

Sullivan Scoop

PTA Newsletter- September 2016

Dear ASE Parents,

I hope to see the excitement and enthusiasm continue to build as we move forward in the school year and develop together the outstanding community supporting our Anne Sullivan Elementary. **We hope all parents will join the PTA** and participate in our many events and programs as we not only strive to make ASE a strong academic campus, but a fun and exciting learning environment for our children to grow. Please join me and **JOIN THE PTA TODAY!**

Kerry Dannecker
ASE PTA President



Communicate With the PTA:

- **Website:** www.asepta.org, for all PTA related info and events
- **Facebook:** ASE PTA, for daily news and updates from ASE parents and PTA members
- Learn more and **join the PTA** by visiting our website, print the membership form, and return it to the school with your \$10 dues in an envelope marked "PTA Membership Chair." Thank you!
- Contact Website/Social Media Chair, Shaifali Shah at shaifali@moonscapetech.com for more info.

What is the PTA? Why should I join?

The number one reason to join the **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school. But there are many more advantages:

- **Get connected.** There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.
- **Discover great resources.** The PTA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.
- **Tap into a network.** PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport, and discussing issues that are on your mind. You can share ideas, concerns, and experiences.
- **Watch yourself grow.** By volunteering with your PTA, you put your skills and hobbies to use for a noble cause- your child and all children in the community.
- **Speak up.** PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.
- **Witness improvement.** By getting involved at your child's school, you'll be a part of the solution, helping make positive changes. Local PTAs play an important role in fundraising for curriculum based programs and social events.
- **Be a role model.** By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.
- **Enjoy substantial benefits.** Individuals and local units can take advantage of a host of benefits from PTA membership including discounts and offers from select providers and sponsors, magazine subscriptions, leadership training, e-newsletters, and much more.

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CALLING ALL ASE DADS!!!

The **ASE Dad's Club** is working on many great events to show Dads care about ASE and that Dads are involved too! By joining the Dad's Club, you will be invited to the **Dad's Club social events, school support opportunities, and special "Dad and Me" activities.** Be a great role model for your children and **join Dad's Club today** by visiting www.asepta.org, register as a volunteer, and check the Dad's Club box. We have two outstanding and excited Dad's Club Chairpersons, **Dipul Patel and Mehul Parikh**, and they can't wait to hear from you. **THANK YOU, DADS!**

Parent Education

In collaboration with the ASE counselors, the PTA will be offering **lectures** on various topics related to **parenting concerns and raising children in today's world.** If you have a topic you would like to see the Parenting Education Committee bring to ASE, please share it with us. **Contact Darakhshan (Dee) Memon, chairperson, at dee@kidsroboticacademy.com.**

“VIPS” Volunteers in Public Schools

We hope to have each parent register as an ASE volunteer. By doing this, anytime ASE has a volunteer need, you will be contacted with the opportunity to serve. What makes a school extraordinary is the parent involvement and support. Become a VIPS today by visiting www.asepta.org and click “Volunteer Sign Up” to register and let us know your volunteer interests. We hope to see you!

Volunteers, please don't forget to complete the FBISD Criminal Background Check. A link is provided at www.asepta.org. Click “Criminal Background Application,” which will direct you to the FBISD website, and select “Sullivan Elementary.” You will not be able to volunteer in the school building without this approval. **Thank you!**



Free Money!

The **Free Money Committee** oversees all ASE programs in which the school receives “free money” in return for participating. This includes spirit nights and shopping programs.

Our first spirit night will be on September 13th at the Chick-fil-A on Highway 6 in Missouri City from 5pm to 8pm. Each grade will have a special month, but all ASE families, regardless of grade, are invited to come out and support ASE. For this first one, we are asking for special support from the **Kindergarten** teachers and students. There are both meat and vegetarian options available for purchase at Chick-fil-A.

We also have **shopping programs** set up with Office Depot, Shutterfly, and Tyson Chicken. We are setting up a program with Box Tops for Education, so please start saving your Box Tops. We will let you know when we begin collecting.

If you have as little as 10 minutes or up to an hour, there are several ways to help the Free Money Committee, including putting out yard signs for spirit nights, placing flyers and stickers in teacher mailboxes, and counting Box Tops. **Let us know if you would like to help by visiting us at www.asepta.org.**

Dalmatian Nation Drive

We are so thankful for the new ASE state of the art building and all the opportunities a new school gives our students and community. Most families moved to this neighborhood because of the great schools. It is proven that what makes a school the best is the major parent volunteer and financial support. FBISD provides our schools with great resources to teach our children, however ASE parents want our children to achieve above and beyond district standards. To accomplish this goal, the **PTA will have fundraisers to be able to give the teachers additional support and materials that are not provided in the classroom.**

September kicks off our “Dalmatian Nation Drive.” This is a direct ask opportunity for ASE families to give a donation to the school. ASE will not ask you to go door to door to sell items to fundraise. Instead, we ask all parents to give a donation. The funds will be collected by the PTA (a nonprofit organization), and all donations are tax deductible. **Stay tuned for more information and please consider a donation as an investment in your child's education.**

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Teacher and Staff Appreciation

One role of the PTA is to show the ASE teachers and staff how much we appreciate them. During teacher's work week, we provided the staff breakfast on their first day, two evenings of dinner before Meet the Teacher nights, and then a fabulous luncheon the Friday before school started. We have many events and treats planned throughout the school year. **Join ASE PTA on Facebook to be informed of ways you can support the Teacher Appreciation Committee.**

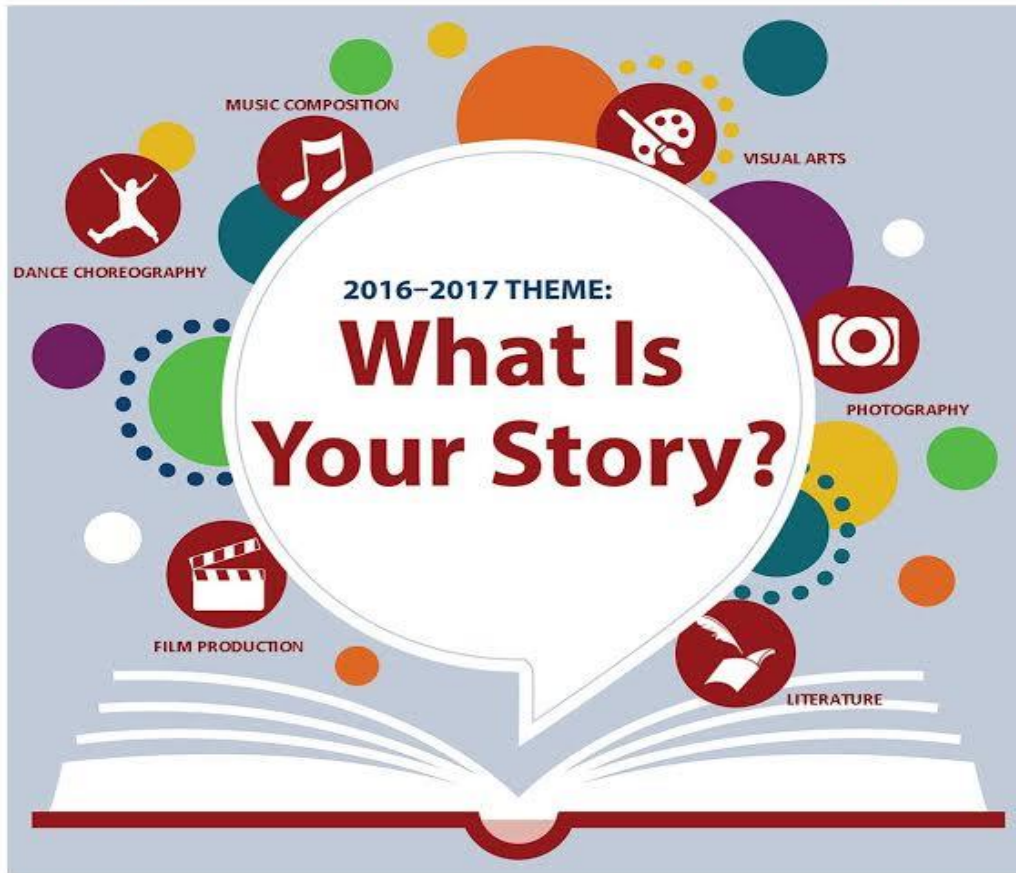
Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement (JA) is the nation's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their futures, and make smart academic choices. **JA is coming to your child's class!** Programs offered will focus on financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship. What does it take to make a difference? We need your help to administer to the program with the materials provided. Let's invest, involve, inspire, and sign up as a class volunteer. **For more info, contact Mary Wong at mh208@hotmail.com.**

Sponsorship

Do you own a business or know a business owner? Businesses can become an ASE sponsor. Visit www.asepta.org to download the Sponsorship form. We hope to have all sponsors completed by **Sept. 30th** for publication in the school directory. **For more info, contact Jennifer Bowlin (VP of fundraising) at Jennifer.bowlin@hotmail.com.**

Be a part of ASE's first Art Reflections Program!



All ASE students are invited to participate!

Submissions due Oct. 17th and 18th

Awards and Recognition Celebration Nov. 16th

For volunteering opportunities, please contact angele_akle@hotmail.com

For more information, please check asepta.org

Yearbook is coming!

ASE is proud to announce that we will have a **1st annual yearbook** this school year! Be on the lookout for information regarding preorders and photo contributions coming soon to Friday folders, future newsletters, and on open house nights on September 14th and 15th.

YEARBOOK

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