

PRINCIPAL NEWS

August 31, 2026

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Dalmatian Families,

It is hard to believe we are already heading into another exciting week at Anne Sullivan Elementary! Our students continue to settle into their routines, and it has been wonderful to see the learning, collaboration, and excitement taking place throughout our classrooms.



A huge thank you to our Watch D.O.G.S. dads for helping with morning arrival. Your support, presence, and assistance have made such a positive difference as we welcome students each morning. We are also excited to share that we have had no tardies! Thank you to all of our families for helping students arrive on time and ready to begin their day.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make this a successful school year. We appreciate our families for helping students arrive on time, ready to learn, and prepared for the day. 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 instructional minute matters!

We are looking forward to welcoming our families to Open House on Thursday, September 3. Open House is a wonderful opportunity to visit your child's classroom, hear from their teacher, learn more about classroom expectations and routines, and see some of the great things already happening at ASE. We are excited to have you on campus and hope you will join us!

As a reminder, parent lunch visits are available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesday remains our designated non-visitor lunch day. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding as we follow this schedule.

As we continue through these first weeks of school, please encourage your child to share something they learned each day. Asking simple questions such as, "What was the best part of your day?" or "What is something new you learned today?" is a great way to stay connected to what is happening in the classroom.

Thank you for trusting us with your children each day. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive school community, and we look forward to another great week of learning at ASE.

We can't wait to see our Dalmatian families at Open House on September 3.

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

PARENTS OF GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

We will hold our annual GT parent meeting *virtually* on September 14th from 5:00-5:45 PM. This meeting is designed for parents of students who are currently identified in our GT program and receiving services from their teachers already at ASE.



Please use the following link to login to the meeting.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/260724104679438?p=rVqhSCcq7XKNE5lbge>

Meeting ID: 260 724 104 679 438

Passcode: zH6PV9nf

CALLING ALL DADS

Come learn about ASE Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of GREAT Students) and how you can get involved at school!

This is a great opportunity to make a difference, support our students, and be an important part of our school community. ❤️



Location: ASE Cafeteria

Date: September 21

Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

17828 Winding Water Lane

Sugar Lane, Texas 77479

Come join us and learn more! We'd love to see you there! 🍕

Pizza will be provided.

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STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Once enrolled in a public school, students are required to attend 90% of the school year. Any child who misses 18 or more school days, with either excused or unexcused absences, will become part of an academic review meeting for promotion standards.



Administration will reach out to families of students with excessive absences and spring conferences will be conducted to determine if a child meets promotion standards based on the missed instructional time.

We ask that you are mindful of this law, especially when it comes to vacation and travel plans around holidays.

FBISD has a target goal of 95% student attendance for the year for all elementary schools. We hope to achieve and exceed this goal! Updates will be posted in this Smore related to school attendance rates over the course of this year.

SNACKS IN THE CAFETERIA

Snacks are now for purchase in the cafeteria. These include a variety of cookies, chips, water, treats and ice cream.



Campus protocols include:

- * Snacks are not sold to PreK and Kinder students.
- * 1st grade children may buy snacks on Fridays only.
- * Students may purchase 1 snack a day.

We ask that you speak with your child about purchasing snacks. You may also place restrictions on your child's account so that you can better monitor what is being bought.

UIL

Is your child in 2nd-5th grade?

Does your child like to compete on a team?

Do they like to perform in front of an audience?

Do they like to be challenged by solving math problems and learning music?



If you answered yes to any of these questions, please look forward to information about UIL at ASE!

There will be grade level information available for parents to view the events for their child before signing them up for try outs.

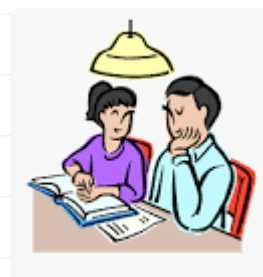
A live link will be available through the Parent Smore September 14-September 25 to sign up for UIL Try Outs.

The UIL Try Outs will be at ASE on Wednesday, September 30 from 3:30-5:30 (the students will stay after school).

The two events where your child will compete with be on the following Saturdays: November 14th and April 17th.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Parent conferences will be held from September 14th - October 8th. Your child's teacher will reach out to you to set up a time to discuss progress and performance.



2ND ANNUAL LIBRARY POSTER CONTEST

We're excited to announce the 2nd Annual ASE Library Poster Contest, celebrating the magic of libraries, the joy of reading, and the power of books!

This year's theme is "Reading Takes You Everywhere", and all PreK–5th grade students are invited to participate.

Poster Guidelines

- Size: 8.5" x 11" (standard paper)
- Must include the theme
- Use crayons, markers, or colored pencils (no glitter or 3D items)
- Be neat, colorful, and creative!
- Write your full name, grade, and homeroom teacher on the back. Please write neatly!

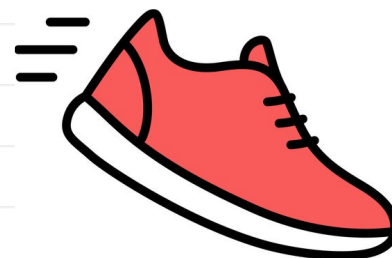


Deadline: Submit your poster to the ASE Library by September 18, 2026. More details can be found in your child's Schoology Library course.

Let's celebrate our love for reading and make this tradition a colorful success!

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!



FITTEST SCHOOL CHALLENGE 2027.pdf

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SILVER WALKER UPDATE

Safety is always a priority when dismissing students from school. As it pertains to Silver Walker dismissal, we need all parents to follow our protocols so that all children arrive home safely.

- * Students are to meet parents at one of our 2 designated locations, marked by signage. At these locations, students are released from campus staff and permitted to walk home.
- * Students are never permitted to jump into vehicles parked along Marble Creek.
- * Students are never permitted to jump into vehicles parked along Winding Waters.



* Parents picking up children in grades Pk-2nd are required to show their Silver Walker tag to a staff member on duty.

We thank you for your cooperation with these established safety measures.

LUNCH VISITS

For those coming to visit during lunch time on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, we ask that you are mindful of the following ASE procedures and thank you for your cooperation.



START WITH HELLO & TURN IT GOLD WEEK

September 21st-25th is *Start with Hello & Turn It Gold* week.

Start With Hello was implemented to raise awareness and educate students and the community on ways to reduce isolation and increase connectedness.

Turn It Gold spreads awareness about childhood cancer.



Please see the information below and the student dress theme days.



Start With Hello and Turn it Gold 2026.pdf

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FALL PICTURES

Mark your calendar for September 8th as Fall Picture Day for students. Please see all information noted below.



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DALMATIAN DOLLAR STORE

The Dalmatian Dollar Store will have its grand opening on Wednesday, September 16th. We will monitor the store's hours and activity and make necessary adjustments, if needed, during the year.

1st-5th graders can shop from 7:30-7:50 a.m.

PK and Kinder students will shop during their PAW time, under the supervision of a grade-level paraprofessional.



GT TESTING

If you are interested in submitting your child's name for GT testing, please refer to the information contained in this link. More campus information is forthcoming.

The deadline to submit a parent request for testing is September 30th.

<https://www.fortbendisd.gov/departments/gifted-talented>

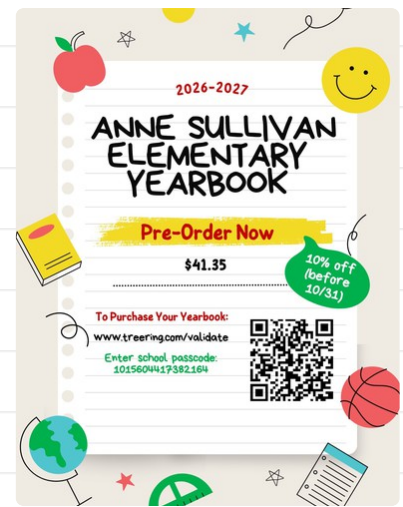


YEARBOOK INFORMATION

The 2026–2027 yearbook is now available for purchase.

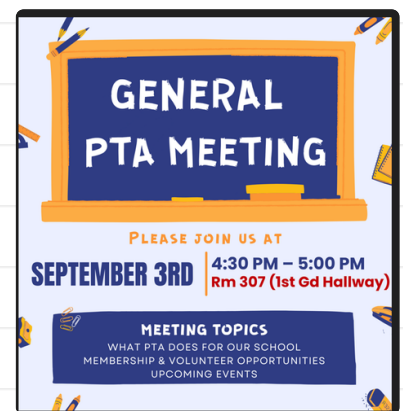
Families can save 10% by ordering by October 31.

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!



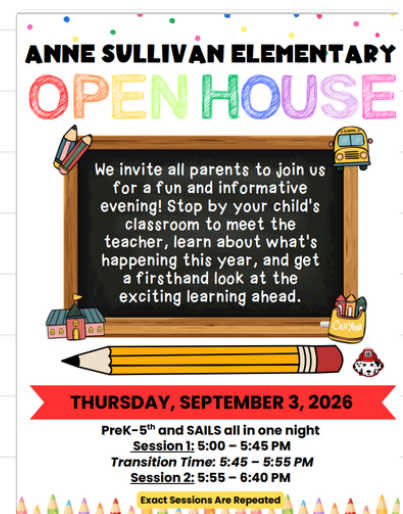
PTA MEETING

Please make plans to attend the PTA meeting held on September 3rd, just before Open House. We hope all families can attend!



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.

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.

AUGUST
WELCOME BACK!
LET'S TALK

Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

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

September: FRIENDSHIP

Week 1 - Encourage Kindness and Inclusion

Parents can help children build strong friendships by teaching them the importance of kindness, sharing, taking turns, and including others. Encourage your child to notice when someone is being left out and to invite them to participate. Simple actions, such as saying hello, offering to share a toy, or asking someone to join a game, can make a big difference. Children who learn to be welcoming and considerate are more likely to develop positive and lasting friendships.

Anne Sullivan Elementary
COUNSELOR CONNECTION
 September 2026

NEWS FROM THE COUNSELOR
 This month, we are focusing on friendship! Children will be learning what it means to be a good friend—showing kindness, including others, listening, sharing, and working through disagreements. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home by talking about ways your child can be a caring and supportive friend each day.

- Ms. Omanukwee
- All grades
- 281.327.2868
- kimberly.omanukwee@fortbendisd.gov

IMPORTANT DATES

- September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- Suicide Prevention Week
September 9/13-9/19
- Start With Hello
September 21-25
- FBISD Turn It Gold 9/25
Wear Yellow/Gold
- GT Referral Window Closes
September 30th

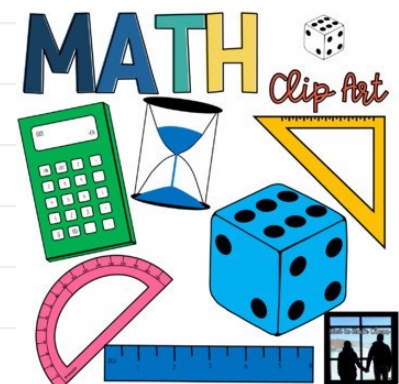
All About Friendship
 All About Friendship
 This month, we are focusing on the importance of friendship! Children will explore what it means to be a good friend by practicing kindness, sharing, taking turns, including others, listening, and showing empathy. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home by talking about ways your child can be a caring and supportive friend each day.

Check out these reads!

FRIENDSHIP

MATH EVENT

Please see the following flyer about a math event for FBISD students.



Math Event.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 September Challenge Menu.

FINAL Summer and August submissions:

5th grade: Sahara John

5th grade: Avi Panchal

5th grade: Naima Mallya

5th grade: Shynah Shah

4th grade: Naya Parikh

3rd grade: Salwa Maredia

3rd grade: Suhani Karbhari

3rd grade: Yuvraj Chadha (multiple submissions)

3rd grade: William John

2nd grade: Jedidiah Ajayi

2nd grade: Olivia Zhou

2nd grade: Eleanor Ibekwe

2nd grade: Veeksha Sampathkumar

2nd grade: Fiora Long

2nd grade: Daniel Balderrama Brondani

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

1st grade: Yalini Narendran (multiple submissions)

1st grade: Vetri Narendran (multiple submissions)

1st grade: Elaina Dhukka

1st grade: Isaac John

1st grade: Swarah Shah

1st grade: Yalini Narendran

1st grade: Vetri Narendran

Kindergarten: Ayla Parikh

Kindergarten: Milan Prakash

Kindergarten: Diya Kulkarni



September 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.

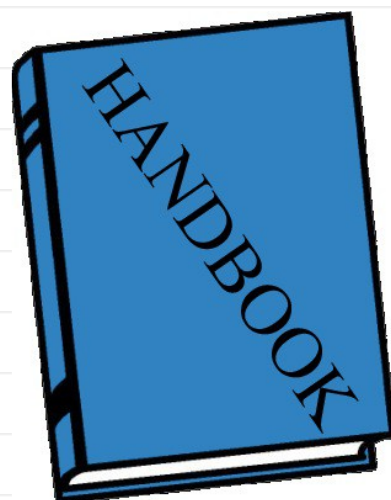


Tutor List ASE 26-27.xlsx

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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: PTA meeting, 4:30-5:00 p.m.

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

9/7: Labor Day, No school for all

9/21: Watch Dog Dad Night, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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