

PRINCIPAL NEWS

August 10, 2026

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear ASE Families,

The countdown is officially over! Tomorrow is the FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! We are incredibly excited to welcome our Dalmatians back to Anne Sullivan Elementary for another wonderful year of learning, growing, and making memories together.



Our teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare classrooms, participate in professional learning, and make sure everything is ready for our students. We cannot wait to see our hallways filled with smiling faces tomorrow morning!

As we begin the new school year, our focus is on Making Our Mark on our students, our school, and our community. We want every Dalmatian to know that they belong, they are valued, and they have the ability to make a positive difference each and every day.

A few important reminders as we begin the year:

- Morning announcements will begin at 7:55 a.m.
- Instruction begins promptly at 8:05 a.m.
- Please allow a little extra time during arrival and dismissal this first week as everyone becomes familiar with our routines.

We appreciate your patience, partnership, and support as we work to ensure a safe and smooth start for all of our Dalmatians.

Families, thank you for trusting us with your children. It is a privilege to serve this incredible school community, and we are looking forward to another outstanding year at ASE.

Get those backpacks ready and set those alarms because we'll see our Dalmatians TOMORROW.

Let's make Year 11 our best year yet!

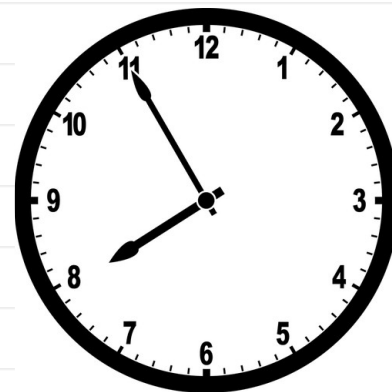
ASE students will Learn...Inspire...and Lead...We are ASE!

TV ANNOUNCEMENTS

We wanted to share a quick update regarding our morning announcements. Beginning this school year, announcements will start at **7:55 a.m. each day**, rather than 8:00 a.m. as previously communicated.

This adjustment will allow us to maximize our instructional minutes and ensure that instruction can begin promptly at 8:05 a.m.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make every minute count for our Dalmatians!



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

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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*

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COUNSELOR CONNECTION

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NEWS FROM THE COUNSELOR

Welcome to a New School Year!
I am excited to welcome you and your child to a new school year! I look forward to partnering with you to help make this a successful and rewarding year for every student.

As your school counselor, my goal is to support students' academic, social, emotional, and personal growth in a safe, inclusive, and encouraging environment where every child feels valued and empowered to succeed.

Throughout the year, I will provide classroom guidance lessons, small group counseling, individual check-ins, and school-wide activities focused on topics such as emotional well-being, conflict resolution, goal setting, and other important life skills.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or if there is any way I can support your child. I am here to listen, collaborate, and work alongside you to ensure your child has a positive and successful school year.

I look forward to a wonderful year of learning, growth, and achievement. Here's to a fantastic school year!

• Mrs. Omanukwue
• All Grades
• 201.327.2868

kimberly.omanukwue@fortbendisd.gov

All About Responsibility

This month, our Dalmatians are learning all about RESPONSIBILITY! Responsibility means doing what you're supposed to do and making good choices.

Check out these reads!

RESponsibility

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!

SKYWARD

Please reference the Skyward flyer below for all Back to School information.



Skyward Back to School Forms.pdf

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WELCOME NEW STAFF TO ASE

We would like to welcome our newest ASE Dalmatian staff and teachers to our community.

Dr. Veronica Roberson, Assistant Principal
Leslie Youssefi, Math Specialist
Nivedita Sharma, Art Teacher
Courtney De Los Santos, PreK Teacher
Alyzabeth Ditman, 2nd Grade Teacher
Enas Yousef, 5th Grade Teacher



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!



AUGUST 11TH AND 12TH

Parents are welcome to walk their child to the classroom door on the following days. Note that parking on and around campus will be crowded. Please be mindful that emergency vehicles can still pass through neighborhood streets.

August 11th: PK-5th grade

August 12th: PK and Kinder only



LOOKING AHEAD

Campus Focus Areas

Effective Feedback & Student Goal Setting

Empowering students through individualized goal setting and meaningful feedback to support academic growth.

Strengthening Science Instruction

Enhancing science learning through aligned curriculum, hands-on experiences, and data-driven instruction.

High-Functioning PLT's

Fostering collaboration through purposeful Professional Learning Communities focused on data, instruction, and student outcomes.

Purposeful Paw Time

Maximizing intervention and enrichment during Paw Time to meet students' academic and social-emotional needs.

Targeted Small Group Instruction

Delivering differentiated instruction based on student data to close gaps and extend learning.



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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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>



BELL TIMES

A reminder that our school day begins promptly at 8:05 AM, with instruction starting immediately.

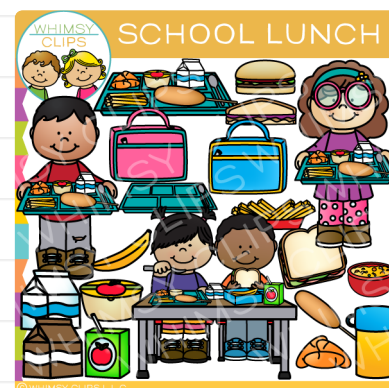
Morning announcements will begin at 7:55 AM sharp, so we encourage all students to arrive on time to hear important daily information and start the day with their classmates.

School doors will open at 7:30 AM, and students will wait in their designated grade-level pods until they are dismissed to their classrooms. The school day ends at 3:25 PM.



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.



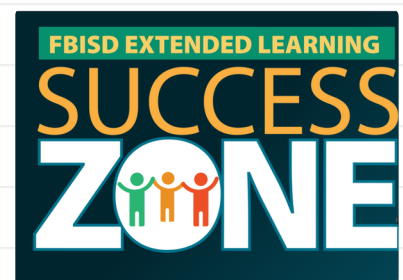
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SUCCESS ZONE CLASSES

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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ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

The safety of our Dalmatian community is our top priority.

To ensure a smooth and secure arrival and dismissal each day, we kindly ask all families to follow the established protocols.

Please review the attached Arrival & Dismissal Procedures document carefully.
Your cooperation helps keep everyone safe and our school day running smoothly.



Arrival and Dismissal at ASE 26-27.pdf

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QR CODES FOR CAR RIDERS

New QR codes will be issued to families at the beginning of the year. QR codes are used to pick up your child in Parent Drive every afternoon. Your QR code will be scanned by a staff member and then your child will meet you at a designated orange cone once school finishes at 3:25 p.m.



BUS INFORMATION

If your child will be riding FBISD transportation this year, please read these guidelines: Once they have received their badges, all students must wear their lanyards and scan their badges when they get on and off the bus. If you would like to download the Stop Finder App to track your child's location on the bus, please check the transportation department page on the FBISD website for more information. <https://www.fortbendisd.com/businfo>



Remember that students in PK are not permitted to ride the FBISD school bus. Remember that K-2 students are not permitted to walk home alone from the bus stop. They must be with a parent/guardian or older sibling. If no one is at the bus stop, the driver will bring your child back to ASE and we will call you to pick them up.

If you need information regarding their bus stop or bus number, please follow these steps to find their information:

1. Go to the FBISD Transportation page at <https://www.fortbendisd.com/businfo>
2. On the left side, click on "Bus Route Locator".
3. In the middle of the page click on "2025-26 Bus Route Locator" and then click on the link for Info Finder.
4. When you log into Info Finder, you will enter your home address, and it will show your bus stop information (location, times, and bus numbers). * Some afternoon routes are split so your child may ride one bus in the morning and a different one in the afternoon. (ex: 1131 in AM and 1148 in PM).

Please note: All FBISD transportation is managed by the district and is assigned using your address in Skyward. At the campus level, we are unable to make changes to bus routes, bus numbers or bus stops.

BOO HOO BREAKFAST

All PreK and Kindergarten parents are invited to join us for this event on Tuesday, August 11th at 8:15 AM.



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VIPS COFFEE

Interested in Volunteering? Come Learn More!

Join us on August 14th at 8:30 AM in the Extended Day Room to learn about the many ways you can get involved and support our school through the PTA.

Our PTA Board members will be there to share information about their roles and answer any questions you may have. Whether you're a returning volunteer or new to the school, we'd love to see you there!



Let's work together to make this a fantastic year for our students!



Vips Coffee 2026.pdf

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SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

To help ensure a smooth start to the school year, included below are detailed lists of school supplies for each grade level. We encourage you to review the lists and gather the needed items,

so your child is fully prepared for the first day of school.



PreK School Supply List 2026-27.pdf

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Kinder School Supply List 2026-27.pdf

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Grade 1 School Supply List 2026-27.pdf

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Grade 5 School Supply List 26-27.pdf

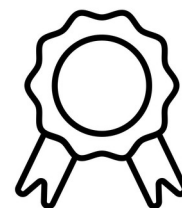
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STUDENT BADGES

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.



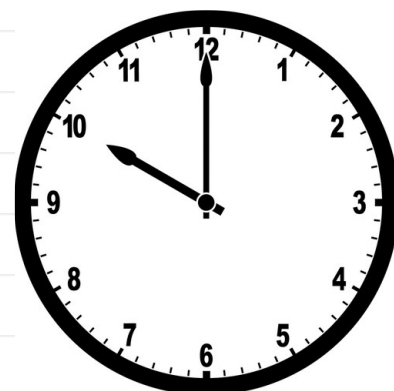
BIRTHDAY TREAT REMINDER

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.



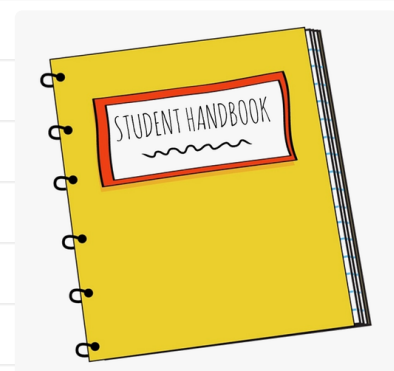
DROPPING OFF LUNCH

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 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.



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:

3rd grade: Salwa Maredia

2nd grade: Jedidiah Ajayi

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



August Writing Menu.pdf

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SPIRIT NIGHT

Sweet treats for our FIRST spirit night!

Celebrate back to school with ice cream at 16 handles on Tuesday, August 11 from 4-8pm!! ASE will receive 20% of all sales! Make sure you mention ASE PTA when checking out or by ordering online at 16handles.com or with the 16 Handles mobile app using this digital coupon - GIVEBACK



16 HANDLES

Join 16 Handles in a fundraiser for:

ANNE SULLIVAN ELEMENTARY PTA

Please enter the coupon code **GIVEBACK** upon ordering online through the 16 Handles mobile app or website, mention the fundraiser at the register, or scan the below QR code at checkout in 16 Handles on August 11. By applying this code, 16 Handles will contribute **20%** of your order to support our community.

WHEN
August 11, 2026
4-8pm

WHERE
3434 FM 1092, Suite 310
Missouri City, TX 77459



Scan QR code or mention Fundraiser at checkout to participate

Offer valid only on select items. Only approved non-profit organizations and tax-exempt organizations are eligible to participate in the fundraising program. Restaurant will receive 20% of food and beverage sales in the organization. Tax, gift cards, delivery, and alcohol are excluded from the donation. Offer valid if item is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, visit <https://16handles.com/giveback>

STUDENTS HONORED

ASE finished 2nd in Division 5 Team Sweepstakes at the Math League National Championship on June 13th, 2026, competing against 150 qualified elementary schools from across the country. ASE was the top-ranked Texas school in Division 5 and earned a national runner-up finish.

The ASE Team Sweepstakes contributors were:

- Eshaan Mondal
- Ayden Guo
- Kaylee Zhou
- Jonathan Chiang



In addition to the team's national runner-up finish, six ASE students earned national rankings in their respective grade divisions:

- Eshaan Mondal - 5th Place Nationally (5th Grade)
- Ayden Guo - 23rd Place Nationally (5th Grade)
- Kaylee Zhou - 18th Place Nationally (4th Grade)
- Jonathan Chiang - 20th Place Nationally (4th Grade)
- Lakshmanan Srinand - 77th Place Nationally (5th Grade)
- Viaan Patel - 109th Place Nationally (5th Grade)

Thank you for your continued support and for providing our students with this wonderful opportunity. We are very proud of their accomplishments and of how well they represented ASE on the national stage.

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.



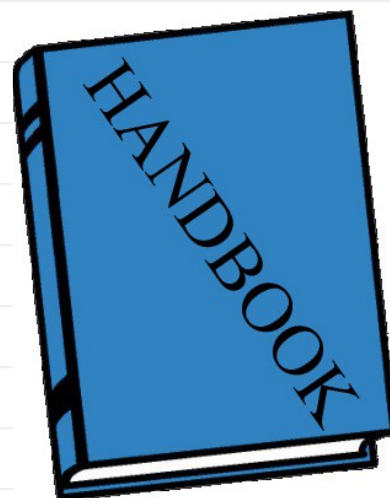
Tutor List ASE 26-27.xlsx

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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

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Campus Compliance Coordinator: Vanessa Browning (Special Education, 504, STAAR) Vanessa.Browning@fortbendisd.gov



SAVE THE DATE

8/11: 1st Day of School for all students

8/11: Boo Hoo Breakfast for our Pre-K and Kinder parents, 8:15-9:00

AM

8/14: VIPS Coffee, 8:30-9:30 AM



Donna Whisonant

Donna is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters