

PRINCIPAL NEWS

February 23, 2026

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Dalmatian Families,

As we head into the week of February 23rd–27th, our campus continues to build strong momentum as we move further into the spring semester. Classrooms are focused, purposeful, and filled with meaningful learning experiences as our students continue strengthening both academic skills and personal responsibility.



Across grade levels, students are engaging in rigorous instruction aligned to grade-level standards. In reading and writing, learners are analyzing texts, strengthening comprehension, and developing thoughtful written responses supported with evidence. In mathematics, students are applying problem-solving strategies, explaining their reasoning, and building fluency with foundational skills. Teachers are using student data to guide instruction, provide targeted small-group support, and extend learning opportunities.

This is an important time in the school year as we prepare students for upcoming assessments and end-of-year goals. Consistent attendance, daily reading, and focused effort on assignments will help students continue building confidence and mastery. We encourage families to reinforce positive study habits and structured routines at home to support success.

We will also celebrate Go Texan Day on Friday, and students are invited to show their Texas pride by wearing western attire. We look forward to seeing boots, jeans, and school spirit across campus as we celebrate together!

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We are proud of the growth happening across ASE and look forward to another productive week as our Dalmatians continue to Learn, Inspire, and Lead.

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

GO TEXAN DAY

February 27th is Go Texan Day. We encourage all Dalmatians to dress in western attire.



PARENT TRAINING

A parent training is being held for those interested in learning more about how to handle challenging behaviors at home. Please see the enclosed information.



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NEHS

NEHS Applications will be sent via student Schoology/ Skyward school emails by Friday, February 27, to qualifying fourth grade students via homeroom teachers. NEHS is not a club, and only students who have met the academic qualification (a cumulative grade point average of 90% from 3rd grade and the first semester of 4th grade) and are included on a list sent from the district leadership department may apply.

Students in grades Pre-K-3 and 5 are not considered for the upcoming school year. Fourth graders who have been contacted must have the application submitted by 6:00 P.M. Friday, March 13.

If your fourth grader did not receive a notice, and you believe it is in error, please contact the homeroom teacher no later than Wednesday, March 4.

For all other questions, please contact the ASE Adviser, Cynthia Lauer.



YEARBOOK-5TH GRADE PARENTS

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS

Please submit a baby photo of your child for the yearbook "Guess Who" pages by Tuesday, March 31. Send submissions or any questions to Yearbook@AnneSullivanPTA.org.

Calling all 5th Grade Parents!

Each year, we dedicate special "Guess Who" pages in the yearbook for baby pictures of our "graduating" class, and this is YOUR year!

There is no cost to add this picture to the yearbook. All photos must:

- Be of just your child (within their first year)
- Show your child's face without obstructions (fingers, hands, sunglasses, etc)
- Be high resolution (at least 500 dpi)
- Be emailed to Yearbook@AnneSullivanPTA.org by **Tuesday, March 31st**. Please include the student's full name and teacher name

Thank you and please reach out if you have any questions!

Jasmine Lin & Mehreen Prasla, Yearbook Chairs



YEARBOOK- 5TH GRADE PARENTS

Don't forget to purchase and customize a recognition ad to congratulate your 5th grader on "graduating" from elementary school by Wednesday, April 1!

Treeing Yearbooks

Congratulate your kids in the ANNE SULLIVAN ELEMENTARY yearbook!



Purchase a recognition ad to celebrate your student by Apr 1
To purchase and customize your recognition ad, use the QR code below, or:
Must be a parent or student 13 years or older

Size	Price
1/8	\$25.00
1/4	\$50.00
1/2	\$75.00
1 Page	N/A

1. Go to treeing.com/validate
2. Enter your school's passcode: 191565447382164
3. Click the buy yearbook ad button and follow the steps



RAMADAN

Ramadan is a special and meaningful month observed by Muslims around the world. During this time, many Muslims fast each day from sunrise to sunset. Fasting means not eating or drinking during daylight hours and is practiced to encourage self-discipline, gratitude, compassion for others, and spiritual reflection. Ramadan is also a time focused on kindness, generosity, family, and helping those in need. At the end of the month, many families celebrate with a holiday called Eid al-Fitr, which includes prayers, meals, and time spent with loved ones.

We appreciate the diversity of our school community and thank you for supporting and respecting the traditions of all families.

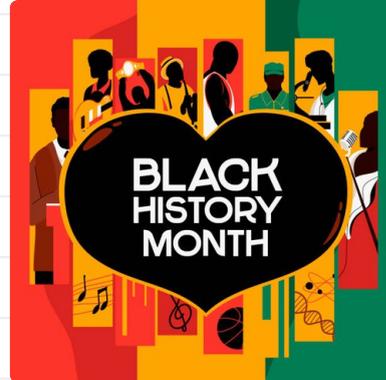
This year Ramadan will begin on the evening of Feb. 17, 2026 (subject to moon sighting).



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Honoring Black History Month at Anne Sullivan Elementary

February is **Black History Month**, a time to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and lasting impact of Black Americans throughout our nation's history. At Anne Sullivan Elementary, we honor this month as an opportunity to learn, reflect, and grow together as a community grounded in *Pawsitivity, Pride, and Purpose*.



Throughout the month, our Dalmatians will engage in meaningful learning experiences that highlight influential leaders, innovators, artists, scientists, and change-makers who have shaped our country and continue to inspire future generations. Classroom discussions, read-alouds, writing activities will provide students with opportunities to explore stories of courage, perseverance, and excellence. Black History Month is not only about honoring the past, but also about empowering our students to recognize their own potential to make a difference. We are proud to cultivate a campus culture where every child feels valued, respected, and inspired to lead.

We look forward to celebrating together as we continue building a school community rooted in unity, learning, and Dalmatian Pride.

LUNAR NEW YEAR

As we welcome the Lunar New Year, we celebrate a time of renewal, hope, and new beginnings. This special holiday is observed by many families around the world and is rich with traditions that honor family, gratitude, good fortune, and the promise of a bright year ahead.



The Lunar New Year is a wonderful opportunity for us to recognize and celebrate the diverse cultures that make our school community so strong and vibrant. We are grateful for the traditions, stories, and values our families share, which help our students learn not only academics, but also respect, understanding, and global awareness.

May this new year bring your family happiness, good health, prosperity, and continued success. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community.

TELPAS SCHEDULE

Here is our TELPAS schedule if your child participates in this assessment.



ASE TELPAS Testing Schedule for Parent Smore.pdf

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RAMADAN

Ramadan Supervision in the Library

During the holy month of Ramadan, the library will offer a supervised space for students who are fasting during their scheduled lunch periods. This service will be available from February 18 through March 13, 2026. Parents are required to sign up and submit a permission form indicating the specific days their child will visit the library. Please note that students may only attend during their assigned lunch period and not during recess or P.E. Students must wear their ID badges at all times and follow all supervision guidelines. Additional information is available on the sign-up form.



[2026 Ramadan Supervision in the Library – Fill out form](#)

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Former ASE students attending QVMS are holding a School Supply Drive to help those in need this week. If you are able to donate items noted on this flyer, they would be grateful, as well as the recipients of our generosity.



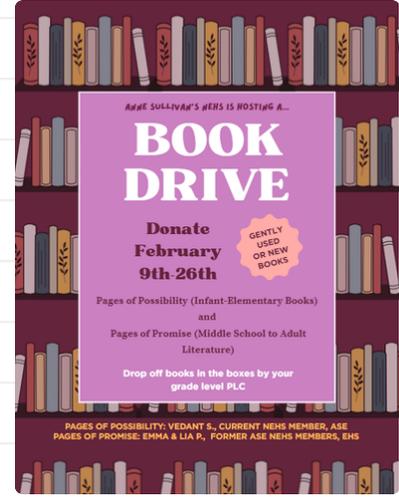
PET SUPPLIES DRIVE

Former ASE students attending QVMS are holding a Pet Supply Drive to help those furry friends in need this week. If you are able to donate items noted on this flyer, they would be grateful, as well as the animals, of our generosity.



BOOK DRIVE

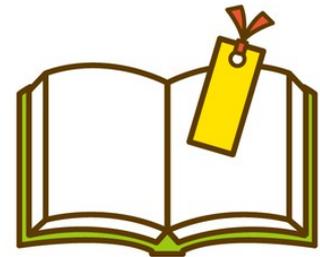
Our National Honor Society is hosting a Book Drive. If you are able to contribute gently used books to it, your contributions will be used by others in need of reading material. We thank you!



BOOK CIRQUE CONTEST

Calling all ASE readers! Students are invited to participate in the district's annual Book Cirque Challenge, a creative reading project that encourages students to select a book from the state reading list and design a unique project inspired by their chosen title.

All projects are due to the ASE Library on or before March 11, 2026. Families can find full details—including guidelines and book options—in the Book Cirque folder inside your child's Library Schoology Course.



Let's celebrate reading, creativity, and imagination—one book project at a time!



Book Cirque Flyer_.pdf

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BOOKMARK CONTEST

Get ready, ASE readers—our annual Bookmark Contest is back! Students in PreK–5th grade are invited to design their own bookmark inspired by this year's theme: *Reading Adventures Await*.

All entries should be submitted on the official form to the ASE Library by Wednesday, March 11, 2026.



Winning designs will be professionally printed and shared with all students in April as part of our School Library Month celebration. Every participant will receive a small token of appreciation for their creativity and effort.

Limit: One entry per student.

Let the reading adventures—and the creative inspiration—begin!



2026 Bookmark Contest.pdf

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SPACE COWBOYS READING PROGRAM

We're excited to share that ASE students are invited to participate in the 2026 Space Cowboys Reading Program!

This fun, community-wide initiative encourages a love of reading while rewarding students for their hard work.

To participate, students simply need to read four books at their reading level. Once they've completed all four and have their reading log initialed by a parent/guardian or teacher, they will earn two free tickets to a Space Cowboys game this season. Reading must be completed by March 25, 2026.



To help families get started, the ASE Library will send home a copy of the reading log in students' Friday Folders.

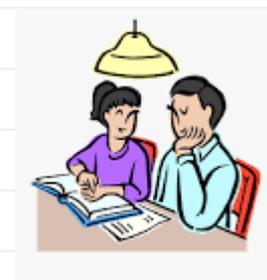
Teachers will submit the names of students who finish the challenge, and ticket vouchers will be delivered to campus and sent home. Families can then choose their preferred game date using the instructions on the voucher.

Let's knock this reading challenge out of the park—one book at a time!

PARENT EVENT

If interested, see this information about an upcoming parent event related to the bestselling book, [The Anxious Generation](#), for parents and educators on March 11 at 6pm.

It ties in closely with the *Wait Until 8th* message as well: delaying smartphone usage.



Anxious Generation Event SWE.pdf

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10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for our 10-year *Anniversary Celebration*. This event will include classroom visits and the Anniversary Celebration.



SPIRIT WEAR

The Spirit Wear website is open and we're excited to announce some items are on sale so grab them before they're gone!

ASE will also be celebrating its 10th year anniversary. Have the kids celebrate in style in our limited edition 10th year anniversary spirit shirts!

Website link: <https://asepta.membershiptoolkit.com/spiritstore>

If you have any questions let us know!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following staff members this month of February.



HANDS-ON SCIENCE

Paws on Science is coming this Spring and we are so excited. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come volunteer in your child's class and work with them on a Science activity. PTA will train you and provide you with the lesson and all the materials to complete the Science activity with the class.



Please use the sign-up genius link to sign up for your child's class.

Remember that you cannot be a classroom volunteer without completing a FBISD background check. Instructions and important information are in the sign-up genius. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45A9AF2AA4FAC61-61799114-paws>



PE & WELLNESS CORNER

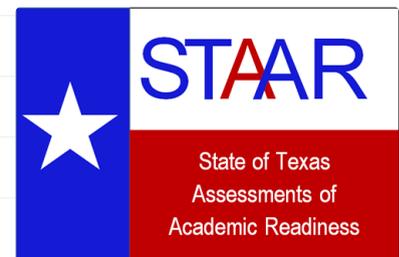
1. February is Heart Month! Continue to make healthy habits and activities that support strong hearts and bodies. For more ideas, please click on our February Action for Happiness calendar.
2. FBISD is recognizing *Save a Life Week* - February 23-27th. With a focus on Hands-Only CPR, students in grades 3-5 will learn about safety awareness and life-saving skills students can carry beyond the classroom. These lessons strengthen students with confidence that can truly make a difference.



STAAR DATES AND LUNCH VISITS

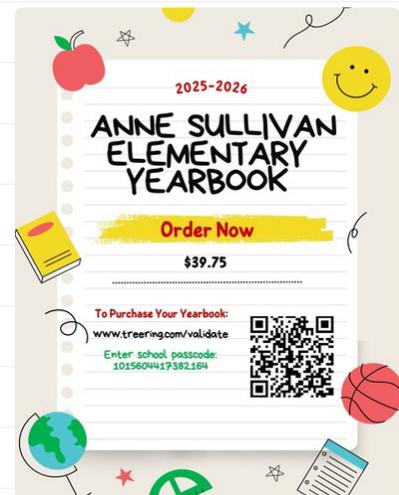
On the following dates, we will be administering STAAR tests. We do not permit parent lunch visits, for any grade level, on these days. We thank you for your cooperation.

- 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!



FSMS

Please see the following information about FSMS and their celebration.



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/c2jldifkw?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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STUDENT HONORED

Aarish Khaki, 5th grader and his team has qualified for the East Texas State Championship in FIRST LEGO League (FLL), a hands-on robotics competition where students design, build, and program LEGO robots to solve real-world challenges.

The team originally qualified for Regionals and went on to compete against 53 teams, placing in the top 10 and earning a coveted spot at the State Championship!



STUDENT RECOGNITION

Several of our students proudly represented Anne Sullivan Elementary in the Rising Stars Challenge this past weekend. They demonstrated great teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the event.

All participants earned participation medals, recognizing their hard work and spirit. It was a wonderful experience that reflected positively on our school community, and the kids were proud to showcase their project on Helping hands alongside their ASE pride!



Special thank you to Mrs. Fulgham for coming in early hours all the way to Katy to support her kids. Moments like these help our students grow in confidence and character.

Participants

1. Alexander Ayanwale
2. Ethan Luke
3. Natalie Ma
4. Anderson McNeely
5. Ayaan Shah
6. Maple Yu

Team Manager: Amita Joshi.

STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following 4th graders who attended the Destination Imagination - Innovation Squad- on Feb 21.

Sanna Naveen

Mehrunissa Bajwa

Adelyn Abraham

Mira Rangam

Sahasra Reddy Anavaram

Mirthikaa Yuvaraj

Audrey Nyugen



PTA NEWSLETTER

Below is the link for the January PTA Newsletter.

<https://asepta.membershiptoolkit.com/newsletter/07479-nl20241210111441-094359700-1518088399>



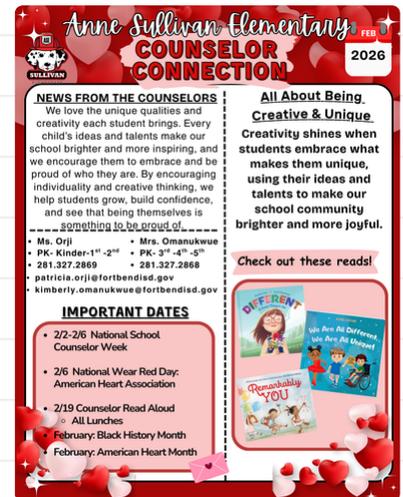
COUNSELOR CORNER

Creativity and imagination play an important role in a child's learning and confidence. By noticing, encouraging, and talking with children about their ideas, families can help children feel proud of who they are and comfortable expressing themselves.

Feb. 23-27

Helping Children Use Their Creativity to Solve Problems

Creativity is not only about art, but also how children think through challenges and come up with new solutions. When your child faces a problem, invite them to brainstorm ideas instead of immediately stepping in to fix it. Saying things like, "What do you think we could try?" or "Can you think of another way?" encourages flexible thinking and independence. When children are given opportunities to solve problems creatively, they build resilience, confidence, and a belief in their own abilities.



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 February Challenge Menu.

February submissions:

4th grade: Tara Olowu

4th grade: Avantika Paramhans

4th grade: Sahara John

2nd grade: William John

1st grade: Veeksha Sampathkumar

Kindergarten: Athena Halageri-Rao (multiple pieces)

Kindergarten: Isaac John

Kindergarten: Akshar Hari



February Writing Menu.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!



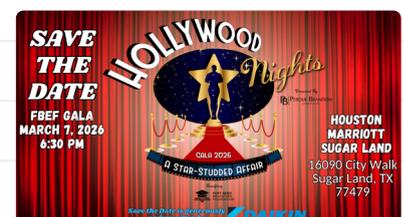
FBEF

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



FBEF SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for this FBEF event!



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

Link: <https://app.smore.com/n/tcp9v>



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



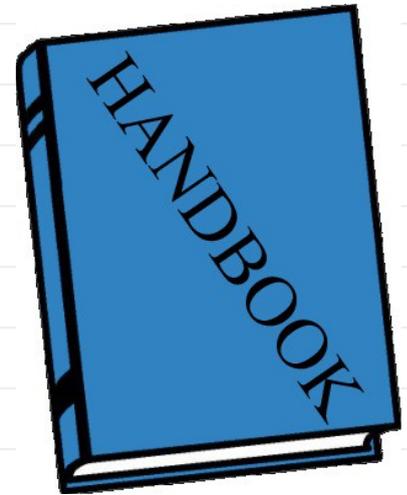
location. Parents are not permitted to come to the building doors or encroach on the campus sidewalks to get their children in the rain. This can lead to an unsafe dismissal.

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.



Parent Handbook 25.26 12.13.25.pdf

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SAVE THE DATE

3/6/26 No School for students

3/16-3/20 Spring Break, No school for all

3/27/26 10-Year Anniversary Celebration, 5:00-6:45 p.m.



Donna Whisonant

Donna is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters