

DOTHAN CITY SCHOOLS INSIDE THE PACK



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UPCOMING EVENT

**Backyard Summer
Reading Program at
602 S. Lena Street**
Wednesday, June 10
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENT

**Dothan City Schools
Regular Board Meeting
at Central Office**
Monday, June 29th
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENT

**Backyard Summer
Reading Program at
105 Booker Street**
Wednesday, June 17
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM



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To our students, families, employees, and community, thank you for another successful school year at Dothan City Schools. The final weeks of May were filled with memorable moments across our district. From graduation ceremonies to academic recognitions to student performances, competitions, and celebrations, our schools finished the year strong. I continue to be inspired by the talent, determination, and growth shown by our students throughout the year.

Although the school year has officially come to a close, learning and engagement continue across DCS this summer! I encourage our families to take part in our Backyard Summer Reading Program, where students can enjoy stories, activities, free meals, and time with school and district leaders throughout the summer.

Summer is also an important time of preparation for our faculty and staff as we look ahead to a new school year filled with opportunity. Across DCS, teams are already working to strengthen programs, support our schools, and prepare welcoming learning environments for students and families returning in August.

Thank you for your continued support of Dothan City Schools and the role you play in helping our students succeed. I hope your summer is restful, safe, and filled with meaningful time with family and friends.

- *Dr. Garrick Askew*
Superintendent
Dothan City Schools



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS OF 2026 VALEDICTORIANS AND SALUTATORIANS

Congratulations to the valedictorians and salutatorians of the Class of 2026! These students have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, leadership, perseverance, and dedication throughout their educational journey. Their accomplishments reflect years of hard work both inside and outside of the classroom, and we are proud to celebrate this important milestone with them!

DCS is honored to recognize these outstanding students as they prepare to take the next step toward bright and promising futures. Congratulations to these outstanding graduates on this well deserved honor!



Kennedy Watford
Valedictorian



Elena Vasquez
Salutatorian



Kerragin Hamilton
Valedictorian



Linh Le
Salutatorian

DCS COMMENCEMENT

Caps flew, cheers filled the stadium, and fireworks were displayed as 496 Dothan City Schools graduates officially turned their tassels on May 14 at Rip Hewes Stadium for the 2026 Commencement Ceremony.

Students from Dothan High School, Dothan City Virtual School, and Pass Academy celebrated the milestone surrounded by proud families, friends, educators, and supporters. The evening marked the end of one chapter and the exciting beginning of another for the Class of 2026.

Throughout their time at DCS, these graduates excelled in academics, athletics, fine arts, career and technical education, leadership, service, and so much more. Most importantly, they demonstrated determination and Wolfpack pride every step of the way.

Congratulations to the DCS Class of 2026! We cannot wait to see where your journeys take you next. Go be great!



ELEMENTARY GRADUATIONS

Across Dothan City Schools, the final weeks of the school year were filled with smiles, songs, celebrations, and milestone moments as students participated in graduation and promotion ceremonies at schools across the district. From kindergarten and first grade graduations to school wide celebrations recognizing students across multiple grade levels, campuses proudly honored the growth and accomplishments from the 2025-2026 school year. Families packed our campuses and proudly cheered on their students as they crossed stages, received certificates, performed songs, and celebrated another successful year of learning.

These special ceremonies were more than just celebrations, it also served a reminder that every milestone matters and every student's journey is worth celebrating. Congratulations to our students, families, and schools on a wonderful year across the Wolfpack!



TRANSITIONING TO KINDERGARTEN

DCS Head Start and Preschool Center recently celebrated its students during a special Moving Up Ceremony, recognizing their growth, accomplishments, and readiness for kindergarten. The celebration marks an important milestone for students and families as they begin the next chapter of their educational journey this fall.

To help make the transition from Pre-K as smooth as possible, Head Start also hosted its annual Kindergarten Transition Event, where families had the opportunity to meet representatives from DCS' elementary schools, ask questions, and learn more about the year ahead. Thank you to the elementary school representatives who took time to connect with families and share information about their schools. Special thanks to the families who joined us in celebrating and preparing for this exciting next step!



AWARDS CEREMONIES

Students across Dothan City Schools wrapped up the year with multiple awards and honor ceremonies held throughout the district. From thousands of dollars in scholarships and academic honors to leadership awards, student superlatives, and classroom achievements, schools took time to celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of students across every grade level.

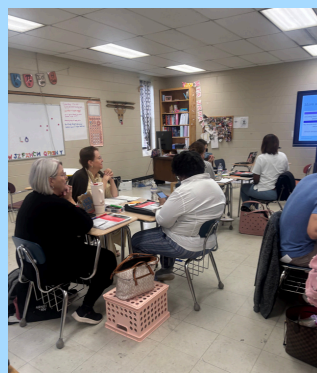
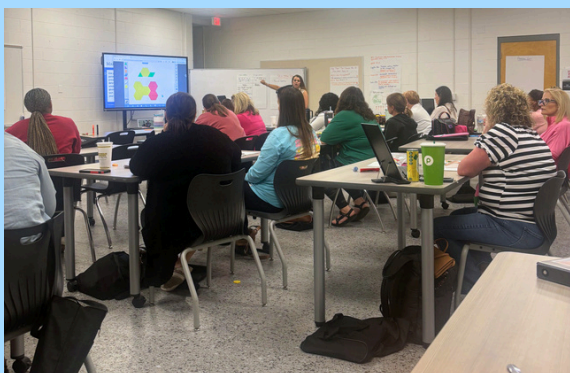
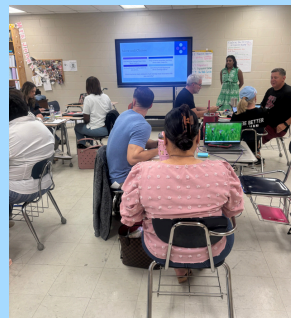
Congratulations to all of our students honored during this year's awards and honors ceremonies. Your hard work continues to make Dothan City Schools proud!

SUMMER LEARNING FOR OUR EDUCATORS

While students are enjoying a well deserved summer break, learning continues across Dothan City Schools. At the end of May, DCS educators participated in a multi-day Content Academy facilitated by Carnegie Learning. The professional learning training experience is designed to strengthen mathematics instructional practices across all grade levels.

Throughout the training, teachers engaged in hands-on learning, collaborative discussions, and problem-solving activities focused on building student understanding. Sessions explored topics ranging from numeracy and fractions to proportional reasoning and functions, providing educators with practical strategies they can bring back to their classrooms for the 2027 school year.

Carnegie Learning's partnership with Dothan City Schools reflects the district's ongoing commitment to professional growth and student success. By investing in high quality learning opportunities for educators, DCS is helping ensure students return to engaging and effective instruction in August. Additional training sessions will continue throughout the year as teachers build on the foundation established this summer.



Staff Salute: Yvette Ford, Heard Elementary School



Since joining the Heard Elementary School team in September 2022, Yvette Ford has become a beloved member of the Wolfpack. In her role as Custodian II, Mrs. Ford plays an important part in maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for students and staff each day. She is known for her bubbly personality and positive attitude. Mrs. Ford brings energy, kindness, and a welcoming spirit to school each day. Whether she's lending a helping hand, going above and beyond for staff and students, or simply greeting others with a smile, she consistently makes Heard a better place to learn and work. Her dedication, strong work ethic, and genuine care for others have made her a valued member of the Heard family and her joyful presence leaves a lasting impression on everyone she meets. Thank you, Yvette Ford, for your dedication to our school, students, and staff and for all that you do!

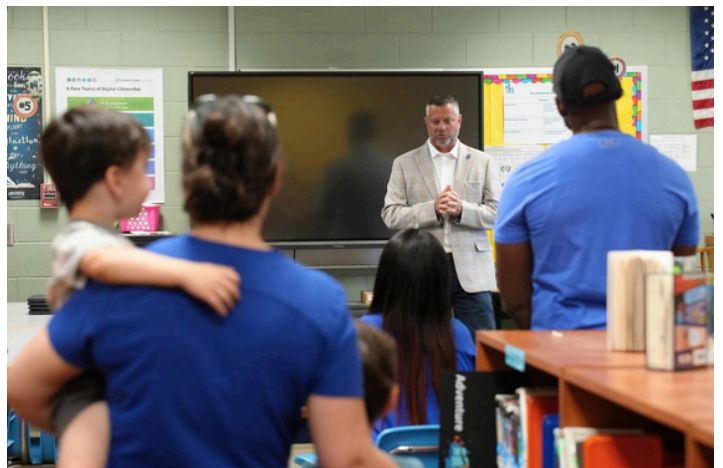
DR. CLARK HARDEN MEET AND GREET



Last month, families, staff, students, and community members gathered at Highlands Elementary School for a special Principal Meet & Greet welcoming Dr. Clark Harden as the school's new principal. The evening gave families the opportunity to connect with Dr. Harden, hear about his vision for Highlands, and begin building relationships ahead of the 2026-2027 school year.

With more than 25 years of experience in education, Dr. Harden brings a strong background in instructional leadership and a passion for supporting students, teachers, and families.

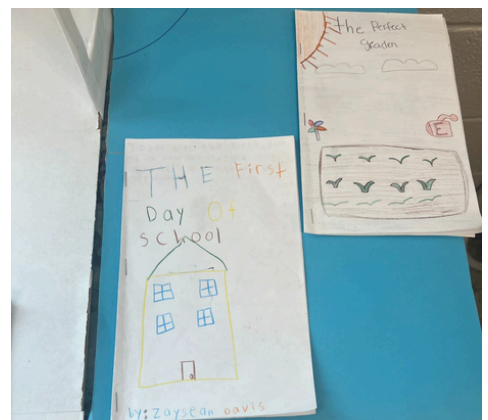
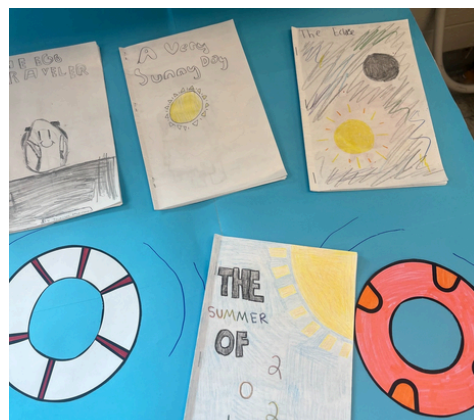
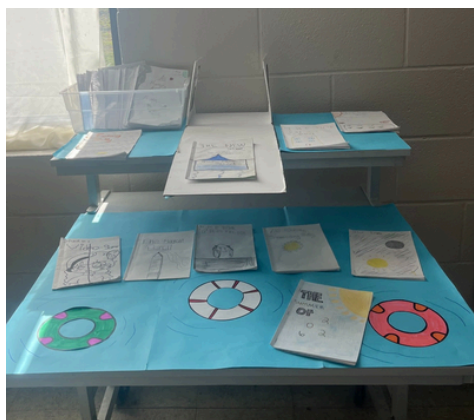
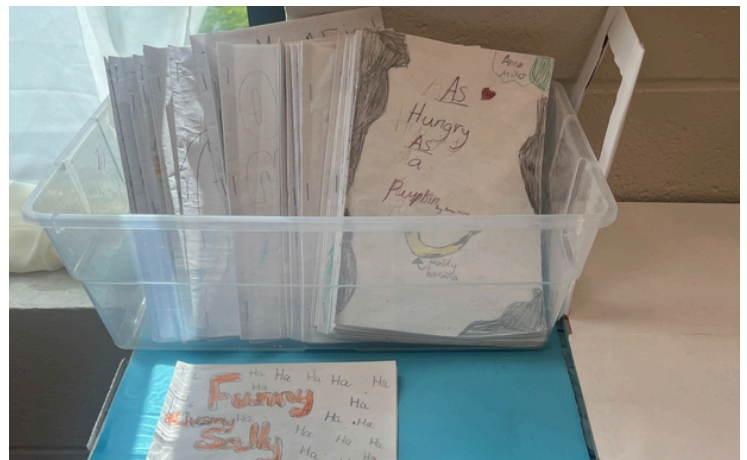
Throughout the event guests had the chance to connect with Dr. Harden and celebrate an exciting new chapter for Highlands. Welcome to the Wolfpack, Dr. Harden!



PICTURE BOOKS AT D6



Students in Mrs. Williams' Den 1 Creative Expression class at Dothan 6th Grade Center wrapped up the final nine weeks of school in a creative way by designing and illustrating their own picture books! By combining art, storytelling, and writing skills, students created imaginative books for their peers to enjoy before summer break. The project not only encouraged creativity and self expression, but also helped inspire a love of reading throughout the school. From colorful illustrations to original story ideas, our 6th grade authors proved that learning and creativity go hand in hand.



Wolf Spotlight: Brody Herndon



Dothan City Virtual School Class of 2026 graduate Brody Herndon is proving that hard work and determination can open doors to incredible opportunities. While maintaining a 3.7 GPA, Brody successfully balanced his high school coursework with specialized career technical training. Through dual enrollment at Wallace Community College, Brody completed HVAC coursework and officially earned his Air Conditioning/Refrigeration Certificate before graduation. In the same week he completed his college-level technical credentials, Brody also graduated Magna Cum Laude from Dothan City Virtual School, a remarkable achievement that reflects his academic excellence.

As he prepares to enter the workforce, Brody leaves DCS with both academic honors and industry recognized credentials. His success serves as an inspiring example of the opportunities available through dual enrollment and career technical education pathways. Congratulations Brody on his accomplishments and look forward to seeing all he achieves in the future.

WOLFPACK WINS

DCS BUS DRIVERS ARE COMMITTED TO SAFETY

Every school day begins and ends with someone helping safely guide our students where they need to be. This year, DCS proudly recognized all of the bus drivers who did so accident free. Director of Transportation Dr. Erica Hall, Superintendent Dr. Garrick Askew, and Chief Operations Officer Patrick Mallory honored team members with “Commitment to Safety” pins in recognition of the care, patience, and dedication they show students each day. Rain or shine, early mornings and late afternoons, these individuals play an important role in the lives of our students and families.

Their commitment goes far beyond transportation, they help create a safe and welcoming start and finish to each student’s school day. Thank you to our amazing bus drivers and transportation department for the continued commtment to student safety!



Wolf Pup Spotlight: Nori Fenton

Morris Slingluff Elementary 4th grade student Nori is a shining example of what it means to be a member of the Wolfpack. Known for her thoughtful and caring nature, Nori consistently puts others before herself and leads by example in both the classroom and throughout the school.

In the 2025–2026 school year, Nori was recognized as one Slingluff’s 4th grade Good Citizens, an honor that reflects her respect, responsibility, and resourcefulness. As a Peer Helper, Nori is always willing to lend a hand, support her classmates, and help create a positive environment for those around her.

In addition to her leadership and kindness, Nori excels academically and earned A/B Honor Roll recognition for the 2025–2026 school year. We are proud to highlight Nori for the positive impact she makes each day and the example she sets for her fellow students.



DOTHAN TECH SHAPES THE NEXT GENERATION OF EDUCATORS

Students at Dothan Tech recently took an exciting step toward their future careers during the Career and Technical Education Signing Ceremony and Future Teachers of Alabama Signing Day. The event celebrated students in the Education and Training program who have committed to continuing their education and pursuing teaching careers that will make a lasting impact on future generations. Students signed with colleges and universities across the state and committed to programs in early education, early childhood education, and psychology. The ceremony highlighted not only the students commitment and hard work, but also the important role educators play in shaping future leaders. Student signees recognized their instructor, Mrs. Snider, for the encouragement, leadership, and support she has poured into them throught their journey. Dothan City Schools is proud to celebrate these future educators as they take the next step toward inspiring classrooms of their own.



Leah Bell
Troy University,
Elementary Education



Shawneese Christie –
Wallace College, Early
Childhood Education



Ariya Danzey
University of Alabama,
Elementary Education



Jayden Gregg
University of Alabama
at Birmingham,
Psychology



Adalynn Smith
Wallace College,
Early Childhood
Education



Jenna Snider
Faulkner University,
Elementary Education,
Committed to Dothan
Montessori School



Heavenlen Streeter
Huntingdon College,
Early Childhood
Education



Principal's Pride: Vanessa Gunn, Hidden Lake Primary School

Principal Vanessa Gunn has dedicated more than two decades to serving students in Dothan City Schools, bringing a passion for education and a deep commitment to helping every child succeed. Since becoming principal of Hidden Lake Primary School in 2013, she has focused on creating a supportive environment where students feel challenged, encouraged, and valued. Her leadership is rooted in the belief that meeting the academic, social, and emotional needs of children is essential to their success both inside and outside the classroom.

A proud native of Brundidge, Alabama, Mrs. Gunn began her career in education in 2002 at Jerry Lee Faine Elementary School as a first grade teacher. Throughout her career, she has served as a classroom teacher, assistant principal, and principal, gaining valuable experience that has shaped her student-centered approach to leadership. She holds degrees from Troy State University and Grand Canyon University.

Beyond her role as principal, Mrs. Gunn is a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and avid reader who enjoys baking and spending time near water whenever possible. She is passionate about building strong relationships with students, families, and staff and takes pride in the family atmosphere that makes DCS so special. Her goal for the upcoming school year is to continue strengthening teaching and learning at Hidden Lake while ensuring every student is supported and successful. Under Mrs. Gunn's leadership, Hidden Lake continues to foster a culture of excellence and collaboration. As she continues to lead Hidden Lake Primary School, Mrs. Gunn remains focused on helping every student reach their full potential.



COMMUNITY PARTNER

This month we want to highlight the City of Dothan Leisure Services. Thank you for offering summer classes, camps, and activities for students to participate in!



DOTHAN
LEISURE SERVICES
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DHS CELEBRATES ON CAMPUS CREDIT UNION OPENING



The DCS community celebrated the ribbon cutting and grand opening of DHS’s new on campus All In Credit Union branch last month, creating opportunities designed to give students meaningful, hands on experience beyond the classroom. Students working within the branch will gain experience in customer service, financial literacy, and workplace communication while learning in a real industry environment.

Students played an active role in both the branch and its grand opening, with Dothan Tech Graphic Arts students contributing to the Wolfpack-branded design work and Culinary Arts students preparing refreshments for the ribbon cutting event. Thank you to All In Credit Union, the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, and the many community members who attended the ribbon cutting to support our students.



SOUTHEAST GAS GIVES BACK TO DOTHAN CITY SCHOOLS

Last month, Dothan City Schools recieved \$14,485 from Southeast Gas through the company’s annual “Give Back to Schools” initiative. The contribution is part of Southeast Gas’ continued investment in public education and support for school systems across the region. Dr. Garrick Askew accepted the contribution on behalf of DCS, with funds helping support the continued needs of students and schools throughout the district.

Dothan City Schools is grateful for community partners who continue investing in opportunities that positively impact students across Wolf Nation.



DOTHAN HIGH GIRLS SOCCER MAKES HISTORY

The DHS Girls Soccer team made school history this season with the program's first ever appearance in the AHSAA Final Four. Throughout the season, the Lady Wolves showcased determination, teamwork, and resilience both on and off the field, earning the support of the entire community along the way. Before heading to Huntsville for the state semifinals, students, staff, and families lined the halls for a spirited Wolf Walk send off, cheering on the team as they prepared to compete on one of the biggest stages in Alabama high school soccer. While the season ended in the Final Four, the historic run marked a major milestone for the program and created memories that will last in our community for years to come.

Congratulations to the players, coaches, and supporters who made this season one to remember for DHS!



DCS CARES

JUNIOR BETA CLUB AT HEARD ELEMENTARY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

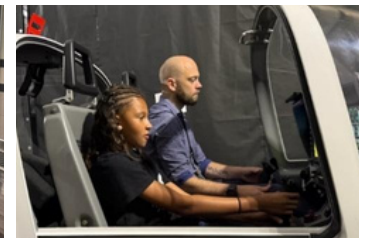
Students in Heard Elementary School's Junior Beta Club recently gave back to the community by collecting more than 100 items to donate for the Extendicare Health Center. The donation drive showcases the Heard Junior Beta Club's commitment to service while also giving students an opportunity to demonstrate leadership, generosity, and compassion. Their efforts serve as a reminder that no one is too young to make an impact!



SLINGLUFF BRIGHT KEY YOUTH CAREER ACADEMY

Fifth grade students from Slingluff Elementary School recently explored future career opportunities during the 2nd Annual Bright Key Youth Career Academy Business and Industry Tour. The experience gave students a firsthand look at careers across the Wiregrass while connecting classroom learning to real world experiences.

Throughout the day, students visited the CAE USA Training Center, where they experienced helicopter and airplane simulators, and toured the Dothan Regional Airport to learn more about airport operations, security procedures, and travel logistics. Students also visited Coca Cola Bottling Company, Inc., where they explored careers within the company and learned about creative marketing strategies used to promote products. Opportunities like these help our students discover new interests, build career awareness, and begin imagining the many possibilities for their future.



CELEBRATING CARVER 9TH GRADE ACADEMY CAREER PREP TEACHERS

At the May meeting, the Dothan City Schools Board of Education recognize the dedicated Carver 9 Career Prep teachers for their outstanding work in preparing students for success. Over the past several years, Carver 9 Career Prep educators have helped students earn Microsoft Office Specialist certifications, which is an achievement that directly supports College and Career Readiness and equips students with valuable workforce and digital skills. Their impact is reflected not only in the classroom, but also in the data. During the 2024-2025 school year, Carver 9 students achieved an overall CCR rate of more than 80% through this certification pathway. In the 2025-2026 school year, 159 students earned certification during the Spring 2026 window.



70 % of students over the last three years who obtained CCR's grades 9-11 worked with the Carver 9th Grade Academy Career Prep Teachers.

Thank you to Career Prep Instructors Itaya White, Illana Freeman, Quadarian Broome, and Steven Welch for their dedication, leadership, and commitment to helping students reach their goals.

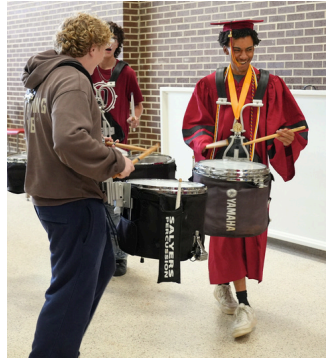


CLASS OF 2026 WOLFWALK



One of Dothan High School's most cherished traditions returned this spring as members of the Class of 2026 took part in the annual Senior Wolf Walk. Wearing their caps and gowns, seniors made their way through the halls while younger students and staff cheered them on and celebrated years of hard work and achievement.

This year's walk was made even more special as kindergarten students from Selma Street and Girard Elementary Schools joined in the celebration. The tradition is one our students look forward to each year and serves as a meaningful reminder of how far our seniors have come while also inspiring the next generation of Wolves to dream big and work hard toward their own future graduation day.



HONORING LEGACIES OF LEADERSHIP

Dothan City Schools wishes “Happy Trails” to two outstanding principals, Beth Bouchard and Joey Meigs. During Ms. Bouchard’s seven years with DCS, she led Highlands Elementary School with a focus on creating a supportive learning environment where students and educators could thrive. Principal Meigs dedicated 20 years to DCS and served in multiple leadership roles throughout the district, most recently leading Dothan City Virtual School.

Retirement celebrations were held in honor of both principals, bringing together their friends, family members, and community supporters to recognize their service and contributions. As they begin their next chapters, DCS extends sincere gratitude to Principal Bouchard and Principal Meigs for their years of pouring into our students and staff, strong leadership, and commitment to student success. Their contributions have helped strengthen the Wolfpack and will leave a lasting impression for years to come.



SELMA STREET MAY DAY

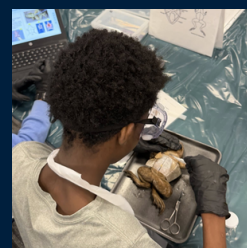
Students at Selma Street Elementary School soaked up fun in the sun with their friends, family, school staff, and community supporters for its annual May Day event! From field events and inflatables to special treats and activities, students enjoyed an exciting day to celebrate the school year alongside classmates and loved ones. Thank you to the families, volunteers, staff members, and community supporters who helped make May Day 2026 an unforgettable day for our students!

HANDS-ON LEARNING IN ACTION



DCVS FROG DISSECTION

7th grade Dothan City Virtual School students traded in their computer screens for a hands-on science lesson during an in-person frog dissection lab. The lab gave 7th grade students the chance to explore anatomy up close, apply concepts learned in class, and gain a deeper understanding of science through direct observation. Throughout the lab, students examined anatomical structures, asked thoughtful questions, and practiced the skills scientists use. Thank you to Mrs. Smiley for creating an engaging learning experience for your students and for helping them explore science in an exciting way.



AUBURN MOBILE SCIENCE LAB VISITS CARVER MST

In May, students at The Carver School for Mathematics, Science, and Technology welcomed Auburn University's Geo Explorer mobile lab, giving students a unique opportunity to experience science beyond the classroom. Through interactive activities and hands-on exploration, students engaged directly with scientific concepts and real world research applications. For the students, the visit sparked curiosity, encouraged discovery, and provided an exciting look at the many possibilities within STEM education.

Want a deeper look at our students inside the Geo Explorer mobile lab? Watch the full WDH News story about Auburn's visit to Carver MST:

<https://tinyurl.com/AuburnVisitsCarver>



KELLY SPRINGS STUDENTS PRESENT "PRESS START"

Kelly Springs Elementary Schools students took center stage last month for "Press Start: A New Children's Musical", showcasing months of hard work and creativity. From colorful costumes and engaging performances, students brought the production to life while also building confidence. The production gave students the opportunity to shine in front of family, friends, and the community.

Congratulations to the cast and crew for their outstanding performance!



DPA STUDENT ART SHOW



Dothan Preparatory Academy students showcased their creativity and artistic growth during a student art show and print sale featuring original works created through the school's "Printmaking Through Time" project. In January, DPA received a \$6,000 grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts to support the innovative project, which introduced students to gelli plate and screen printing techniques while exploring the history of printmaking. The exhibit provided students with an opportunity to share their work with family, peers, staff, and community members while celebrating the creativity, experimentation, and artistic skills developed throughout the project. Special thank you to artists Alexandria Turner from the Wiregrass Museum of Art and Terry Dedrick for being special guest artists during the artwork creation.



HIDDEN LAKE PRIMARY STUDENTS BRING HISTORY TO LIFE

Last month, Hidden Lake Primary School students celebrated America's 250th anniversary with a special assembly focused on the nation's history. Throughout the program, students learned about America's 250 years of independence, explored important national symbols, recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and performed patriotic songs. Student presenters also helped bring the celebration to life by dressing up, sharing the meaning behind several American symbols, and creating a memorable learning experience for their peers.



MUFFINS WITH MOM AT JERRY LEE FAINE ELEMENTARY

Jerry Lee Faine Elementary School's Pre-K students celebrated Mother's Day last month with a special Muffins with Mom event. Mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and role models gathered for a morning filled with smiles and sweet treats as students honored the special women who play such an important role in their lives. The event provided a meaningful opportunity for families to spend time together while creating lasting memories in a warm and welcoming environment.



JUNE 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

SEASONAL

- 13 | DadFest 2026: Becoming a Father Who Leads at Wallace Community College Dothan from 10AM-12PM
- 19 | Juneteenth Celebration Presented by CCTS Alumni Association at Jimmy H. Baker Center for the Arts from 3-6PM
- 20 | Juneteenth Jubilee with Dr. Umar Johnson at Porter Park from 12-6PM
- 20 | Father's Day Grill & Chill at Harley-Davidson of Dothan from 11AM-2PM
- 20 | Liberty & Local: America 250 at the Ozark Farmers Market starting at 8AM
- 21 | Father's Day Flop at Water World Dothan from 12-5PM
- 26 | Freedom Fest 2026 at Festival Fields in Fort Rucker starting at 4PM
- 27 | 2026 Rehobeth Red, White, & Boom at Rehobeth High School from 2-9PM

LOCAL FESTIVALS & MARKETS

- 13, 20, & 27 | Poplar Head Farmers Market from 8AM - 12PM at the Houston County Farm Center
- 20 | K-PopKon-Fest at the Dothan Civic Center from 10AM - 5PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 10 | Aloha Summer at Water World Dothan from 10AM-5PM
- 10 | Movies By The Pool: How to Train Your Dragon at Doug Tew from 7-10PM
- 11 | Dinosaurs, Reactions, and Explosions, Oh My! for ages 5-12 at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Westgate Branch) from 10:30-11:15AM
- 11 | Summer Book Escape Presentation by Dothan Tuesday Rotary at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Main Branch) from 11-11:45AM
- 11 | Crazy Chemistry for ages 10-18 at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Westgate Branch) from 1:30-2:15PM
- 12 | Movies in the Park - Back to the Future at Porter Park at 7PM
- 13 | Seas the Day hosted by Dothan Leisure Services at Walton Park for children 14 years old or younger from 10AM-12PM
- 17 | Master Gardener's Lunch and Learn with Dr. Meredith Shrader, Insect ID (What's Eating My Garden?) at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Main Branch) from 12-1PM

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- 17 | Movies By The Pool: Trolls hosted by Dothan Leisure Services at Walton Park Pool from 7-10PM
- 18 | Lew-E's Comedy Circus for ages 3-12 at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Main Branch) from 10:30-11:15AM
- 19 | Summer Movies: Despicable Me at Water World Dothan starting at 6:30PM
- 23 | Family Paint Night with Ashley at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Main Branch) from 5-7PM
- 24 | Mahjong Open Play at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Westgate Branch) from 1-4PM
- 27 | Alabama Hands & Voices Storytime at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Westgate Branch) from 11AM-12PM
- 29 | Doc's Variety Show for ages 5-12 at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Main Branch) from 10:30-11:15AM

ARTS

- 11, 18, & 25 | Adult Summer Camps: Fruitful Beginnings - Intro to Oil Painting at the Wiregrass Museum of Art for ages 18+
- 10 | Artist Talk - The Forest Was Rebuilt with Scrap and Play at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 5:30-6:30PM
- 13 | Art Exploration (Adult Edition) at Wiregrass Museum of Art for ages 18+ from 10AM-1PM
- 20 | ArtFX: A Session of Sound and Color at Wiregrass Museum of Art
- 26 | As You Like It - Shakespeare in the Park at Porter Park from 7-8PM

JUNE 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

SHOWS/PERFORMANCES

- 12 | Dancing For The Arts hosted by the Cultural Arts Center at Dothan Civic Center from 7-10PM
- 13 | Jordan Stanley: Crouching Tiger, Hidden Spanx at the Dothan Opera House from 6:30-9PM
- 16 | The Runaround: The Minivan Tour at The Plan starting at 7:30PM
- 24 | 151st Army Band Concert: American 250 Celebration at the Dothan Opera House from 7-9PM
- 25 | LoveSong: The Cure Tribute with First Wave at the Dothan Opera House from 7-10PM
- 25-28 | DO Portugal Circus at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds
- 27 | Molly Hatchet & FireHouse at Dothan Civic Center from 7-10PM
- 27 | The Park Concert Series: Jazmin Ghent at Porter Park Plaza starting at 7PM
- 30 | Naval Academy Band's Electric Brigade: American 250 at the Dothan Opera House from 7-9PM

CLASSES & EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

- 25 | Worlds Largest Swim Lesson presented by Dothan Leisure Services at Doug Tew (8:30-9:15AM), Andrew Belle (9-9:45AM), and Walton Park (10-10:45AM) for FREE for ages 3+.
- 25 | Needle & Thread: Hand Sewing Basics for ages 14+ at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Westgate Branch) from 1-2:30PM
- 25 | Basic Sewing for Beginners at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Westgate Branch) from 5-7PM
- 30 | Needle & Thread: Hand Sewing Basics for ages 14+ at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Main Branch) from 5:30-7PM

DOTHAN UNITED

- 13 | Dothan United VS East Atlanta at Rip Hewes Stadium from 7-10PM
- 24 | Dothan United VS Panama City Beach at Rip Hewes Stadium from 7-10PM

JUNE 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

CAMPS/WEEKLY CLASSES

Wiregrass Museum of Art

- June 1 -5 | **Drawing 200: Expanding Technique** at the Wiregrass Museum of Art for ages 15-17 years old from 9AM-12PM
- June 8-12 | **Design 126: Costumes & Characters** for ages 12-15 years old
- June 15-19 | **Read a Little, Art A LOT!** at the Wiregrass Museum of Art for ages 5-8 years old from 9AM-12PM
- June 22-26 | **Comic Craze - Sequential Narratives** at the Wiregrass Museum of Art for ages 12-15 years old from 9AM-12PM
- July 6-10 | **Drawing 101 Fabulous Fashion** at the Wiregrass Museum of Art for ages 8-12 years old from 9AM-12PM
- July 13-17 | **Art Exploration** at the Wiregrass Museum of Art for ages 5-8 years old from 9AM-12PM

Cultural Arts Center

- 4-Day Camps June 15-19 | Three camps available with one for K4/K5 (10-11AM), 1st -2nd Grades (10-11AM), and 3rd -6th Grades (10-11:30AM)
- 4-Day Camps July 6-9, 13-16, and 20-23 | Six camps available for K-6th graders

Camp CornDodgers

- June 1-5 & June 8-12 | Camp CornDodgers at CornDodgers Farm for ages 5-12 years old from 8AM-12PM (\$175 for First Child/per week; \$150 for per additional child)

HudsonAlpha Institute for BioTechnology

- **Code of Life (Basic Camp)** | For rising 6th -9th graders. Two sessions available, June 8 - 12 from 1-4PM and July 13-17 from 9AM-12PM. Cost per student/session is \$150
- **I Want to Work In A Lab (Advanced Camp)** | For rising 6th -9th graders. Session happening July 20-24 from 9AM-12PM. Cost per student/session is \$150.
- **BioSkills Microbiology Level 1** | For current 10th-12th graders. Session happening June 15-18 from 1-4PM. Cost per student/session is \$175.

SEACT Theatre Camps

- June 8-26 | Shakespeare Intensive: As You Like It for ages 16+. Cost is \$100. Audition required and deadline to signup is June 3.
- June 22-26 | Dwarves in the Suburbs for ages 7-14 years old from 8:30AM-12PM at the Cultural Arts Center. Cost is \$150. Deadline to register is June 17

JUNE 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

CAMPS/WEEKLY CLASSES

Southeast Health Teenage Volunteer Program

- Available for rising 10th graders & above. Must apply by June 12th to do their summer orientation

Boys & Girls Club of Wiregrass

- June 8th – July 31st | For upcoming 1st – 9th graders. Happening each week day for 8 weeks from 7:30AM–5:30PM.

Wiregrass Public Safety Academy

- June 8 – 19 | A tuition-free, two week immersive experience for students 16–18 and recent high school graduates interested in a career in public safety. Spots are limited. Apply today!

Wallace Community College

- Growing the Future – 2026 Kids College | For rising 1st – 6th graders. Four sessions available in June from 8AM–3:30PM. Cost per student/session is \$120
 - Wallace Campus | June 1 & 2 (Grades 1–3) and June 3 & 4 (Grades 4–6)
 - Sparks Campus | June 22 & 23 (Grades 1–3) and June 24 & 25 (Grades 4–6)

Wiregrass Pets Rescue & Adoption

- For ages 6 to 12 from 9AM–3PM. Cost is \$150 per week.
 - Session I: June 1 – 5, Session II: June 8 – 12, Session III: June 15–19, and Session IV: June 22–29

Dothan Leisure Services Summer Camps

- **Swim Lessons** | Available at Walton Park, Westgate Wellness, Andrew Belle, and Doug Tew starting with age 1.
 - Session I: June 1–11, Session II: June 15–25, Session III: June 29–July 9, and Session IV: July 13–23
- **Athletics** | Happening July 6–19. There is a \$40 fee or \$20 with proof of Medicaid
 - Cheer | For ages 7–12, Girls Volleyball | 3rd–8th grade, Soccer | For ages 6–19, Tackle Football | For ages 7–12, an additional \$40 uniform deposit is required, and NFL Flag Football | For ages 7–14
- **Basketball Basics** | Happening at Andrew Belle Community Center for FREE June 2, July 7, and August 4 for ages 6–18 from 6–7PM
- **Youth Volleyball Clinic** | Happening at Walton Park Gym for FREE June 13 | Grades 5–6 from 8AM–12PM and July 18 | Grades 7–8 from 8AM–12PM

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CAMPS/WEEKLY CLASSES

Dothan Leisure Services Summer Camps

- **Camp Choctaw** | Four sessions throughout the summer at Westgate Recreation Center for ages 6-12 years old on weekdays from 7:30 AM - 5:30PM (\$140 for each 2 week session)
- **Camp Seminole** | Four sessions throughout the summer at Walton Park for ages 6-12 years old on weekdays from 7:30 AM - 5:30PM (\$140 for each 2 week session)
- **Camp Cherokee** | Happening June 1 - July 24 at Wiregrass Park for ages 6-9 years old on weekdays from 7:30 AM - 5:30PM (\$180 for full summer camp)
- **Camp Chickasaw** | Happening June 1 - July 24 at Andrew Belle for ages 10-12 years old on weekdays from 7:30 AM - 5:30PM (\$180 for full summer camp)
- **Gross Out Camp** | Four sessions throughout June and July. Cost per session is \$250.
 - Session I: June 1-5, Session II: June 8-12, Session III: July 6-10, and Session IV: July 13-17
- **Art Camps** | Taught by Green House Art Studio at the Trail Building at Westgate Park for ages 6-18. Cost is \$100 per camper per camp session. Choose either 10AM-12PM session or the 2-4PM session
 - June 1-4 | Jungle Life, June 8-13 | Modern Art, June 15-18 | The Art of Wales, June 22-25 | Splats, Splatters, & Blobs, June 29-July 2 | Art Americana, July 20-30 | Art of The Shoshone, and July 27-30 | Scenes from the Shore
- **Preschool Art Camp** | Happening at the Trail Building at Westgate Park for ages 2-4 on July 13-16. Choose either the 10-11AM session or the 1-2PM session. Cost for camp is \$60
- **Tri-State Soccer Camp** | Happening July 20 - 24 from 8AM-12PM for 6ages 6 to 16 at Westgate Park. Cost for camp is \$195
- **Therapeutics Recreation Day Program** | June 8-July 29 (Mondays and Wednesdays) session or June 9-July 30 (Tuesdays and Thursdays) session for ages 13+ from 9AM-1PM at Doug Tew Therapeutic Recreation Center. The cost is \$120 per session.
- **Therapeutics Summer Extended Day Program** | June 8-July 29 (Mondays and Wednesdays) session or June 9-July 30 (Tuesdays and Thursdays) session for ages 13+ from 1-5:30PM at Doug Tew Therapeutic Recreation Center. The cost is \$120 per session.
- **Junior Camp Counselor** | For ages 14-15 from 7:30AM-5:30PM at Andrew Belle, Walton, Westgate, and Wiregrass Rec Centers
 - Session I: June 15-26, Session II: June 29-July 10, and Session III: July 13-24

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