

PRINCIPAL NEWS

January 27, 2026

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dalmatian Families,

We hope everyone was able to stay warm and safe during the recent cold weather. As we move into the week of January 26th, our students are showing focus and determination in classrooms across Anne Sullivan Elementary. It has been wonderful to see our Dalmatians growing in confidence as they settle into routines and take ownership of their learning.



This week, we will continue our middle-of-the-year MAP assessments. These assessments provide valuable information about student progress and help teachers plan instruction that supports each learner. Our staff is committed to creating a calm, supportive testing environment so students feel comfortable and ready to do their best.

Alongside MAP testing, instruction remains engaging and purposeful as students strengthen skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. We appreciate families' support in helping students arrive on time, get enough rest, and maintain positive routines at home.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we are helping our students grow, succeed, and continue to Learn, Inspire, and Lead.

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

WEAR RED ON FEBRUARY 6TH

Join us in raising awareness for heart disease by wearing red on National Wear Red Day, Friday, February 6, 2026. This special day is part of American Heart Month, a time dedicated to promoting heart health and recognizing the impact of heart disease. By wearing red, we can show our support for those affected and help spread the message of prevention and education. Together, we can make a difference for healthier hearts!



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!

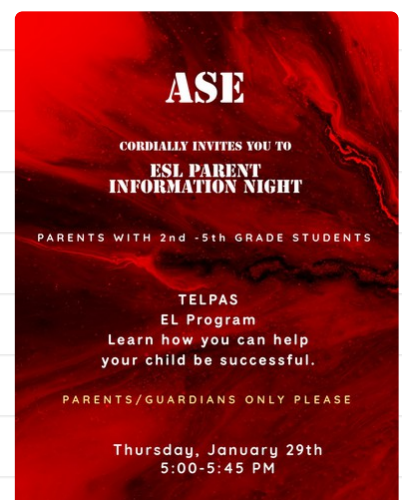
ASE will also be celebrating its 10th year anniversary. Have the kids celebrate in style in our limited edition 10th year anniversary spirit shirts!

Website link: <https://asepta.membershiptoolkit.com/spiritstore>
If you have any questions let us know!



PARENTS OF ESL STUDENTS

2nd-5th grade parents: If your child participates in our English as a Second Language program, please plan to attend this school event.



101 DAY

All students are invited to dress in 101 attire on February 4th to acknowledge the 101st day of school.



VALENTINES PARTIES

Mark your calendar and plan to attend your child's Valentine's party this spring. See the attached flyer for more information.



2026 Valentines Party Flyer.pdf

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NOVEMBER VIP

Jenni Kisner is our Volunteer of the Month for November! Jenni is serving her second year as the ASE PTA Room Rep Coordinator, and has worked tirelessly with grade level leads to ensure a smooth and successful school year, including celebrating teacher birthdays, decorating classroom doors, and coordinating class parties across all grade levels. She is always answering parent questions in grade level WhatsApp chats and lending a hand any time help is needed.

In November, she also assisted in setting up the school Christmas tree and Polar Express train, chaperoned the Kindergarten field trip to the Houston Museum of Natural Science, and volunteered her time to help Mrs. Moore shelve library books.

We are so grateful to Jenni for dedicating countless hours to our students, teachers, and families at ASE!



DECEMBER VIP

ASE PTA is excited to announce Cristina Goolsby as our Volunteer of the Month for December! In her role as one of the 5th Grade Leads, she has spent countless hours helping with 5th grade shirts and prepping for their special events, including Colonial Day, Service Project, handing out the 5th grade cards to nursing homes, as well as decorating the cafeteria and creating balloon backdrops for the 5th grade NYE party.

Despite being busy with all the 5th grade events, she still dedicates her time each month helping Mrs. Moore to shelve library books.

Thank you, Cristina, for all you do for our school!



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>



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PARENT LUNCHES

We will close our cafeteria for parent lunch visits on the following days in February for Valentine's party purposes, the half-day and Counselor Read Aloud. We thank you for your understanding.

February 11th

February 12th

February 19th



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 NIGHT FOR 5TH PARENTS

If your child will attend FSMS next year, please plan to attend this important evening event.



FSMS INFORMATION FOR 5TH GRADERS

COURSE SELECTION DATES: 1-26-26 thru 2-13-26.



5th Grade Parent Email Elective Choice.pdf

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FSMS Back of Course Selection Sheet '26-'27.pdf

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5th to 6th FSMS 5th grade FAQs.pdf

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MS Universal Course Selection Sheet 26-27 - 6th Grade.pdf

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GT ACADEMY-5TH GRADE PARENTS

Please see the attached information if you are considering the GT Academy for your 5th grader next year.



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Parent Need to Know About the GTA 25-26.pdf

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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.



WELLNESS CORNER

1. January is Mental Health Awareness - encouraging us to focus on taking care of our minds, bodies and hearts.

Action for Happiness: *Happier January* 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!



Stay active: 2026 Lonestar Stampede:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/SugarLand/2022LoneStarStampedeTexasExesHoustonChapter>

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

We wish the following staff members a Happy Birthday this month of January.



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

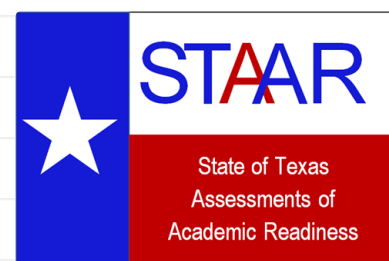
On the following dates, we will be administering STAAR tests. We do not permit parent lunch visits, for any grade level, on these days. We thank you for your cooperation.

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

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

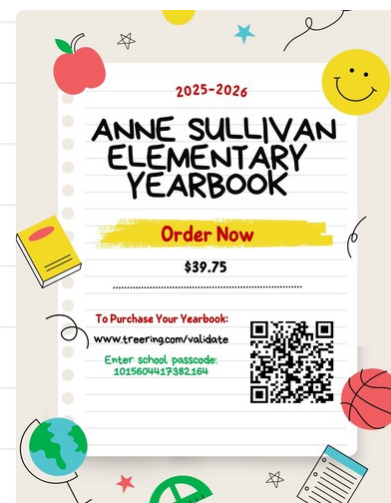
April 14th: Science for 5th

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/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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PTA NEWSLETTER

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

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



COUNSELOR CORNER

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 26th -30

Perseverance in Friendships

Friendships take practice and patience. When a child feels left out or has a disagreement with a friend, encourage them to talk about their feelings and try again the next day. Learning to repair friendships helps children understand that relationships can grow even after tough moments.



STUDENT EVENT

Please see this student event below.



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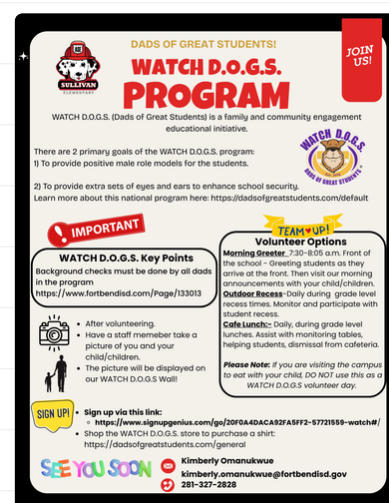
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WATCH D.O.G.S.

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 January Challenge Menu.

January submissions:

4th: Deetya Ethiraj (multiple pieces)

4th: Mira Rangan

4th: Sahara John

3rd: Naya Parikh

2nd: Reyna Parekh

Kindergarten: Vetri Narendran

Kindergarten: Yalini Narendran

Kindergarten: Akshar Hari (multiple pieces)

Kindergarten: Athena Halageri-Rao (multiple pieces)



January 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!



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

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



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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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.

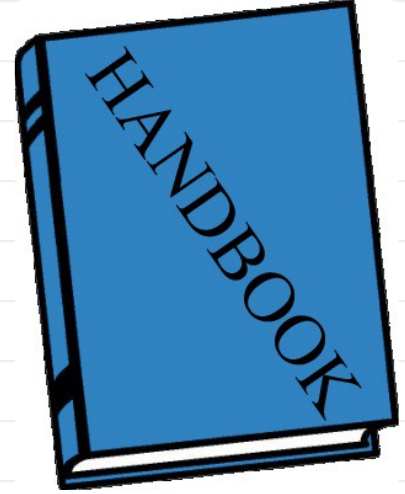


All other students going home on buses, in cars, or daycare vans will not have a change in dismissal.

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.

* Clarification added to Photos being taken at school.



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SAVE THE DATE

2/5/26 No parent lunch visits due to STAAR Field test

2/11/26 Valentine's parties, PK-4th, ABC, SAILS, No parent lunch visits

2/12/26 Valentine's party, 5th, No parent lunch visits

2/12/26 Early Dismissal for Students, 12:10 p.m.

2/19/26 Counselor Read Aloud in cafe, No parent lunch visits

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





Donna Whisonant

Donna is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters