

PRINCIPAL NEWS

August 17, 2026

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Dalmatian Families,

What an incredible first week of school! It has been wonderful welcoming our students back to Anne Sullivan Elementary and seeing our hallways and classrooms filled with smiles, excitement, and learning once again.



I want to thank our parents and families for your patience and support as we worked through the first week of arrival, dismissal, transportation, and all of the routines that come with welcoming over 1,000 students each day. Each day has gotten smoother, and we appreciate everyone working together with us. We thank you.

Our teachers and staff have done an amazing job helping students learn classroom expectations, establish routines, build relationships, and begin a successful year of learning. Most importantly, our students have done a fantastic job adjusting to their new classrooms and showing us what it means to be an ASE Dalmatian.

A Few Reminders

- Morning announcements begin promptly at **7:55 a.m.**
- Instruction begins at **8:05 a.m.**, so please make every effort to have your child at school on time and ready to learn.
- Please continue to be patient during dismissal as students become more familiar with their routines.
- Parent lunch visits are available **Monday through Thursday**. Fridays are reserved for counselor lessons and other student programming. Visits will start on August 24th.
- Please make sure your child's teacher and the front office have the most current information regarding dismissal changes.

Make Your Mark

Our district theme this year is **Make Your Mark**, and we have already seen our Dalmatians beginning to do just that! We are encouraging our students to think about how their words, choices, kindness, effort, and actions can make a positive mark on others.

As we move into our second week, we will continue focusing on strong relationships, high expectations, and creating classrooms where every student feels safe, supported, and challenged to grow.

Thank you for trusting us with your children each day and for being such an important part of our school community. We are off to a wonderful start, and I am excited about everything Year 11 has in store for our Dalmatians!

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

BEING ON TIME MATTERS

Dalmatians, we need your help getting our students to school on time and ready to learn!

Beginning today, we will officially begin counting tardies. Our doors open at **7:30 AM sharp**, and students are encouraged to arrive early enough to get to their classrooms and prepare for the day.

Announcements begin at 7:55 AM, and instruction begins promptly at 8:05 AM.



We have noticed that our **car rider line has been especially long**, particularly as we get closer to the start of the school day. Please plan accordingly and arrive earlier. Waiting until 7:50 or 7:55 to enter the car rider line may not give your child enough time to get into the building and to class on time.

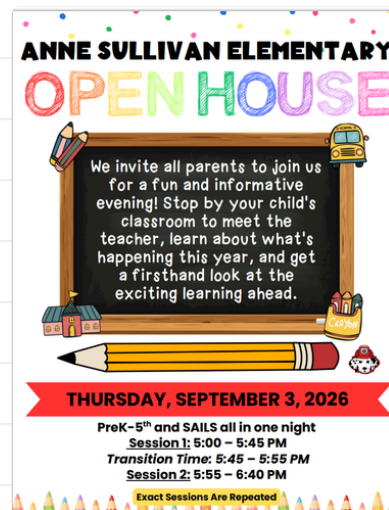
Being on time matters! When students arrive late, they miss morning routines, important announcements, and valuable instructional time. It can also make it more difficult for them to settle into the learning that has already begun.

Please help us by adjusting your morning routine, leaving home a little earlier, and taking advantage of our **7:30 AM arrival time**.

Thank you for partnering with us to start every Dalmatian's day successfully and maximize every minute of learning!

OPEN HOUSE

This year we will hold Open House for PreK-5th and Sails all in one night. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. We ask that you are mindful of parking around the school, leaving room for emergency vehicles in the neighborhood and by not blocking any residential driveways.



ORDER ASE SPIRIT WEAR

The ASE Spirit Wear store will open up for online orders starting August 14th. Don't forget to login online and update your account with your child(s) name and homeroom teacher.



Please place your order on Membership Tool Kit account using the following link or send the physical form with payment back to your child's homeroom teacher by August 28th.

[Anne Sullivan Elementary PTA - Login](#)

CAR RIDER LINE DROP-OFF

We had a successful first week of school including dropping students off in Parent Drive in the morning. In order to safely and expeditiously keep the long line of cars moving forward, we ask that you follow this protocol:



- * Children are prepared to exit the car. Students who are eating, playing on devices or gathering their items in the car are unprepared to unload and hold up the movement of the line.
- * Children seated on the right side of the car have easier access to getting out onto the sidewalk, when their door is opened.
- * Pull all the way forward to the white sign indicating, " Pull Up to Here".
- * Older siblings can help their brothers/sisters exit the car.

We thank you for being mindful of these noted practices.

INTERSECTIONS DURING PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

Please keep all intersections clear of vehicles during both morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. We have both students crossing streets and buses arriving at both times of day and need clear intersections for safety. We thank you for your cooperation.



CAMPUS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The CPAC, composed of professional staff, parents, community representatives and business representatives is to participate in campus decision-making related to planning, budgeting, curriculum, staffing patterns, staff development and school organization. The CPAC is charged with approving professional development of a campus nature recommended by the principal and is of great importance in the decision-making process.



Roles and responsibilities of the CPAC are to:

- * obtain broad-based community, parent, and staff input, and provide information to those persons on a systematic basis
- * be involved in the development of the CIP and monitoring of progress through signaling
- * support the District's Goals and Objectives, specific to the academic achievement and growth of students served by the campus and aligned with the Profile of a Graduate
- * meet for the purpose of implementing planning processes through community-based accountability and site-based decision making in accordance with Board policy and administrative procedures
- * assist the campus principal with the development, review, and revision of the campus improvement plan
- * consult with the principal in the planning, operation, supervision, and evaluation of the campus educational program
- * approve the portions of the Campus Improvement Plan addressing campus staff development needs

The CPAC shall be composed of at least 12 members who shall represent campus-based professional staff, two parents of students enrolled at the school, two community members who reside in the district, and two business representatives, who are not required to live in the district. We are currently looking for 2 parent representatives, 2 community members and 2 business partners. If you have interest in serving on this school committee, please reach out to Ms. Whisonant.

Meetings will be held this year on October 1st, December 3rd, February 25th, and April 22nd @ 4:00 p.m. Selections for this campus committee will be announced August 28th.

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. Your SEPAC reps for 2026-27 are Nikki Harrison and Rashmi Trivedi. To kick off the new school year, every student will receive a wristband with the message "At ASE Everyone Belongs."

Students are encouraged to place the wristband on their water bottle as a daily reminder that every child is a valued member of our school community. We encourage families to ask their children what the message means to them and to continue the conversation at home.

Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

AUGUST
WELCOME BACK!

LET'S TALK

At ASE Everyone Belongs

To kick off the new school year, every ASE student will receive a wristband with the message "At ASE Everyone Belongs." Students are encouraged to place the wristband on their water bottle as a daily reminder that every child is a valued member of our school community.

This initiative is a collaboration between the ASE PTA and the ASE Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC). Inspired by Autism Awareness Month and our school's commitment to preventing bullying, our goal is to promote kindness, inclusion, empathy, and acceptance throughout the entire school year.

We encourage families to ask their children what the message means to them and to continue the conversation at home. Together, we can help build a school culture where every student feels welcomed, respected, included, and knows they truly belong.

We look forward to partnering with you to make ASE a place where everyone belongs.

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

COUNSELOR CORNER

August Counselor's Corner: Focus on Responsibility

This month, students are learning about responsibility—the ability to make good choices, complete tasks, and be accountable for their words and actions. Developing responsibility helps children become more independent, builds confidence, and prepares them for success both in school and at home. Below are a few ways you can encourage and practice responsibility with your child throughout their daily routine.

1. Responsibility at Home

Children learn responsibility by helping with age-appropriate tasks and following daily routines. Encourage your child to make their bed, put away toys, feed a pet, or help set the table. Praise their efforts by saying, *"I'm proud of you for taking responsibility and finishing your job!"* These small responsibilities help build confidence and independence.

2. Responsibility at School

At school, responsibility means coming prepared to learn, following classroom expectations, completing assignments, and taking care of school materials. Ask your child questions like, *"What was one responsible choice you made today?"* or *"How did you help take care of your classroom?"* Celebrating these positive choices reinforces responsible habits.

3. Responsibility with Friends

Being responsible also means treating others with kindness, honesty, and respect. Encourage your child to keep promises, tell the truth, apologize when they make mistakes, and think about how their actions affect others. These skills help build strong friendships and teach accountability.

4. Responsibility Every Day

Responsibility is something children practice in many ways each day—from putting belongings away and remembering their backpack to following directions and making safe choices. Remind your child that everyone makes mistakes, and being responsible also means learning from those mistakes and trying again.

Working together, we can help our children develop the responsibility they need to become confident, caring, and successful learners. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child grow this important character trait!

Top 1%

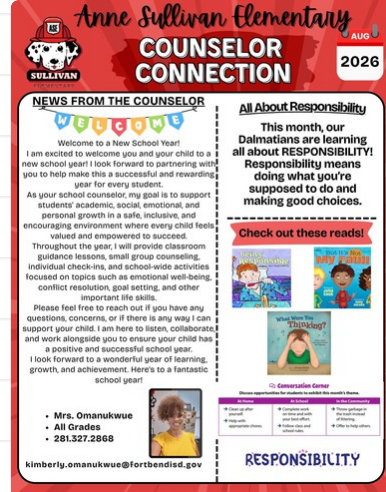
We are very proud to share that ASE scored in the Top 1% of all elementary schools in the state as it relates to our STAAR scores. We could not be more proud of the efforts of our students, staff and parents over the course of the past year!

FROM THE NURSE

We are excited for the start of the 2026-2027 school year. Parents, please take a few minutes to read and review the health requirements for your Dalmatians.

All medications must be dropped off by parent or guardian along with the required forms.

Medications: (all required forms are attached and may also be accessed through FBISD website)



· **Allergy Action plan:** If your student has a life threatening allergy that requires an EpiPen or another form of Epinephrine, the **Allergy Action plan** must be signed by the MD and the ordered medication is required to be brought to the clinic by the parent/guardian. If the MD feels that your student is able to self carry the medication, and has been instructed how/when to use and administer that, the **consent to carry** permit will also be required. These forms must be turned into the clinic on or before the first day of school, prior to the student bringing those to school. *Please remember that the only self carry medications allowed are Epinephrine and Asthma inhalers.* Other medications need to be kept in the clinic.

· **Asthma:** If your student requires an inhaler due to Asthma, the **Asthma Action plan** and the **consent to carry** need to be completed for the self carry option and turned into the clinic on or before the first day of school.

· **Diabetes:** If your student is an insulin dependent diabetic, medications, **Diabetic orders**, supplies and snacks should be left in the clinic. If the treating MD is affiliated with Texas Children's Hospital Clinics, they will have their own doctor order sheet and that is acceptable. Please remember to sign and initial all of the parent sections.

· **Parental & Physician orders:** If your student requires daily and occasional medications to be kept in the clinic, **Parental & Physician orders** must be completed and turned into the clinic on or before the first day of school. **Over the counter medications still require the MD to sign the order.** Cough drops are included in OTC medications. You must bring the orders and the medicine to the clinic. If medications are to be given 2 or 3 times per day, then please give those at home every 8 hours. *The student cannot bring/ sign in their medicine.*

· **Seizure Action plan:** If your student has seizures, the **Seizure Action plan** should be completed. If rescue medications for prolonged seizures are required, please bring that to the clinic with the signed MD orders. If your student does not use rescue medications, the action plan should still be completed so that we know how to keep your student safe at school.

General health:

Please remember to review and update Skyward with health conditions each school year. MD orders and medications have to be renewed at the beginning of each school year.

If your student has an injury after hours or outside of school and requires a pass to leave class early or to use the elevator, please send the doctors' note to the clinic. It should include diagnosis and duration of restrictions. The student should report to the clinic to pick up their pass.

- If your student has diarrhea and has more than 4 stools in 24 hours, please remain at home until 24 hours has lapsed without liquid stools.
- If your student is ill or not feeling well on awakening, please do not send them to school. The clinic should not be the first stop in the morning on arrival unless they have an injury on the way to school.
- If your student has a fever greater than 100 degrees, they must stay home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.
- If your student has frequent menstrual pain, please consider leaving pain medication in the clinic (**parental & physician orders** required) and purchasing self warming pads of your choosing that may be placed under clothing for comfort. We do not allow heating pads and laying down for menstrual cramps as this is not an illness. We have feminine hygiene products in a limited supply so please plan on bringing your own items to school. We also have a very

limited supply of clothing for emergencies that the student may borrow to prevent time away from school. If your student is loaned any items other than under garments, please wash and return them to the clinic. Please do not return under garments.

- Lice has been an issue in the past, it is imperative that the nurse is informed and treatment is done right away. Please continue to monitor your student during the summer and through the year to prevent an outbreak at school.
- Immunizations should be current and on file with the clinic.
- Many students consume energy drinks which are not healthy for children/adolescents and may have very adverse outcomes. Please take a moment to read the information before allowing your student to consume these beverages which can be harmful.

<https://www.cdc.gov/school-nutrition/energy-drinks/index.html>

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me. I am eager to collaborate and serve this amazing community!



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Asthma Action Plan 2018.pdf

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Food Allergy Action Plan.pdf

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Seizure Parent Questionnaire.pdf

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IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

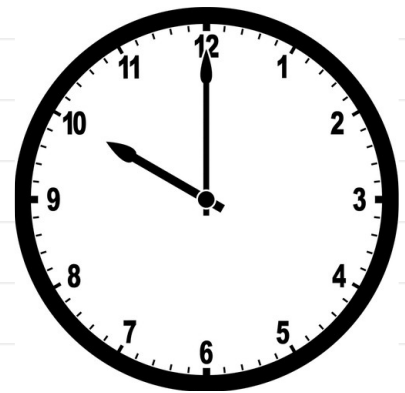
All students (new and returning) are required to stay up to date by receiving the necessary vaccinations to enroll or start school. State law requires all students shall show acceptable evidence of vaccination prior to entry, attendance, or transfer to a child-care facility or public or private elementary or secondary school in Texas. (Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 25; 97.61-97.72 and Texas Education Code, Chapter 38). MyChart / EPIC printed immunization records are not valid immunization records unless they are signed by the physician.



Please visit the FBISD Health Services Webpage for immunizations requirements and other immunization information including back to school events.
<https://www.fortbendisd.gov/departments/behavioral-health-wellness/school-health-services>

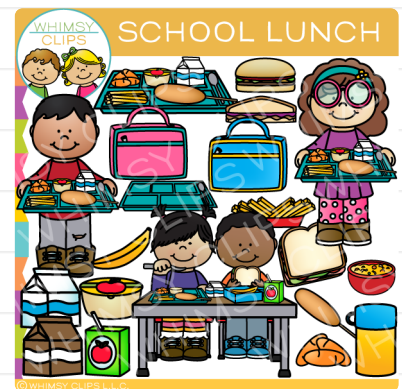
DROPPING OFF LUNCH

If you need to drop a lunch off for your child, the front lobby houses white bins for your convenience. Please label your child's lunch with a tag/slip provided on the table and place in the correct white lunch bin. We bring all lunches to the cafe for consumption at 10:00 AM. Please note this time.



LUNCH VISITS

We welcome parents in grades PreK-5 to eat lunch with their child during the school year. We have a designated table for parents and their child. We will open our lunchroom for parent visits beginning Monday, August 24th. Parents are welcome to eat lunch with their child on Mondays-Thursdays. Fridays are now designated for campus events; therefore parents will not be permitted to visit for lunch on Fridays. We thank you for your understanding.



FBISD MEALS

The Fort Bend ISD Free and Reduced-Price Meals Application is now open for the 2026-27 school year and families can complete the application online at www.schoolcafe.com/fbisd. All FBISD families are encouraged to apply.



Student meals will be available for purchase this school year, but students who qualify may receive breakfast and lunch meals at little or no cost.

As a reminder, meal prices will be as followed in the 2026-27 school year:

- Student Breakfast - \$2.00
- Elementary Lunch - \$2.75
- Secondary Lunch - \$3.00

Completing the Free and Reduced-Price Meal application may result in additional benefits for students and families, including reduced fees and tuition for Extended Learning programs, Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses, and athletics programs.

Visit the [FBISD Child Nutrition webpage](#) to learn about additional benefits.

Only one application needs to be completed for each household.

To apply, parents will need to have the following information:

- Names of all household members
- Amount, frequency and source of current income for each household member

- Last four digits of the parent's or guardian's social security number
- Signature of an adult household member attesting that the information provided is correct

Families may apply at any time during the school year, should their household circumstances change, including the loss of a job, a decrease in household income or an increase in household size.

The District uses the following criteria to determine a family's eligibility:

- Household income that is at or below the income eligibility levels,
- Households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR), or
- Children who are in foster care, homeless, a runaway, migrant farm worker or displaced by a declared disaster, or enrolled in Head Start.



Link to Child Nutrition Services information.docx

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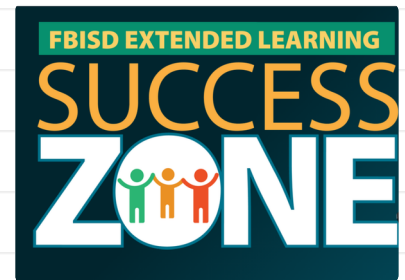


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SUCCESS ZONE CLASSES

If interested in having your child participate in after-school Success Zone classes on campus, please see the following information.

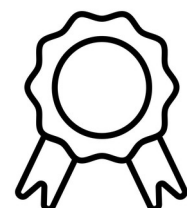


Success Zone Classes 26-27.pdf

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STUDENT BADGES

Students are required to wear their school issued badges every day. They will be provided to children once the year begins. In the case that a badge is missing, we allow a 3-day grace period. Please take this time to search backpacks, home, and the car to see if it can be located. If the badge is not found in 3 days, Ms. Mitchell or Ms. King from the front office will reach out to you regarding a replacement.



Your child's first replacement badge will be printed at no charge. Subsequent reprints will be \$5.00, and instructions will be provided to you. We thank you for your understanding.

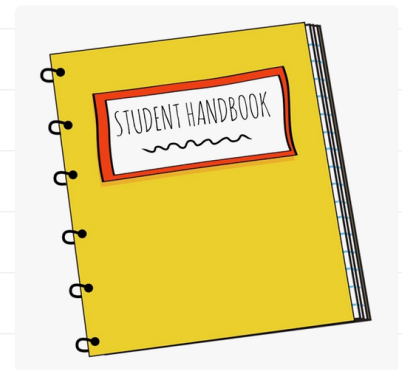
BIRTHDAY TREAT REMINDER

Parents need to come into the front office and drop off all student birthday treats. A form for completion will be given to each parent before accepting food for classroom distribution.



DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

Please become familiar with the contents of both FBISD documents.



Student Parent Handbook 26.27.pdf

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Student Code of Conduct FBISD 2025-2026.pdf

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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!



If your child would like to write over the summer, included are menus for the months of June and July. Have your child turn them in when he/she returns in August.

Please refer to the August Challenge Menu.

Summer and August submissions:

4th grade: Naya Parikh

3rd grade: Salwa Maredia

3rd grade: Suhani Karbhari

3rd grade: Yuvraj Chadha (multiple submissions)

2nd grade: Jedidiah Ajayi

1st grade: Athena Halageri-Rao (June, July & August)

1st grade: Yalini Narendran

1st grade: Vetri Narendran

1st grade: Elaina Dhukka

Kindergarten: Ayla Parikh

Kindergarten: Milan Prakash



August Writing Menu.pdf

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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.





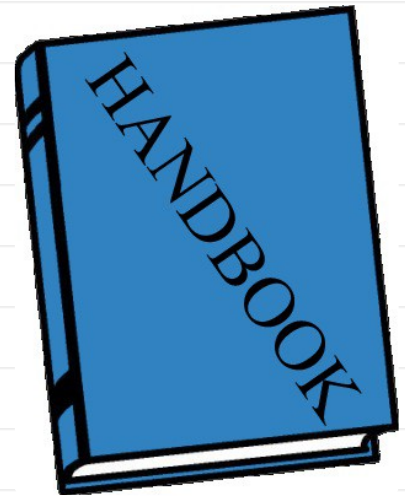
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ASE PARENT HANDBOOK

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.



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STAFF

Principal: Donna Whisonant

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Campus Compliance Coordinator: Vanessa Browning (Special Education, 504, STAAR)

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SAVE THE DATE

9/3: Open House, 5:00-6:40 p.m.

9/7: Labor Day, No school for all

9/24: Early Release for students, 12:10 p.m.

9/25: Professional Development day for teachers, No school for students



Donna Whisonant

Donna is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters