

Sullivan Scoop

PTA Newsletter- March 2017



ASE Hook N' Ladder Fest

Please join us for the first annual Hook N' Ladder Fest scheduled for Saturday, March 4th!

The Hook N' Ladder Fest includes both a **1K and a 5K run**, a **carnival**, and an **auction**, and it promises to be a fun and exciting day for the entire Anne Sullivan community!

The warm up for the 1K and the 5K starts at **7 am**, followed by the start of the 1K at **7:30 am** and the 5K starting at approximately **8 am**. Awards will be presented by Mrs. Sullivan at **9:30 am**, and the Carnival and Auction will follow.

The **Carnival** will include a few FREE fun carnival games, as well as ticketed games such as a cake walk, a teacher dunking booth, an interactive bounce house and obstacle course, slides, photo booths, face painting, and more. Tickets will be available for purchase at the carnival.

The **Auction** will give ASE families a chance to purchase baskets created by each grade such as a Lego basket, a family game night basket, a science fun basket, an arts and crafts basket, and more. Other items in the Auction include the chance to sing the national anthem at a Skeeters game, the chance to throw the first pitch at a Skeeters game, the chance to participate in game day activity with the Skeeter's mascot, Swatson, and more. **Raffles** will also be available for families to try and win items such as a girl's or a boy's bike from Sugar Cycles, a chance to pie the ASE principal in the face, the chance to be the nurse, PE teacher, art teacher, science teacher, or music teacher for the day, and more.

Food Trucks will be available that day as well- Tandoori Nights, Crepe Machine, Papa Johns, Mingos Latin, and The Doughcone.

Volunteers are still needed for the Hook N' Ladder Fest. Please contact Jennifer Bowlin at Jennifer.bowlin@hotmail.com for more information or to volunteer. We hope to see you on Saturday, March 4th!

Communicate With the PTA

- **Website:** Visit www.asepta.org for all PTA



related information and events, spirit wear purchases, and PTA membership in just one click.

- Check out Hook N' Ladder Fest coming up on March 4th
<http://asepta.org/hooknladderfest2017/>
- **Facebook:** Join "ASE PTA" Group Page (<https://www.facebook.com/sullivan.pta>) for daily news and updates from ASE parents and PTA members.
- Contact Website/Social Media Chair, **Shaifali Shah**, at shaifali@moonscapetech.com for more info.

Join the ASE PTA!

- **Join the ASE PTA now!** You can sign up for PTA membership online at www.asepta.org or you can print the membership form from www.asepta.org, and return it to the school with your \$10 dues in an envelope marked "PTA Membership Chair." Thank you for becoming a member of the ASE PTA.

Visit the New ASE Website!

<http://www.fortbendis.com/ase>

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Free Money for ASE!

Thank you to everyone who came out to our spirit nights at **The Bombay Palace!** The food was so good, and we raised **\$175** for ASE!

Mark your calendar and support ASE by letting someone else do the cooking!

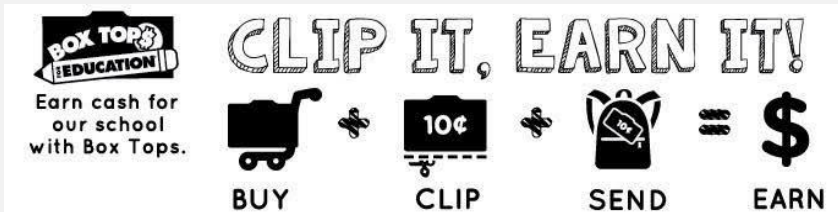
- **April 11th:** Chick-fil-A Spirit Night for 5th grade families and teachers

Shopping

- Thanks to the efforts of our school families, we have earned **\$66** from Shutterfly and **\$8** from AmazonSmile.
- **Don't forget that ASE is now part of AmazonSmile!** Please use **this link** when shopping: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-2266530>. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the PTA!

Box Tops for a Spring Assembly!

- We are asking for the entire school family to help us **raise 5,000 Box Tops toward a magic show for the whole school!** Collection sheets and a list of participating products will go home with students in their Friday folder. **Our goal is for each student to submit 10 Box Tops**, but please send in any extras in a Ziplock bag stapled to the collection sheet. **The deadline is March 24th.** The collection bin is located outside of the cafeteria. Look out for the poster near the cafeteria that will show our progress!
- **A note about submitting Box Tops:** Please go through your Box Tops and toss out any expired ones before turning them in. While you are looking at each expiration date, make sure the whole date is visible. If some of the date is cut off, don't include it. No need to trim them perfectly to size. When attaching Box Tops to the collection sheet, please glue them- do not tape or staple. If using a Ziplock bag, please write the number of Box Tops on the bag. Do not attach bonus Box Tops to the collection sheet, place those in a separate bag and staple to your collection sheet. Happy collecting!



FBISD News

- **FBISD's Listening Tour** will continue this winter with the following stop in March:
 - **March 6th:** Travis HS, 5 pm, followed by called meeting and agenda review at 6 pm
- FBISD has come up with a committee that consists of students, teachers, community members, and staff who collaborated to find solutions while keeping in mind our more than 74,000 and 5,000 teachers. This committee is called the **Local Innovation Committee**.
- FBISD is working on a **Local Innovation Plan**, which is now posted online for a 30 day public comment. This plan outlines **3 general areas** for FBISD. They would like flexibility from state mandates, including the **school calendar, teacher certification for hard to fill positions, and student attendance requirements**. If you would like to voice your opinion, go to www.fortbendisd.com/innovation. Please know that if FBISD becomes a district of innovation, the only exemption they would implement for 2017-18 would relate to the **calendar**.
- At the **March 27th regular board meeting (6pm)**, the same night they consider the Local Innovation Plan, the board will **vote on the calendar for the 2017-18 school year**. In either scenario, the board does not anticipate starting school any earlier than **August 21st**.

Multicultural Committee

ASE is celebrating our first **Multicultural Week** from **April 24th to 28th**!

As part of this week, each teacher will have **lessons** for our children to help them learn about and experience a variety of different cultures. According to each grade level, there will also be **projects** that each child will work on at home, where they will be given an opportunity to explore their own culture and learn from each other as well. It will be a great learning experience for the entire Anne Sullivan family.

On Thursday **April 27th at 5:00 pm**, we will hold our first **Showcase of Nations**. ASE would like to invite everyone to come **dressed in ethnic clothing** and to set up a **visual display** of artifacts that represent their culture. These displays can include icons, photos, maps, flags, statues, souvenirs, clothing, religious items, etc. Unfortunately, food items cannot be displayed. We encourage your enthusiasm and creativity to help make these displays the best they can be. The Multicultural Committee may ask you to join forces to make these displays due to common interest. The Committee will contact you via email if this need arises. During the Showcase of Nations, you will also be able to purchase varieties of diverse food from the **Food Trucks** located near the Café.

Please visit the Multicultural Committee display during the spring open house for more information or feel free to email us with any questions or concerns regarding this event.

Sincerely,

Nehal Dave, Multicultural Committee Chair, nehaldave03@gmail.com

Kindergarten- 2nd Grade Junior Achievement Coming in April!

Junior Achievement is a program that focuses on financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship. We will have 2 sessions consisting of fun interactions and games with your child's class. Please stay tuned for a Sign up Genius link to sign up as a class volunteer. **No experience required!** For more information, please contact **Mary Wong** at mh208@hotmail.com.



PTA Board Officers and Committee Chair Nominations for 2017-18

The ASE PTA is in the process of **nominating** PTA Board Officers and Committee Chairs for the 2017-18 school year. If you are interested, please complete the **Anne Sullivan Elementary PTA Board Volunteer Interest Form** found at <http://asepta.org>. Please email the completed form to annesullivanpta@gmail.com by **March, 15, 2017**. Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the ASE PTA Board!

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Buy Your Yearbook and 5th Grade Dedication Now!

The inaugural yearbook for Anne Sullivan Elementary is almost gone! **We are now down to our last 100 yearbooks!** If you want to purchase this very special book, please do so ASAP by going online to www.balfour.com.

If there are any last minute **5th grade dedications**, please send those in ASAP to ASEyearbook2016@gmail.com.

Don't miss out on remembering the 1st year of ASE! **Purchase your yearbook and 5th grade dedications today!**



Room Representatives Update

Thank you to all of our fabulous room reps for their party planning for our **Valentine's Day Parties**. We appreciate all that you do! Our children had so much fun celebrating with their classmates.

Thank you to ALL of the room rep leads and room reps for volunteering and helping out with our **grade level auction baskets** for the Hook N' Ladder Fest. We are very excited about this event on **March 4th**!

Field Day is coming!

Save the date for Anne Sullivan Elementary's **1st Annual Field Day on May 19th**! Note that this is a **change in the date**. We will need lots of volunteers on the day of May 19th, so keep an eye out for a sign up genius so you can experience Field Day with your child.



Teacher Appreciation

The Teacher Appreciation Committee would like to send a big **Thank You to Valesca Paiva** for making and donating all the Valentine's cake pops for the ASE staff. Your time and donation was greatly appreciated!



ASE Dad's Club

Calling all ASE Dads! **Join the Dad's Club** by going to <http://www.asepta.org> and completing the Volunteer Sign Up form. Don't forget to also purchase your Dad's Club shirt online for \$20 and to complete your FBISD Criminal Background Check online at <http://www.fbisd.com>.

Upcoming Dad's Club Events (more information will be sent out prior to each event):

- **Playdates in the Park:** Dads bring your kids for a morning of fun at the Anne Sullivan Elementary School playground! Upcoming Playdate is **April 8th from 9:30-11:30 am**. (Note the later time.)
- **Members Only Happy Hour:** Center Court Pizza, **March 23rd from 6-8 pm**.

ASE Watch Dogs

Calling all **ASE Grandfathers and Dads!** We have a few spots still available for our brand new **ASE Watch Dogs program**. This is an exciting opportunity to spend a Friday at ASE helping and providing a watchful eye over the ASE campus. More information about the Watch Dogs program can be found at <http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs/allaboutwatchdogs/>

To **sign up** for one of the few remaining spots, please contact **Ms. Jessica Trahan** at Jessica.trahan@fortbendisd.com or **Shane Bowen** at shanebowendds@yahoo.com.



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Sponsorship

ASE PTA is currently looking for community sponsorships. Local businesses will have the **opportunity to market/advertise their business** on our PTA Facebook page, and PTA website. If you do not have your own business but know someone who does, we would love your help in securing those corporate sponsorships. **You can find the corporate sponsorship letter and form at <http://asepta.org/sponsorship-info/>.** For any questions, please contact VP of Fundraising, **Jennifer Bowlin** at Jennifer.bowlin@hotmail.com

Don't Forget to Log Your Volunteer Hours

Do you know how easy it is to log your ASE volunteer hours? Simply **go online** to <http://asepta.org/volunteer-hours/> and input your hours volunteered each month into the form. **Don't forget to do this each month.** Every hour or even part of an hour volunteered for ASE counts. ASE receives funding and recognition based on our total number of hours volunteered, so please don't forget to log the work you do. **Thank you!**

ASE Math Masters

Congratulations to the **ASE Math Master students** for their excellent performance at the TMSCA Math and Science contest! At the contest on December 3, 2016, they achieved the highest score in the elementary sweepstakes. At the TMSCA on February 11, 2017, our ASE students achieved not only 1st place in all 4 contests (Number Sense, General Math, Calculator, and General Science), but were also awarded 2nd place in the sweepstakes.

The Math Masters club is open to 4th and 5th graders, and a selection process for 2017-2018 will be starting soon. For questions or information about the club, please contact **Anu Asthana** at SEmathmaster@gmail.com.



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