians grow into thoughtful, caring, and grateful young leaders.



UPCOMING SPIRIT NIGHTS

Attached are the flyers for upcoming spirit nights.

Nov 20- MOD Pizza



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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 November Challenge Menu.

November submissions:

4th grade: Sahara John

4th grade: Caleb Patel

2nd grade: William John

1st grade: Gavin Patel

Kindergarten: Athena Halageri-Rao (several pieces)

Kindergarten: Isaac John

Kindergarten: Akshar Hari (several pieces)

Kindergarten: Yalini Narendran (several pieces)

Kindergarten: Vetri Narendran



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STUDENT EVENT

Please see the following discount if interested in attending Holiday Lights.



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GT NEWS

The August Edition of the Gifted and Talented newsletter is now available. [GT September Newsletter](#)



FBEF

Community Discounts

Are you looking for a deal on certain products and services? Check out the Fort Bend Education Foundation's Community Discount Program! You'll find deals on automotive needs, electronics, furniture and more! Visit <https://bit.ly/fbefcommunitydiscounts> for details!



FBEF SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for this FBEF event!



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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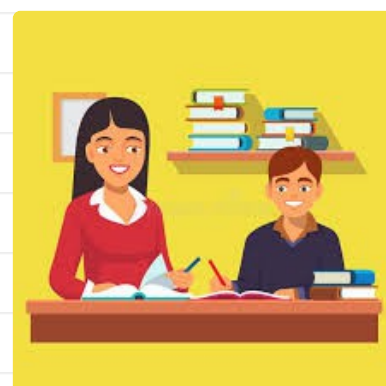
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ASE TUTORS

Here is the link to our ASE staff members who tutor students during the year. If you have any questions, please reach out to the teacher directly.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/0/d/1D196l0OUXq39g4xPymmfuUgyHB8uycf30wjJaxZkIR0/htmlview>



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!



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.



Guidelines and Entry Form_NSBSW Poster Contest.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

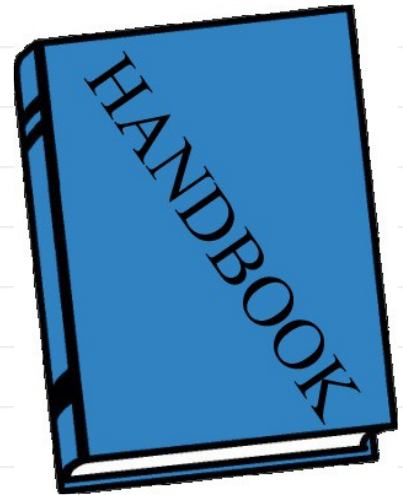


remains a walker, he/she will meet you at the normal pick-up location. Parents are not permitted to come to the building doors or encroach on the campus sidewalks to get their children in the rain. This can lead to an unsafe dismissal.

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.



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SAVE THE DATE

11/20 PreK-5: No parent lunch visits

11/20 1st grade Music Performance, 6:00-7:00 PM

11/24-11/28 Thanksgiving Holiday for all

12/10 Group pictures and Fall Retakes

12/19 PreK-5th: 12:10 dismissal

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



Donna Whisonant

Donna is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters