



Meet the
ASE PTA:
Who we are and
what we do 🐾



ASE PTA Board: Who We Are and What We Do

We are a group of ASE parents dedicated to making ASE the best school it can be, not only because we care about our ASE community, but also because our children are ASE students.

We need ASE parents to understand how important it is to support our PTA. Our taxes that we pay as Riverstone residents go towards the basics that each school gets from FBISD, but we all want more for our children. Our children deserve the best.

That is why we work hard in collaboration with and in supporting our ASE staff and teachers to make ASE a better school and a better environment for our kids. We are reaching out to all ASE parents for support, because when parents support ASE PTA, they are investing in their children's futures. This also makes our school more attractive for potential homebuyers, thereby increasing property values.

The purpose of this booklet is to give you a glimpse of who the PTA is and what we do and to hopefully earn your support.

Message from our ASE PTA president:

Welcome to the new school year at ASE! I look forward to an exciting year as President of the Anne Sullivan Elementary PTA. Together we are a powerful voice for our children. With your help and support, we can continue to work toward the PTA's goal of a quality education and a nurturing environment for every child. Members of the PTA include parents and family members of ASE students, ASE teachers, and ASE professional staff. There are many opportunities to volunteer with the PTA, whatever your talents, interests, or time constraints. Please feel free to contact me with comments, questions, or ideas at shanebowenasepta@gmail.com

The ASE PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is Part of the National PTA



What Is the National PTA?

The **National PTA** is a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. National PTA aims to better the lives of every child in education, health and safety, and hence, improving the future of all children.

Today's PTA is a network of millions of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of family engagement in schools.

As the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the nation, National PTA is the conscience of the country for children and youth issues. Through advocacy, as well as family and community education, National PTA has established programs and called for legislation that improves our children's lives, such as:

- Creation of Kindergarten classes
- Child labor laws
- Public health service
- Hot and healthy lunch programs
- Juvenile justice system
- Mandatory immunization
- Arts in Education
- School Safety

National PTA's Mission Statement

PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

PTA Values

- **Collaboration:** We will work in partnership with a wide array of individuals and organizations to broaden and enhance our ability to serve and advocate for all children and families.
- **Commitment:** We are dedicated to children's educational success, health, and well-being through strong family and community engagement, while remaining accountable to the principles upon which our association was founded.
- **Diversity:** We acknowledge the potential of everyone without regard, including but not limited to: age, culture, economic status, educational background, ethnicity, gender, geographic location, legal status, marital status, mental ability, national origin, organizational position, parental status, physical ability, political philosophy, race, religion, sexual orientation, and work experience.
- **Respect:** We value the individual contributions of members, employees, volunteers, and partners as we work collaboratively to achieve our association's goals.
- **Accountability:** All members, employees, volunteers, and partners have a shared responsibility to align their efforts toward the achievement of our association's strategic initiatives.

Individual members' benefits include:

- Online parenting resources, including select articles from *Our Children* magazine.
- E-newsletters on parenting and legislative issues.
- Exclusive National PTA member benefits and sponsor offers.
- Leadership training opportunities in-person and online.
- Discounted member rate for PTA's annual national convention, magazine subscriptions, and more.
- The Member-to-Member Network, connecting you to Congress when help is needed on issues important to children, schools, and families.



What are the FBISD PTA PARENT Liaison's responsibilities?

The FBISD Parent Liaison is the parent representative that reports important information from district board meetings back to the PTA. The **duties** and **responsibilities** of the **Parent Liaison**, as assigned by the school principal and the PTA Parliamentarian, may include but are not limited to the following: providing information to **parents** about the local school's procedures, instructional programs provided by the district, and the names and roles of the administrator.

How does the FBISD PARENT LIAISON get information from the district?

The FBISD board conducts monthly board meetings. The Parent Liaison is not required to go to the meetings, but will read the notes, and if there is anything that pertains to the school, then he/she will report in the monthly PTA board meetings. Occasionally there will be other events or activities that the Parent Liaison is required to notify the board about. For example, if the Education Foundation, Special Education Committee, or any other department has new information that the school needs to know about, then the Parent Liaison will get an email, and then report that information back to the PTA board.

Why is the FBISD PTA LIAISON position important?

This position is important because not everyone has the time to read every bit of information that they get via email. There might be legislation, procedures, or events that effect our children that we as parents need to know about. The Parent Liaison gives this information to the PTA board, and the PTA board then communicate to the parents in the school if it is deemed relevant. This way nothing will go unnoticed by our ASE community.

How Can ASE Parents Contribute?

- Volunteer to serve as the Parent Liaison when the position is available. The Parent Liaison may serve up to two consecutive years.
- Keep up with FBISD news, respond to FBISD surveys, and share your comments and/or concerns using the Let's Talk function on the FBISD website.

For more information contact the FBISD PTA PARENT LIAISON, Fawzia Elsaadi, at elsaadi.fawzia@gmail.com



What Is VIPS Coordinator?

VIPS stands for **V**olunteers In **P**ublic **S**chools. The VIPS coordinator communicates between the event organizers at ASE, where parent volunteers are needed, and ASE VIPS. The VIPS coordinator makes sure there are enough volunteers at all ASE events. As a VIPS coordinator the position allows a person to be connected to what is happening at school and what events are coming up in school and in the FBISD.

VIPS Coordinator's Work at ASE

- **BOO HOO Coffee:** As a VIPS coordinator in ASE, the responsibility starts even before school begins. We hold our first event on first day of school so we have to start working even before the beginning of school. The first event is BOO HOO COFFEE. This is the coffee and small snack provided to kinder parents to get them through the transition of their child going to school first time. This gives them opportunity to learn a little more about the school from other parents with older children and to get to know other kindergarten parents.
- **VIPS Coffee:** The second event that we plan is the VIPS COFFEE. This event is coordinated by the VIPS coordinator but run by all the PTA board members. The chairpersons of each PTA committee will put out information about their committee for parents to learn more about the committees and the kind of work they do. This is one way parents are invited to get involved help out with one or more committee. The parents who are interested in volunteering throughout the year are asked to fill out the Volunteer Interest Form, the coordinator then sends the email addresses of those interested to the chairpersons of committees, and that is how each committee is formed.
- **Year-long Events:** After these first two events, VIPS lends a hand in ongoing projects and events around the school. This year we provided volunteers for 2 book fairs which were both 2 weeks long. Also there was lot of help needed in our library on a regular basis. We also provided volunteers for grandparents' day, Veterans Day, and Jump Rope for Heart day. Throughout the year we also helped teachers with classroom projects. Those projects included laminating, putting bulletin boards up before school started, and providing a Giving Paw for each class room before the start of school. These are just some of the examples of the VIPS roles in ASE.

How Can ASE Parents Help?

- Get their FBISD background check completed each year so that they are allowed to volunteer at ASE
- Fill out the Volunteer Sign Up form on www.asepta.org under the volunteers tab
- Volunteer their time during different activities and events at school

For any questions or more info about volunteering at ASE, please contact the VIPS coordinator Nehal Dave at nehaldave03@gmail.com.



ASE Room Rep Coordinator

The ASE Room Rep Coordinator works in conjunction with the ASE PTA to help find a lead parent representative (Grade Level Coordinator) for each grade level as well as room parents and volunteers for each teacher. He/she also requests donations from each child for the grade level party budget to ensure that our children can have fun celebrating their Winter and Valentine's Day Parties. These parties are a time for our children to socialize and enjoy themselves. Our Parties include fun snacks, music, activities, and games.

The ASE Room Rep Coordinator works closely with the ASE principal to determine the dates, times, and menus of both parties and to make sure that they are in compliance with our school rules.

The Room Rep Coordinator also works with the Grade Level Coordinators to plan both parties for their respective grade levels. They help ensure each party is a success for our children. The Grade Level Coordinators are in contact with the room representatives of their grade level who in turn provide teachers any assistance they may need for their grade's party, such as decorating grade level pods, making die-cuts, requesting classroom supplies, etc.

Classroom room parents serve as the liaison between the Grade level Coordinators and volunteers for their classrooms and between the teachers and the classroom volunteers. Room parents provide assistance that teachers may need in the classroom, such as creating writing books, making die cuts for the classrooms, creating bulletin boards for the grade level pods, etc. They also assist with setting up for the parties in their classroom and ensuring the students have a great time.

The Room Rep Coordinator is part of a large group of parents that are motivated and who are committed to generously volunteering their time to assist our school, teachers, and students!

How does the Room Rep Coordinator's work benefit ASE?

- It brings the ASE community together when the students, parents, and teachers socialize at parties and other volunteering opportunities.
- The time spent helping the teachers with things like making die-cuts, laminating, and decorating the pods means our teachers have more time preparing for and educating our children.

How Can Parents Contribute?

- Send in the yearly party donations with your child(ren) at the beginning of each school year.
- Sign up to be volunteer parents in your child(ren)'s classroom and help out whenever possible.
- Step up to be the room representative for your child's classroom when there is a need.

For more information please contact Sheetal Patel, Room Rep Coordinator, at patel.sheetalm@gmail.com.



What Is Gifting?

Teachers who are educating our students sometimes need additional support to help the students reach their academic goals. The PTA provides this teacher-requested supplementary support in two ways: one, by funding further training for the teacher in a specific area; and, two, by purchasing extra materials or supplies for the classroom.

How Does Gifting Benefit Students?

Approving these gifting requests not only enhances the efforts of the teachers and enriches the students' experiences, but they also create the framework that allows our school to improve test scores and rankings.

Gifting at ASE Has Included:

- Math review material, in digital format, to be used in grades 3-5 in preparation for STARR
- Three fourth grade teachers attended the writing workshop hosted by well-known Jeff Anderson. These teachers had not taught fourth grade in the past and chose to gain extra skills for themselves to teach more effectively the writing skills necessary in the fourth grade.
- Subscription for "Time for Kids" which is a great resource for current event and additional non-fiction reading material
- Solar eclipse glasses for fifth graders in August 2017
- Additional music equipment for music outclass
- RAZ Kids, a digital reading program for kindergarten through third grades.
- The Energy Bus program for the students and staff at ASE
- And much more...

How Can ASE Parents Contribute to Gifting?

Support the ASE PTA so that we have the appropriate resources to continue our work.

Message from the Gifting Chairperson

In order for ASE to remain competitive in the district and the state, it is important for the PTA to have the financial resources necessary to approve these teacher-requests. Thank you for supporting our PTA and our school!



What is Dad's Club?

Dad's Club is a PTA club for dads and other father figures of ASE students. The main purpose of Dad's Club is to get Dads involved in their kids' lives in the school setting. It is also an opportunity for the ASE Dads to get to know each other.

Dad's Club Events

- Playground Players – The Dad's Club plans 8-10 Saturday morning Playground Players events during the school year. During these events, ASE students have the opportunity to play and interact with other ASE students from different grade levels. The dads of these students have the opportunity to network and get to know each other while enjoying coffee and donuts provided by ASE PTA. Playground Players is a great opportunity for our ASE students and dads to get active and play with one another.
- Thanksgiving Feast Turkeys – Dad's club provides the turkeys for the Teachers' Thanksgiving Feast as a thank you for all that the teachers do for our students.
- Polar Express Evening – This is a PTA sponsored, school-wide event where Dad's Club dads have an opportunity to read winter themed books, including the Polar Express, to the ASE Students.
- Dad's Social Events – The Dad's Club has 2-3 events during the school year for its members to network and get to know each other outside of the school setting.

How does Dad's Club benefit the students?

- A dad's involvement in the PTA and Dad's Club benefits your child the most by:
- Showing added interest in his child's education and school activities,
- Showing greater support for his child's teachers and school, and
- Improving relationships between parents and school personnel.

How can parents contribute?

- Attend the Dad's Club Events (Playground Players, Polar Express Evening, and the Dad's Social Events)
- Encourage the father figure(s) in your child(ren)'s life to volunteer at ASE

Message from Our Dads Club Chairperson

Calling all dads to support the ASE PTA and their events! We need strong helping hands to build a stronger PTA to benefit our newly built Anne Sullivan Elementary School. For questions or to volunteer, please email the Dad's club Chairs: Mehul Parikh at Mehul@saraae.com, and Dipul Patel at Dipulpatel18@gmail.com, or check www.asepta.org under the Events tab for more Information.



What is Watch D.O.G.S.?

Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) is a national program initiated through the National Center for Fathering (www.fathers.com).

Watch D.O.G.S. consist of fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father figures who volunteer for at least one day each year at an official WATCH D.O.G.S. school. Fathers and father figures sign up to volunteer through a 'Launch Event,' such as a "Dads and Kids Pizza Night" or "Donuts with Dad," or by calling their child's school any time throughout the school year. The program is overseen by a "Top Dog" volunteer who partners with the school administrator to coordinate scheduling and identify opportunities for WatchDOGS to provide assistance at the school.

How Does the Watch D.O.G.S Program Benefit Students?

The goals of the program are:

- To provide positive male role models for the students; demonstrating by their presence that education is important.
- To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

Watch D.O.G.S. dads and volunteers perform a variety of tasks during their volunteer day including monitoring the school entrance, assisting with unloading and loading of buses and cars, monitoring the lunch room, and helping in the classroom with a teacher's guidance by working with small groups of students on homework, flashcards, or spelling.

Watch D.O.G.S at ASE

Through links on the school website as well as the PTA website (www.asepta.org), fathers sign up for specific dates to volunteer at the school. Options are included to enable those with busy schedules to volunteer for morning car line duty only or half days (either a.m. or p.m.). Otherwise, full days, from drop-off to dismissal, are available on Fridays. The guidance counselor prepares a schedule that includes car line, morning announcements, class time, outclass time, lunch, and recess. The majority of time is spent doing activities along with the Watch DOGS volunteer's child. This makes the day **EXTREMELY** special for the student whose father has come in. Volunteers usually find that the other students are also very happy to see them as well and appreciate their presence.

ASE PTA Involvement

The Watch D.O.G.S. Chairperson (or Co-Chairs) organize with the Guidance Counselor to recruit volunteers during the year. In September, there is a kick-off meeting where the program is discussed and questions are answered. Watch Dog t-shirts are purchased at this time as well. Throughout the year, the "Top Dog" is responsible for communicating with the Watch D.O.G.S. volunteers, answering questions and meeting them on Friday mornings. The "Top Dog" also receives feedback from the volunteers throughout the school year.

How Can ASE Parents Contribute to Watch D.O.G.S.?

Encourage the father figure(s) in your child(ren)'s life to volunteer by contacting Bill Robinson at whrobin@yahoo.com or go to www.asepta.org under the Events tab for more information.



ASE PTA Communications

The ASE PTA communicates with the ASE community digitally through **E-mails**, the ASE PTA Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sullivan.pta/>), and the **ASE PTA Website** at www.asepta.org.

What Is the ASE PTA Website?

The ASE PTA website keeps our community informed. It provides easy access to news and resources for both ASE parents and teachers. The ASE PTA website (www.asepta.org) provides the tools to communicate, educate, fundraise, and more all in one location, saving you time and money and making your Parent Teacher Group much more successful. The ASE PTA website was designed for two purposes: to run the PTA easier and more efficiently and to save money by having all important information in one online platform.

What Is Featured on ASEPTA.ORG?

- Become a PTA member online
- PTA Board member information
- PTA Board meeting schedule and minutes
- Order Spirit Wear online through PayPal
- Volunteer interest form and log volunteer hours
- FBISD criminal background check for volunteers
- Fun Run registration
- Auction Gala tickets
- Field Day information
- Calendar Display
- Donate to the ASE PTA via PayPal
- Watch Dogs information
- Information about other PTA events and more...

PTA E-mail Communication and Facebook

The ASE PTA realizes the importance of proper communication between the PTA and the ASE community. To that end, the ASE PTA has been sending out weekly Wednesday PTA e-mails as needed to our ASE families. These e-mails contain important information about upcoming PTA events, sign-ups, and PTA meetings. Please check your inbox for these valuable messages from your ASE PTA!

For up to the minute information from the PTA, please join us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sullivan.pta/>. Here you will find volunteer requests, ASE photos, pertinent information about upcoming events and deadlines, and more. Join today!

What Is the ASE Yearbook?

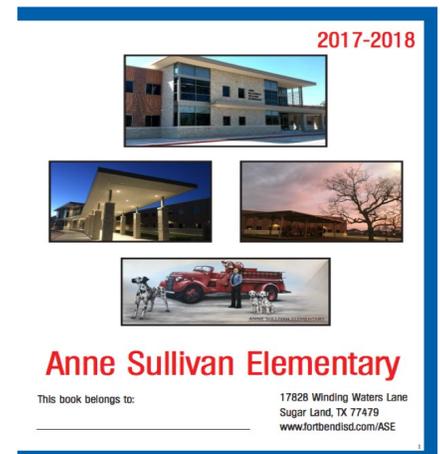
The ASE Yearbook is a keepsake book that the ASE PTA publishes once a year. It contains information about the school and PTA events and achievements of the year. It is used to record, highlight, and commemorate the school year.

The Tools ASE PTA Provides for the Yearbook:

- ASE has chosen Balfour to capture important milestones and help chronicle moments with friends and teachers. Balfour's customizable yearbook programs help to personalize the memory book for our school.
- ASE PTA has purchased cameras for each grade level for the Yearbook Committee to capture memorable moments while our kids are at school.

Events and Achievements Included in the Yearbook:

- Individual Pictures of all Students and Faculty
- Class Group Pictures
- School Level Party Pictures
- Student Academic Achievements
- School Level Competitions
- Field Trips
- School Clubs
- PTA Events Highlights
- School Family Events and more...

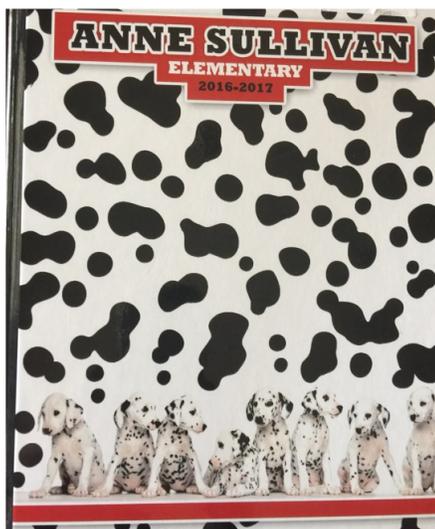


How Can ASE Parents Contribute to the Yearbook?

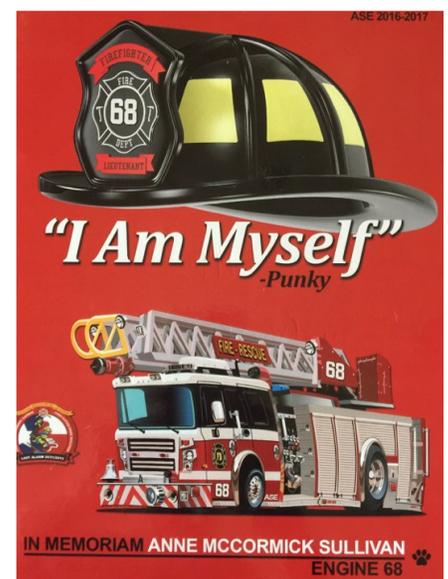
- Take pictures of ASE students at school/PTA events and share them with the Yearbook Committee
- Purchase your yearbook early in the school year

Message from the ASE PTA

The yearbook is not a fundraising publication, meaning that the ASE PTA does not make any profit from the yearbook sales. The ASE PTA Yearbook Committee captures the treasured moments of ASE students at school events and makes them available for all ASE students through the yearbook!



2016-2017
Yearbook





Join ASE PTA!

Oh, the places our campus will go with **PTA!**

Anne Sullivan PTA

2017-2018 Contributions

- Student Field Trips
- Online reading program
- Grade Level enrichment
- Literacy library
- Art Reflections
- Hook N' Ladder Fest – Fun Run & Carnival
- Family Movie Night
- Bollywood Auction Gala
- Multicultural Festival
- Teacher Appreciation Week

Don't forget that we're online which makes joining easy!

<http://asepta.org/become-a-member/>

Support your school to make every child's potential a reality.



Connect with your campus.

Stay Informed about what is going on at your campus!



Advocate for your child.

Provide student resources.



Learn student success strategies.



Connect with other parents.



Join the voice of every child!

back the future of your children.



Collaborate with your community.



Connect with your child's teachers and administrators.

Join **PTA!**

MY FAMILY + PTA =

- A place where every child feels safe and supported
- A place where all families feel welcome
- A place where parents feel informed
- A place to build relationships
- A place to volunteer
- A place where you can make a difference at our school and across the state

Please join our PTA!

Being a member has advantages! In addition to the great things our PTA is doing, join PTA to take advantage of:

- Reflections, the national art program
- Resources for parenting in the modern world
- Exclusive member discounts
- An automatic triple membership with Texas and National PTA, advocating for children in Texas and across the United States

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Anne Sullivan Elementary PTA - Fundraising

Why does ASE PTA Fundraise?

The PTA funds an important array of enriching programs and events that benefit our children, school and community. With your donations, we can continue to provide them! Our ANNUAL goal for fundraising is to raise \$75,000+.



by [Jennifer Bowlin](#) VP Fundraising

YOUR DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

By contributing to the Anne Sullivan Elementary PTA Direct Donation Campaign, you invest directly to your child. The PTA supports programs which are above and beyond District provided resources and curriculum. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, 100% of your direct donation is tax deductible. Here are a few of the programs that the PTA sponsors:

- Field Trip and Transportation
- Grade Level Enrichment Funds
- Literacy Library
- Teacher Conference Funds
- Arts Reflection Program
- Music, Art and PE Enrichments
- Math and Science Enrichments
- Field Day
- Family Events

WHAT WE DO TO FUNDRAISE

DALMATIAN NATION DRIVE

WHY A DIRECT DONATION CAMPAIGN-DALMATIAN NATION DRIVE?

Direct donation eliminates the hassles of traditional fundraising programs, gets more money to our classrooms and allows your money to work harder for our students. 100% of your donation goes directly to the school and is 100% tax deductible!!

HOW MUCH SHOULD I DONATE?

No amount is too small OR too big!! With over 1,200+ students, we are asking every family to give as much as they can to support the school. We recommend a \$100 per family; however any amount of donation is appreciated! Without your donation we can't continue to support all the programs we have projected.

DONATION LEVELS?

- **\$1,000 and Above: Fire Chief Supporter**
Name in Directory, Student Lunch with Principal, 1 Water Bottle, Marquee Thank You, 1 Yearbook, 1 Spirit Wear Item and 1 Car Decal
- **\$500-\$999: Firehouse Station Supporter**
Name in Directory, 1 Water Bottle, Marquee Thank You, 1 Spirit Wear Item, 1 Yearbook and 1 Car Decal
- **\$250-\$499 - First Response Team Supporter**
Name in Directory, 1 Water Bottle, 1 Yearbook and 1 Car Decal
- **\$100-\$249 - Fire Engine Red Supporter**
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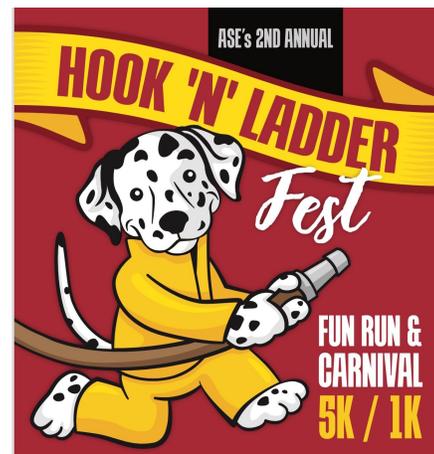
AUCTION GALA

WHAT IS THE AUCTION GALA?

The Gala is a fun night to share in the fellowship of our ASE community. Enjoy great food, drinks, camaraderie and the chance to bid on some great items in a silent auction. It is the largest fundraiser for our school. The event proceeds will help support the curriculum needs for our students and teachers. This event is held in the Fall.

WHAT IS THE HOOK 'N' LADDER FEST?

The Hook 'N' Ladder Fest is an annual school-wide event to include a Fun Run & Carnival. This year the event will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018. The Fun Run will include a 1K Family Color Run, a 5K Competitive Run and a 5K Non-Competitive Run. Awards will be given to the top 5K Competitive winners. The mission of the Fun Run is to promote a fun, healthy lifestyle while raising money for the PTA.



To build excitement prior to the event, the kids will have a chance to participate in a raffle the week prior to the event. Winners will be announced at the Carnival. They will also have a chance to purchase a ticket to PIE THE PRINCIPAL!

The Carnival will feature a variety of games, inflatables, dunking booth, cake walk and so much MORE!! Food trucks will be on-site!

This is a community event that brings together students, families, runners and businesses in a combined effort to support ASE!



HOW TO BECOME A SPONSOR OF THE EVENT!

The Hook 'N' Ladder Fest could not be a success without the Sponsorships we obtain for the Fun Run. Please consider sponsoring our event this year.

Start Line Sponsor: \$2,000 (SOLD) *Company Name & Logo on race T-shirt *5 Race Entries *Opportunity to Welcome Attendees *Give 60 second commercial about company

*Start Line Sponsor recognition in marketing materials *Display table at event *Name and logo on ASE PTA Website *Thank You on ASE's Community Marquee

Finish Line Sponsor: \$2,000 (SOLD) *Company Name & Logo on race T-shirt *5 Race Entries *Opportunity to Welcome Attendees *Give 60 second commercial about company *Finish Line Sponsor recognition in marketing materials *Display table at event *Name and logo on ASE PTA Website *Thank You on ASE's Community Marquee

Platinum Sponsor: \$1,500 *Company Name & Logo on race T-shirt *4 Race Entries *Platinum Sponsor recognition in marketing materials *Display table at event. *Name and logo on ASE PTA Website. *Thank You on ASE's Community Marquee

Gold Sponsor: \$1,000 *Company Name & Logo on race T-shirt *3 Race Entries *Gold Sponsor recognition in marketing materials *Display table at event. *Name and logo on ASE PTA Website. *Thank You on ASE's Community Marquee

Silver Sponsor: \$500 *Company Name on race T-shirt *2 Race Entries *Silver Sponsor recognition in marketing materials *Name and logo on ASE PTA Website. *Thank You on ASE's Community Marquee

Mile Marker Sponsor: \$150 each (or \$300 for all 3 Mile Markers) Company name will appear on one mile marker sign, which will be prominently displayed at the 1, 2 OR 3 mile marker. For \$300, company name or logo can appear on all three signs.

Water Station Sponsor: \$100 Company name will appear on water station signage.



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WHY WE NEED CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS?

Anne Sullivan will host several fundraising activities throughout the year and special events for our students, however these events do not raise enough money to fund all the equipment, programs, teacher requirements and facility improvements needed during the school year. Our school benefits greatly from the generosity of our community partners, and in return, ASE families are supportive of the businesses that support our school.

SPIRIT WEAR

Show your school SPIRIT by purchasing Spirit Wear items that include our ASE Everyday Shirts in Adult and Youth, Grade Level Shirts in Youth for your child to wear on Field Trips, Bling shirts for both Mom and Daughters, Baseball Hats, Yard Signs, Car Decals, Water Bottle, Boy Basketball Shorts & Dry-Fit Long Sleeve (OUR TOP SELLER)!!!

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FREE MONEY

Free Money Fundraising is an opportunity for PTA to raise funds by collecting box tops, Spirit Nights at Local Restaurants, Amazon Smile and Marquee Birthday Shout-Outs.



HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

- ❖ Attend the Carnival in the Spring
 - ❖ Attend the Auction Gala in the Fall
 - ❖ Bring in your Box Tops & attend Spirit Nights at our local restaurants
 - ❖ Purchase your Spirit Wear today!
- ❖ Donate to Dalmatian Nation Drive
 - ❖ Corporate Sponsorships
 - ❖ Sponsor the Hook 'N' Ladder Fest
 - ❖ Register for the Fun Run in the Spring

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Meet the 2017-2018 ASE PTA Fundraising Committee

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What Is Art Reflections?

Art Reflections is a PTA sponsored arts program. ASE students are invited to reflect on the yearly theme and participate by creating original works of art in one or more of the available arts categories: **LITERATURE, MUSIC COMPOSITION, VISUAL ARTS, PHOTOGRAPHY, DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY,** and/or **FILM PRODUCTION!**

The Art Reflections program has the structure of a **Themed Competition**, but it is focused on recognizing **ALL** participating students at the Local (ASE) level. Award of Excellence winners advance to the Council/Region level and have the chance to advance to State and National levels. At each level, all **submissions are blindly judged** (by professionals in the Arts Category) **on INTERPRETATION OF THE THEME** (reflected in the work itself and in the Artist Statement), **creativity** (the work has to be the original work of the student himself/herself) **and artistic merit** (the artistic skills manifested through the work).

How Does the Art Reflections Program Benefit Students?

Texas PTA writes: "Reflections has been a staple arts program in many schools for nearly 50 years. Through the efforts of our Local PTAs, millions of students have found a creative outlet in the areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts.

With positive recognition as the focus of this program, rather than competition, students of all ages and abilities can experience the benefits of creative expression and help in finding their own voice in telling their unique story."

National PTA writes about Art Reflections: "Give students confidence in their abilities to explore ideas and learn through the arts!", "The arts—and the National PTA Reflections program—support student success and serve as a valuable tool for building strong partnerships in your school community. Celebrate arts learning in your school community with Reflections." "The Importance of Art in Child Development" is an article on PBS.org that discusses the "Developmental Benefits of Art" in children's: Motor Skills, Language Development, Decision Making, Visual Learning, Inventiveness, Cultural, Awareness, and **Improved Academic Performance!**

Art Reflections at ASE

2016-2017 Theme: "What Is Your Story?". 101 students submitted a total of 173 pieces of artwork in the six different categories! Five judges (an artist, a children's author, a music teacher, a photographer, and a dance teacher) evaluated the artwork and selected the 43 advancing submissions to the Regional level, 3 of which advanced to the state level!

2017-2018 Theme: "Within Reach". 154 students submitted a total of 254 pieces of artwork in the six different categories! Ten judges (an art teacher, an artist, two authors, two music teachers, a photographer, a dance teacher and two professionals with film degrees) evaluated the submissions and selected the 55 advancing submissions to the Regional level, 5 of which advanced to the state level!

ASE PTA Involvement

The Arts in Education Chairperson forms a committee headed by the Art Reflections coordinator. This committee registers the program with Texas PTA, promotes the theme at ASE to encourage student participation, collects the student artwork, recruits volunteer judges and facilitates the evaluation of the submissions, organizes the Awards and Recognition Celebration, and processes and packages the advancing submissions to Texas PTA.

How Can ASE Parents Contribute to the Art Reflections Program?

- Encourage their child/children to participate
- Become PTA members each year
- Volunteer their time and talents to the Arts in Education Committee by contacting the ASE VIPS coordinator at nehaldave03@gmail.com

Message from the Art Reflections Coordinator

Encourage all students to start working on their original works of art based on the **2018-2019 theme: "Heroes Around Me."** Remind the students to create the work themselves, give a title to their work, write an artist statement, and sign their name on the back (the student's name should not be seen or heard by the judge). For more info go to asepta.org under Programs, or contact me at angele_akle@hotmail.com.



What Is Field Day?

Field Day is a PTA sponsored event held in the spring. All ASE students participate at their grade level as teams or individually in fun competitions, primarily outside on the “field.” The ASE Field Day is held at the end of the school year and runs for the entire school day.

How does Field Day Benefit Students?

Many students consider Field Day the best day of the year. It is a day consisting of fun and teamwork with a focus on promoting health and school spirit.

There are many different types of activities included in Field Day in the hopes of appealing to all of our students:

- traditional physical competitions like tug-of-war and relays,
- water activities to stay cool in the May weather,
- bounce houses, music and hula hoops just for fun,
- snack time and down time to keep everyone energized,
- and much more.

ASE PTA Involvement

The PTA Field Day Chairperson forms a committee to manage the planning and implementation of the Field Day event according to a set budget. This committee then plans the activities with the help of the ASE physical education teachers, orders necessary supplies, and recruits and manages volunteers.

How Can ASE Parents Be a Part of Field Day?

Parent volunteers are essential to making Field Day a fun, successful day! The Field Day committee needs:

- GAME LEADS to help plan before and manage each game on the Field Day,
- STATION LEADS to prepare supplies and support the fun on the Field Day, and
- VOLUNTEERS to sign up in the spring for 200+ volunteer time slots on Field Day.

For more information, contact the PTA Field Day Chairperson, Sarah Hogan, at mrssarahhogan@gmail.com.



What Is Family Events?

Family Events is a committee that plans fun activities and events for the students, parents, and staff to attend outside of school hours for Anne Sullivan Elementary. The Chairpersons and their committee members are responsible for planning, organizing, getting volunteers together, and executing these PTA sponsored events.

Family Events at ASE

Some past Family Events have included Playdates in the Park, Movie Night, Bedtime Stories with Dad, a pumpkin carving contest, and a Sugar Land Skeeter's Game outing.

How Do Family Events Benefit our ASE Community?

Family Events is a fun way for our parents, other family members, students, and staff to connect outside of school and maintain a sense of community.

ASE PTA Involvement

The Family Events committee chairpersons are ASE PTA board members. The PTA sponsors and funds all of the Family Events through your generous support.

How Can ASE Parents Contribute?

- Volunteer their time to help out with the events (set up, check in, advertising, obtaining supplies). Please contact the ASE VIPS Coordinator nehaldave03@gmail.com to volunteer.
- Attend the Family Events
- Donate to the ASE PTA to support our Family Events

Message from our VP of Programs

There can be 2-3 chairpersons for the Family Events Committee. This is not a job meant to be done alone. You can enjoy working with a friend on this committee or meeting new people. Working on this committee does not have to take too much time, it and can also be done while maintaining a job as well.



Culture and Diversity at ASE

Our ASE community has a rich and diverse cultural background, and in order to recognize and highlight this unique heritage, ASE PTA forms a **Culture and Diversity Committee** each year. This committee plans, organizes, and executes the school's Multicultural Week each spring. The committee also highlights community celebrations by putting up displays and decorating the school accordingly throughout the year.

What Is Multicultural Week at ASE?

Multicultural Week is a weeklong event that the ASE PTA sponsors each year. Preparations start weeks in advance. Every ASE student is asked to complete an assigned, grade level specific cultural project. The students are expected to decorate and complete these projects at home incorporating their cultural heritage. Some past examples of these projects have included hands for kindergarten, dolls for 1st grade, flags for 2nd grade, speech bubbles for 3rd grade, quilt tiles for 4th grade, and puzzle pieces for 5th grade.

Parent volunteers, with PTA guidance, decorate the school hallways according to the year's theme along with various cultural facts and materials, the students' cultural projects, and the flags of the different countries that are participating in **Multicultural Night** on Thursday night. The theme for 2018 Multicultural Week was **Continents Around the World**. Each grade level studied one of the six continents, and each grade pod got a makeover to look like the designated continent. (Parent volunteers decorated the grade pods using maps, photos, and pictures along with the students' cultural projects made both in the classroom and at home.)

The week wraps up on Friday with a **Cultural Assembly** for all ASE students. In 2017, the ASE PTA sponsored a Brazilian themed assembly by Young Audiences of Houston who performed an interactive Capoeira dance show, where students learned about Brazilian instruments, dances, and words. In 2018, the ASE PTA sponsored an assembly supporting Black History month, and all students enjoyed a theatrical performance of Thurgood Marshall Let me Fly.

What Is Multicultural Night at ASE?

Multicultural Night happens on Thursday evening during Multicultural Week. Hundreds of people from our ASE community (students, parents, siblings, ASE staff, neighbors, and others) attend this event, many of whom dress up in their finest cultural outfits!

Multicultural Night usually involves over 30 booths representing various cultures from our ASE community. ASE parents and families volunteer to represent their cultures, countries, regions, religions at these booths. Students are encouraged to pick up "passports" and visit the different booths where they get stamps and learn about the different cultures represented. Students also receive a prize for their completed passports.

The evening involves a lot of entertainment, including: a cultural fashion show, music and **LIVE** performances. These performances have included a multi-language **ASE CHOIR** performance, an **ASE PIT CREW** performance, the **Shiva Dance Studio** performing an Indian Dance from Kathak, and even a serenade from a live **Mariachi Band**.

The evening also offers attendees the chance to enjoy a multicultural dinner from the various food trucks in attendance.

How Does the Culture and Diversity Committee's Work Benefit ASE Students?

Our students have a rich and diverse cultural heritage, and when children celebrate and learn about each other's diversity, they feel that their own cultural background is accepted. Being exposed and learning about cultural diversity helps children learn to be more respectful and more tolerant of other people's differences.

How Can ASE Parents Contribute to the Culture and Diversity Program?

- Encourage your child(ren) to complete the assigned cultural project in a timely manner
- Attend the Multicultural Night event
- Volunteer to have a booth that represents your cultural background at Multicultural Night
- Volunteer their time and talents to Multicultural Week
- Become PTA members each year and make a donation to the Dalmatian Nation Drive to help the ASE PTA fund this week-long event

Message from the Culture and Diversity Coordinator

Please get involved and represent and teach ASE students about your culture. For any questions or to get involved, please contact Nehal Dave at nehaldave03@gmail.com.



What Is the Teacher and Staff Appreciation Committee?

The Teacher and Staff Appreciation Committee is a part of the ASE PTA. The goal of this committee is to show appreciation to our teachers and staff for their continual hard work and dedication to our children. We accomplish this goal by putting together lunches and treats for teachers and staff throughout the school year.

How Does the Teacher and Staff Appreciation Events Benefit the ASE Community?

Showing appreciation for the hard work the ASE staff and teachers do for our students every day is one way the ASE PTA hopes to make the our community feel like a family. In a family setting, everybody involved performs to the best of their abilities.

Teacher Appreciation Events at ASE have included:

- A beginning and end of the year luncheon
- A breakfast before school starts for the year
- Treats given to teachers and staff throughout the year
- Snacks for the teachers during STAAR testing in the spring
- Snacks, meals, and gifts for teachers during Appreciation Week in May

How Can ASE Parents Contribute to the Teacher Appreciation Committee?

- Parents can help the committee by volunteering their time.
- Parents can donate food, money, or gift cards throughout the year.

Message from the Teacher Appreciation Committee Chairperson

Help us make ASE feel like family to our teachers, staff, students, and parents. This will, in turn, make our teachers happy to be ASE teaching our children to the best of their ability.

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