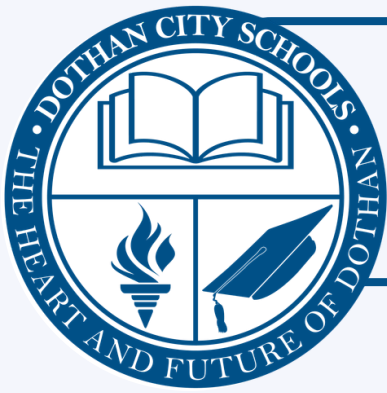




# DOTHAN CITY SCHOOLS INSIDE THE PACK



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**Studio Artist Workshop: Read A Little Art A Lot One Day Workshop** hosted by the Wiregrass Museum of Art

Saturday, March 14th  
10:00 AM

## UPCOMING EVENT

**Dothan City Schools  
Regular Board Meeting  
at Central Office**

Tuesday, March 17th  
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

## UPCOMING EVENT

**DHS Softball: Central at  
Dothan High School**

Tuesday, March 10th  
4:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**EMPLOYEE  
OF THE MONTH:  
ANDREW SCOTT  
BRADY**

**STAFF SALUTE:  
ADAM COOPER**

**WOLF SPOTLIGHT:  
JULIA BATTS**

**WOLF SPOTLIGHT:  
SARA KATE TOMPKINS**

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## 2026–2027 TEACHERS, PRINCIPAL, AND SUPPORT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Dothan City Schools proudly announced the 2026–2027 District Teachers of the Year, Principal of the Year, and Support Employee of the Year, recognizing four outstanding individuals whose leadership and dedication make a lasting difference across the Dothan City Schools.

Jessica Freeman of The Carver School for Mathematics, Science & Technology was named Elementary Teacher of the Year. A National Board Certified Teacher with more than 22 years of experience, Mrs. Freeman is known for her hands-on, student-centered instruction that builds curiosity, confidence, and real-world problem-solving skills.

Lisa Peacock, Lead Biology Teacher at Carver 9th Grade Academy, was selected as Secondary Teacher of the Year. With more than two decades in education, she is recognized for bringing science to life through engaging instruction, research-based practices, and strong leadership within her school community.

Monica Montalvo, Principal of Kelly Springs Elementary School, was named Principal of the Year. Since stepping into her role in 2022, she has strengthened a culture grounded in meaningful relationships, collaboration, and an unwavering commitment to student achievement.

Dena Enfinger, Instructional Aide in Special Education at Beverlye Intermediate School, was honored as Support Employee of the Year. Known for her compassion, patience, and student-first mindset, Mrs. Enfinger consistently goes above and beyond to ensure students feel supported and empowered to succeed.

Dothan City Schools is proud to celebrate these leaders whose dedication, heart, and commitment reflect what it truly means to be part of the Wolfpack.

**Jessica Freeman**

**The Carver School  
for Mathematics,  
Science &  
Technology**

**Elementary  
Teacher  
of the Year**



**Lisa Peacock**

**Carver 9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Academy**

**Secondary  
Teacher of the  
Year**



**Monica Montalvo**

**Kelly Springs  
Elementary  
School**

**Principal  
of the Year**



**Dena Enfinger**

**Beverlye  
Intermediate  
School**

**Support  
Employee  
of the Year**





# TEACHER *Of The Year* 2026-2027



**Melissa Crozier**

**Dothan City  
Early Education  
Center**



**Simone Swain**

**Dothan City  
Headstart and  
Preschool Center**



**Tonya Everett**

**Beverlye  
Intermediate  
School**



**Jordan Cory**

**Girard  
Elementary  
School**



**Alicia Walker**

**Heard  
Elementary  
School**



**Nohra  
Daugherty**

**Hidden Lake  
Primary School**



**Tara Harris**

**Highlands  
Elementary  
School**



**Natalie Townsend**

**Jerry Lee Faine  
Elementary  
School**



**Jennifer Smith**

**Kelly Springs  
Elementary  
School**





**Lauren Couch**

**Morris  
Slingluff  
Elementary  
School**



**James Perkall**

**Selma Street  
Elementary  
School**



**Coretha Laurent**

**Dothan  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Center**



**Tyreece Mayo**

**Dothan  
Preparatory  
Academy**



**Jeffery Bailey**

**Dothan City  
Virtual School**



**Jason  
Abercrombie**

**PASS Academy**



**Josh Odom**

**Dothan High  
School**



**James Kingry**

**Dothan  
Technology  
Center**





# MEET DR. KACIA THOMPSON, THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE WOLFPACK

Assistant Superintendent – Instructional Services, Dothan City Schools



Dothan City Schools welcomed Dr. Kacia Thompson to the Wolfpack as our new Assistant Superintendent last month. Dr. Thompson brings more than 25 years of experience in K-12 education, instructional leadership, and student support systems, along with a deep commitment to helping students and educators succeed.

Dr. Thompson joins DCS from the Douglas County School System in Georgia, where she served in multiple district-level leadership roles, most recently as Director of Instructional Supports. Throughout her career, she has led districtwide initiatives focused on improving student achievement, strengthening Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS) and 504 services, and ensuring equitable access to high quality instruction for all students.

"I was drawn to Dothan City Schools because of its deep commitment to students and the opportunity to serve in a role that directly impacts teaching and learning across the district," said Dr. Thompson. "I believe in building strong systems that support educators and ensure that every

student is seen, supported, and positioned for success. This role allows me to partner with leaders and teachers to elevate excellence in every classroom."

Her leadership experience spans both district and school based roles, including service as a principal, assistant principal, and classroom teacher. Dr. Thompson has overseen large scale professional development efforts, guided data driven instructional improvement, and supported schools in meeting students' academic, behavioral, and social emotional needs. Her work has contributed to measurable gains in student performance and the expansion of innovative programs focused on early intervention, extended learning, and student wellness.

"My vision is to ensure alignment, consistency, and excellence across all schools so that EVERY student benefits from strong instruction and high expectations," said Dr. Thompson. "My priorities include accelerating reading and math achievement and ensuring we respond intentionally to the needs of every learner. Together, we will build coherence, support of educators, and create conditions for every student to thrive."

Dr. Thompson holds a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from Walden University, along with advanced degrees in educational leadership and administration. Welcome to the Wolfpack!

## COMMUNITY PARTNER



This month we want to highlight our community partner, Wiregrass Museum of Art. March is Youth Art Month, a national celebration held every March that emphasizes the value of art education for K-12 students, highlighting skills like creativity and problem solving. Thank you. WMA, for giving our students outlets to express themselves and their creativity! You can view DCS student artwork at the Youth Art Month Opening Reception on March 3, 2026 from 4:30-7:30PM at the Wiregrass Museum of Art.





Dothan City Schools

# Kindergarten Registration

Children who are five years old on or before  
September 1, 2026 can enroll in Kindergarten.

**Enrollment Starts  
March 10, 2026**



Children must be registered at their zoned school. Visit the Dothan City Schools website for more information, including phone numbers and zoning information.



Parents should bring proof of birth, current Alabama Certificate of immunization (blue card), and proof of residency.

**For more information, visit [www.dothan.k12.al.us](http://www.dothan.k12.al.us)**

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

This time of year brings renewed energy as students and staff continue the important work of learning, growth, and preparation for the months ahead. From classrooms to campuses, we see daily examples of focus, creativity, and perseverance that make our district special. March also gives us an opportunity to reflect on progress while keeping our eyes on what's ahead.

As we approach Spring Break, I encourage our students and staff to take time to rest, recharge, and return ready to finish the school year strong. March is also Women's History Month. Which is a time to recognize and celebrate the achievements and leadership of women in our schools and throughout our community. We are grateful for the many women who serve as educators, mentors, leaders, and role models who make a lasting impact on our students each day.

Thank you to our teachers, staff, families, and community partners for your continued support and belief in our students. As we continue through the second half of the school year, I ask each member of our Wolfpack to stay focused, supportive, and united. Thank you for all that you do each and every day.

*- Dr. Garrick Askew*  
Superintendent  
Dothan City Schools



## THANK YOU TO OUR CAREER TECH EDUCATORS



While Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month was recognized in February, the impact of our educators at Dothan Technology Center extends far beyond a single month.

Each day, DTC instructors equip students with hands-on skills, industry certifications, and real-world experiences that prepare them for both college and career success. From advanced manufacturing and health sciences to business, culinary arts, education and skilled trades,

their dedication ensures students graduate with the knowledge and confidence to thrive in high-demand fields.

DCS is proud to recognize our Career Tech educators who go above and beyond to connect classroom learning to the workforce. Because of their dedication, students leave DTC prepared, confident, and ready to succeed in the next chapters of their lives.



## IT MEANS MORE

### HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AWARDED \$2,250 ALABAMA ARTS ALLIANCE GRANT

It means more creativity, more exploration, and more opportunities for students at Highlands Elementary School. Highlands was recently awarded a \$2,250 Alabama Arts Alliance "Support the Arts" License Tag Grant to support Highland's annual spring exhibit, *Studio 1400*, a signature showcase of student creativity and innovation.

*Studio 1400* features student created artwork, interactive environments, and highlights the artistic process from concept to completion. The grant allows students to dream bigger and build bolder while exploring how the arts connect to science, storytelling, and environmental responsibility. Through hands-on experiences and creative problem solving, students gain a deeper understanding of how artistic expression can intersect with real world ideas.

The funding from the award will directly support Highlands' visual arts program while creating a lasting impact for future exhibitions.

The Alabama Arts Alliance grant reinforces the importance of arts education and provides meaningful opportunities for students to create, collaborate, and share their work with the community. Investing in the arts means investing in our students' growth, confidence, and imagination



## WOLFPACK WINS

### DCS WINS AT HOUSTON COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Dothan City Schools proudly celebrates outstanding success at the Houston County Regional Spelling Bee last month! Bella Tran, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Highlands Elementary School, earned 1<sup>st</sup> place and will advance to compete in the State Spelling Bee Competition on March 21 at UAB.

We also congratulate Sritan Koduru of The Carver School for Mathematics, Science, and Technology for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, which is an impressive accomplishment among a talented field of competitors!

Additional DCS students who represented the district with excellence include Azjahlaiy Aguire (Dothan 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center), Gabriella Morales (Jerry Lee Faine Elementary School), Natalie McConvery (Heard Elementary School), Caleb White (Kelly Springs Elementary School), and Harmony Oliver (Morris Slingluff Elementary School).



Bella Tran, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Highlands  
Elementary School



Sritan Koduru, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
The Carver School for  
Mathematics, Science,  
and Technology



We are proud of each student for their dedication, preparation, and commitment to academic achievement. Way to go, Wolfpack!



# THE WOLFPACK WAY

## DHS BASEBALL AT CARVER MST

Students at The Carver School for Mathematics, Science & Technology recently received a special start to their day when members of the Dothan High School Varsity Baseball Team welcomed them during morning carline drop-off.

With high fives, smiles, and words of encouragement, the student-athletes helped create an atmosphere of excitement and positivity as younger students arrived on campus. Moments like these reflect the power of connection across grade levels and the importance of role models within our district.

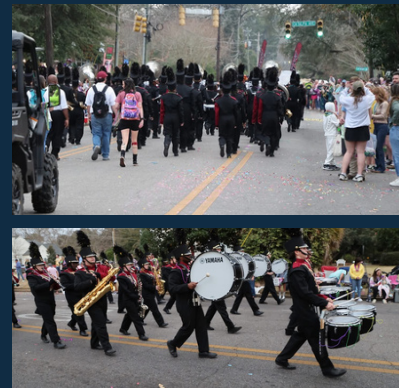
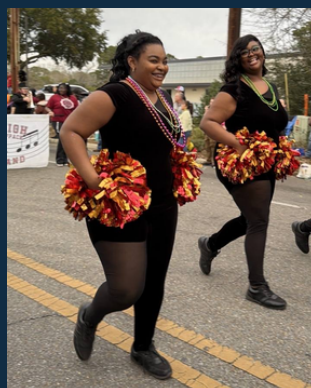
Supporting one another, building community, and showing up for fellow students; that's the Wolfpack Way.



## ICYMI: PRIDE OF THE WOLFPACK MARCHING BAND SHINES IN MARDI GRAS PARADE

The Pride of the Wolfpack Marching Band proudly represented Dothan High School and DCS in the 2026 Krewe of Kolosse Mardi Gras Parade in downtown Dothan. From step-off to the final note, our student musicians showcased their talent, discipline, and school spirit for the entire community to see.

Thank you to the families and supporters who cheered them on! The Pride of the Wolfpack Marching Band continues to make DCS proud both on and off the field.





## Employee of the Month February 2026:

### Andrew Scott Brady, Dothan Preparatory Academy

As an Instructional Aide at Dothan Preparatory Academy, Mr. Andrew Scott Brady consistently places students at the center of every decision he makes. He works intentionally to ensure students are supported academically, behaviorally, and socially, creating an environment where each child feels seen, supported, and empowered to succeed.

Mr. Brady proactively identifies student needs, adjusts his approach when necessary, and collaborates closely with teachers and staff to remove barriers to learning. His flexibility, reliability, and strong work ethic make him an invaluable member of the DPA team.

He is known for his positive attitude and student focused mindset, in fact, he regularly goes above and beyond his assigned responsibilities through providing additional time, guidance, and encouragement to students who need it most. His professionalism, compassion, and team first approach reflect the mission and values of Dothan City Schools. Thank you, Mr. Brady, for all you do.



## Staff Salute: Adam Cooper, Dothan City Schools Transportation



Adam Coper has been a valued member of the Dothan City Schools Transportation team since March 2022, serving as a mechanic in the bus shop. During times of bus driver shortages, he stepped up wherever he was needed. Even taking on bus routes, including beginning the school year as the route driver for Bus 17 until the position was filled. His flexibility and willingness to support students and staff make him an essential part of the team.

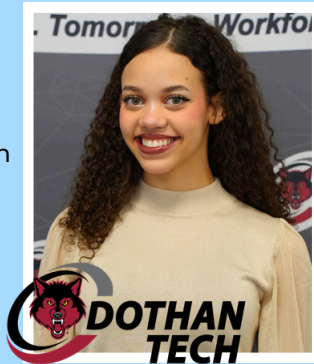
Known for his calm, laid back personality, Mr. Cooper brings a steady presence to the Transportation Department. While he may be reserved, his work ethic speaks volumes. Mr. Cooper grinds every day, consistently delivering results and taking pride in the work he does behind the scenes to keep students moving safely.

We are incredibly grateful for Mr. Cooper's dedication, dependability, and team first mindset. DCS is proud to have him as part of our Wolfpack and we truly appreciate all he does to support our students and families.

## Wolf Spotlight: Julia Batts

Julia Batts, a senior in the Graphic Arts program at Dothan Tech, exemplifies excellence, leadership, and creativity both inside and outside the classroom. A Top 8 Finalist for Distinguished Young Women of Alabama, Julia represents Dothan Tech and the DCS community with poise, dedication, and a strong commitment to personal and academic growth.

Beyond the classroom, Julia is an accomplished dancer at the Dothan School of Dance, where she has trained for the past 12 years and now serves on staff. She has been a member of the school's elite performance team for seven years, danced with SEADAC for five years, and is excited to continue growing and emerging as a choreographer. Julia is also committed to becoming a certified teacher, combining her passion for the



arts with a desire to lead and inspire others.

In the Graphic Arts program, Julia is a true standout. She approaches every project with focus, creativity, and a strong work ethic, consistently pushing herself to refine her skills. Currently preparing to represent DCS at the National SkillsUSA competition, Julia continues to shine as a hardworking, driven student who represents what it means to be a Wolf.

## Wolf Spotlight: Sara Kate Tompkins



Sara Kate Tompkins is a shining example of excellence at Dothan 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. An active member of the Beta Club and a participant in the LinC program, Sara Kate approaches each day with focus, determination, and a strong commitment to excellence. She proudly maintains straight A's and consistently gives her best effort in every area of her learning.

Sara Kate recently represented Dothan 6th Grade Center at the regional science fair, where she showcased her curiosity, critical thinking skills, and willingness to challenge herself beyond the classroom. She embraces opportunities to grow and is never afraid to put her knowledge into action.

Beyond her accomplishments, Sara Kate is known for her respectful attitude, positive outlook, and strong work ethic. Sara Kate continues to lead by example, demonstrating the character, determination, and excellence we are proud to see in our Wolfpack.



# EMPOWERING EVERY WOLF

## MOM'S LEADERSHIP EVENT AT MORRIS SLINGLUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bright Key and Morris Slingluff Elementary School hosted their annual Mother Leadership Breakfast last month, bringing together mothers and female role models for a morning centered on connection, empowerment, and student success.

Attendees enjoyed breakfast with their children, participating in open discussions during the "Let's Keep it Real - A Conversation with Moms" session, and visited classrooms to observe learning firsthand. Families also had the opportunity to connect with DCS community partner, Five Star Credit Union, through the "Raising Savvy Children" session, which provided resources on financial literacy and youth savings accounts.



Special Guests included Mrs. Taiisha Walton, Dothan City School Board Member - District 3; Plushette Caldwell-Scruggs, Coordinator for the South Alabama Black Women's Roundtable; and Alannah Cunard, Southeast Alabama Marketing Director for Five Star Credit Union.



Events like these highlight the importance and power of strong family-school partnerships. Through the Bright Key program, Dothan City Schools continues to create meaningful opportunities for engagement that support academic achievement, leadership development, and the overall success of every student. Thank you to all of the mothers, aunts, grandmothers, and other female role models for attending!



## Principal's Pride: Principal Beth Bouchard, Highlands Elementary School



With seven years in Dothan City Schools, Principal Beth Bouchard brings a wealth of experience and a deep passion for education to Highlands Elementary School. Now in her fifth year at Highlands, she has worked to foster a learning environment where students feel supported, inspired, and excited to learn each day.

Before joining DCS, Ms. Bouchard served as the Dean of Teacher Education for graduate and undergraduate programs at Sierra Nevada University within the University of Nevada system. She began her education career in the Boulder, Colorado Public School District as a teacher, curriculum specialist, and school administrator, while also serving as an instructor with the University of Colorado's School of Education. Prior to her career in education, she was a professional dancer with a ballet company in Boulder, CO.

Born in Gainesville, Florida, and raised in a military family, Ms. Bouchard spent more than 40 years living throughout the mountainous western United States. This year, her focus remains on developing a school culture where all students thrive and love learning, while encouraging staff

to approach each day with contagious enthusiasm for peace, love, and learning. She values that each day in DCS brings a new adventure! Ms. Bouchard is "Highlands Proud" and is dedicated to helping every student grow and thrive.

## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

### UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA PRESIDENT DR. PETER J. MOHLER VISITS DHS

Last month, juniors at Dothan High School had a special opportunity to connect with leaders from the University of Alabama. Students gained valuable insight into academic pathways, student life, scholarship opportunities, and more.

Thank you to UA President Dr. Peter J. Mohler, Vice President for Student Life Dr. Steven Hood, Associate Vice President for Student Life Dr. Steven Hood, Associate Vice President for External Affairs Lucy Arnolds Sikes, Regional Admissions Recruiter Hannah Seay and Capstone Men and Women ambassadors for spending time with our students and encouraging them to boldly think about their futures.

Opportunities like this help our students see new possibilities and take confident steps toward their future.





# HANDS-ON LEARNING IN ACTION

## ***Dothan Technology Center Job Shadow Day***

Dothan Technology Center hosted its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Job Shadow Day last month, providing 104 students with the opportunity to step beyond the classroom and into real-world career environments across the Wiregrass. Students were placed with 53 local businesses and organizations, gaining firsthand exposure to a wide range of industries.

From observing surgeries and building prosthetics to working in automotive shops, law offices, exploring HVAC systems, designing homes, and so much more, students experienced the day-to-day realities of potential career paths.

After students “day on the job”, they had a debrief session and reflected on their experiences, shared insights, and considered the next steps for their futures. Whether students discovered a passion that want to pursue or gained clarity about a

different direction, the experience provided meaningful perspective for our Wolves.



DCS extends sincere appreciation to our community and industry partners whose willingness to host students helps build a vital bridge between the classroom and the workforce.



## ***Be Pro Be Proud visits Carver 9th Grade Academy***

Students at Carver 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy had the chance to step inside the Alabama State Department of Education's *Be Pro Be Proud* Mobile Workshop Experience last month, bringing career exploration to life in a whole new way.

Through interactive simulations and immersive virtual reality technology, students explored high demand technical careers, like welding, excavation, and CDL truck driving, among others, gaining first hand insight into the skills and opportunities available in our state.

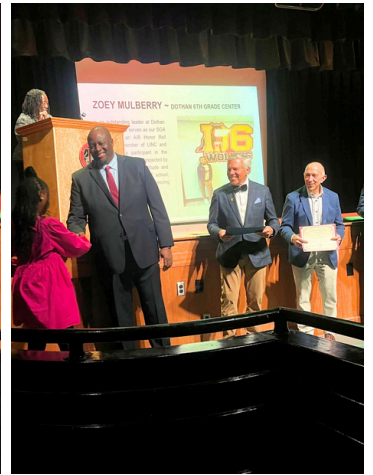
Experiences like this help students connect classroom learning to real-world pathways, reinforcing DCS' commitment to preparing every student for success beyond graduation.

A big thank you to the Alabama Department of Education for bringing this innovative experience to our students. A special shoutout to our DCS Career Coaches for coordinating the event and to our Dothan Technology Center student leaders for assisting throughout the day.



# WOLFPACK HONOREES EXCEL AT REGIONAL CELEBRATION

Dothan Preparatory Academy proudly hosted the Wiregrass Black History Student Honors at the end of February, celebrating outstanding students from across the region for their achievement, leadership, and positive contributions to their schools. The program highlighted the continued impact of Black excellence and student leadership throughout the Wiregrass. We congratulate each honoree for representing their schools and DCS with pride and distinction.



## Student Honorees included:

### Heard Elementary:

- Morgan Frankin
- Nylah Jackson
- Jemetrick Thomas

### Highlands Elementary:

- London Sampson
- Alyah Evans
- Ayooluwa Ayodele

### Carver School for Math Science, and Technology:

- Khali Rogers
- Kebron Matthew
- Logan McClendon

### Kelly Springs Elementary:

- Leslie Brindis
- Lydia Brindis
- Amanda Ruwizh

### Morris Slingluff Elementary:

- Kaden Williams
- Harmony Oliver

### Selma Street:

- Jaliyah Stephens
- Isiah Allen
- Essence Thomas

### Girard Elementary:

- Yahraji Satchell
- Dijonay Knight
- Aaliyah Taylor-Thomas

### Jerry Lee Faine Elementary:

- Teyanna Peterson
- Destiny Baxter
- Gabriella Morales

### Beverlye Intermediate:

- Sahara Brown
- Eunica Cruz
- Onyx Murrell
- Jaydon McCree

### Dothan City Virtual School:

- Kea'dan Rich
- Antwan Williams

### Dothan 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center:

- Azjahlaiy Aguire
- Zoey Mulberry
- Cooper White
- Sara Tomkins

### Dothan Preparatory Academy:

- Alani Cole
- Kaleb Wilson
- Crimson McClendon
- A'sahtu Sanders
- Meyani Pittman
- Chad Snell

### Hidden Lake Primary:

- Rosalyn George
- Natalia Roulhac
- Jo'rico Hart

### Dothan Technology Center:

- Alexis Saffold
- Jada Hardrick

### Carver 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy:

- Faith Kelly
- Erianna Snell
- Kameron Z. Jackson
- Keirsten Saulsberry
- Iva Popovic

### Dothan High School:

- Braelynn Napier
- Stephanie Jackson
- Ramsey Farris
- Aiden O'Brien
- Wit Hammond
- Alie Cole



# MARCH 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

- 14 | Shamrock Scamper presented by Westwood Pet Care at Kiwanis Park from 7:30 AM – 10 AM
- 14 | Half-Pint 0.5K hosted by the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce at 12 PM
- 14 | World's Smallest St. Patrick's Day Parade hosted by the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce at 12 PM

## SHOWS/PERFORMANCES

- 5–8 | The Little Mermaid presented by Wallace Community College Fine Arts Division at Bencze Theatre
- 10–14 | Annie: The Musical presented by SEACT at the Dothan Opera House
- 13 – 15 | The Greatest Showman presented by SEADAC at the Dothan Civic Center
- 13–14 | Chitty Chitty Bang Bang presented by Enterprise State Community College Fine Arts Division at Jimmy H. Baker Center for the Arts
- 21 | 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Wiregrass Blues Festival at The Plant from 2 PM – 9 PM
- 21 | Home Free: Highways & High Seas Tour at the Dothan Opera House at 7:30 PM
- 21 | Shayne Smith Comedy at Jimmy H. Baker Center for the Arts at 7 PM
- 28 | The Park Concert Series: Saxsquatch at Porter Park from 7 PM – 10 PM

## ARTS

- 7 | First Saturday Family Day at Wiregrass Museum of Art from 10:30AM–2:30 PM
- 14 | Studio Artist Workshop: Read A Little Art A Lot One Day Workshop hosted by the Wiregrass Museum of Art at 10 AM
- 21 | Studio Artist Workshop: Pinch Pot Frog Friends with Helen Wu hosted by the Wiregrass Museum of Art at 12:30 PM
- 24 | Write Night: Children and Teen Open Mic Night hosted by the Wiregrass Museum of Art at 6 PM
- 24 | Bad Art Night for ages 13–19 hosted by the Dothan Houston County Library System Main Branch from 6 PM – 7 PM
- 28 | Studio Artist Workshop: Emotive Abstractions with Beth White for ages 5–8 years old hosted by the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 10 AM – 12 PM

## EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

- 4 | Physics for Kids: Light Refraction at Dothan Houston County Library Westgate Branch from 4–4:30 PM
- 7 | The Bees & the Colony hosted by Wiregrass Beekeepers at Landmark Park at 10 AM
- 9–19 | Swim Lessons for Minnows age group (1 – 3 years old) at Westgate Wellness Pool from 6 PM – 6:30 PM
- 12 | Automobile Maintenance Class hosted by Dothan Leisure Services from 6 PM – 8 PM
- 18 | Master Gardener's Lunch and Learn hosted by the Master Gardeners Association at the Dothan Houston County Library (Main Branch Community Room) from 12 PM – 1 PM

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 5 | An Evening with Terah Shelton Harris hosted by Dothan Houston County Library Main Branch from 6:30 PM – 8 PM
- 7 | Monster Truck Wars at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds (BankPlus Arena) from 12 PM – 9 PM
- 15 | The Azalea-Dogwood Festival (trail opens at 2 PM) and Food & Fun at Solomon Park from 2 PM – 6 PM
- 21 | Spring Farm Day hosted by Landmark Park from 10 AM–4 PM
- 21 | 18th Annual Wiregrass Area Buddy Walk at National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds at 8 AM
- 26 | Special Olympics Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition at Doug Tew Therapeutic Recreation Center at 9:30 AM
- 27 | Glow and Show at Westgate Wellness Pool starting at 6 PM
- 28 | Splashin' Storytime hosted by Dothan Leisure Services and Dothan Houston County Library System at Westgate Wellness Pool from 9 AM – 10:30 AM
- 28 | Easter Bunny at Harley-Davidson of Dothan from 10 AM–12 PM
- 28 | Bridgerton Event: Garden Promenade hosted by the Dothan Houston County Library System from 11 AM–1 PM at the Main Branch



# MARCH 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

## CAMPS/WEEKLY CLASSES

- 30- April 3 | Spring Break Camp for ages hosted by Dothan Leisure Services at Westgate, Walton, and Wiregrass Recreation Centers from 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM  
Contact Dothan Leisure Services for more information
- The Art Circle | Art classes for ages 6-18 available Mondays (2-23), Wednesdays (4-25), and Friday (5-26) from 4 PM - 5:30 PM at the Westgate Trail Building. \$80 for a month session

## DOTHAN CITY SCHOOLS SPORTING EVENTS

### DHS SOCCER

- 14 | Ariton @ Rip Hewes Stadium from 10 AM - 12 PM (Varsity Girls)
- 16 | Enterprise @ Rip Hewes Stadium from 5:30 PM - 9 PM
  - Varsity Girls @ 5:30 PM / Varsity Boys @ 7:15 PM
- 17 | @ Enterprise from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
  - JV Girls @ 5:30 PM / JV Boys @ 7 PM
- 24 | Providence @ Rip Hewes Stadium from 5:30 PM - 9 PM
  - Varsity Girls @ 5:30 PM / Varsity Boys @ 7:15 PM
- 26 | Pike Road @ Rip Hewes Stadium from 5:30 PM - 9 PM
  - Varsity Girls @ 5:30 PM / Varsity Boys @ 7:30 PM
- 27 | Fairhope @ Rip Hewes Stadium from 5 PM - 7 PM (Varsity Girls)

### DHS SOFTBALL

- 10 | Central @ Dothan High School from 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM (Varsity)
- 13 -14 | DHS Terry Collins' Memorial Tournament @ James Oats Complex (JV/Varsity)
  - Friday from 3 PM - 9 PM
  - Saturday from 9 AM - 4 PM
- 16 | Auburn @ Dothan High School from 4:30 PM - 8 PM (JV)
- 17 | @ Enterprise High School from 4:30 PM - 8 PM (JV/Varsity)

### DHS TENNIS

- 4 | Houston Academy @ Westgate Tennis Center from 2 PM - 6 PM (Varsity)
- 13 | Providence/Houston Academy @ Westgate Tennis Complex from 10 AM - 6 PM (JV)
- 17 | Andalusia @ Westgate Tennis Complex from 11 AM - 5 PM (JV/Varsity)
- 19 | Enterprise @ Westgate Tennis Complex from 11 AM - 5 PM (JV/Varsity)
- 20 | Providence/Houston Academy @ Westgate Tennis Complex from 11 AM - 6 PM (JV)
- 24 | Providence @ Westgate Tennis Complex from 2 PM - 5 PM (Varsity)
- 26 | Early County @ Westgate Tennis Complex from 2 PM - 5 PM (Varsity)

### DHS TRACK

- 3 | JV Meet @ Enterprise High School from 4 PM - 8 PM
- 6 | Myquell Smith Invite @ Enterprise High School from 4 PM - 8 PM (Varsity)
- 10 | JV Meet @ Enterprise High School from 4 PM - 8 PM
- 19 | Queen of the South Meet @ Enterprise High School from 4 PM - 8 PM (Varsity Girls)
- 20 | King of the South Meet @ Enterprise High School from 4 PM - 8 PM

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# MARCH 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

## DOTHAN CITY SCHOOLS LOCAL SPORTING EVENTS

### DHS BASEBALL

- 2 | Rehobeth @ Dothan High School from 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM (JV)
- 3 | Enterprise @ Dothan High School from 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM (JV)
- 5 | JAG @ Dothan High School from 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- 6 | Auburn @ Dothan High School from 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM (JV)
- 7 | Geneva/Smiths Station @ Dothan High School from 1 PM - 7 PM (Varsity)
- 9 | @ Providence Christian from 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM
  - JV @ 4:30 PM / Varsity @ 6:30 PM
- 16 | Rehobeth @ Dothan High School from 5 PM - 7 PM (Varsity)
- 17 | @ Headland from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (Varsity)
- 19 | Headland @ Dothan High School from 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM
  - DPA @ 4:30 PM / Varsity @ 6:30 PM
- 24 | Providence @ Dothan High School from 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM (Senior Night)
  - JV @ 4:30 PM / Varsity @ 6:30 PM
- 26 | Carver @ Dothan High School from 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM (Varsity)
- 26 | @ Headland High School from 4:30 PM - 8 PM
  - DPA @ 4:30 PM / JV @ 6 PM
- 26 | Carver @ Dothan High School from 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM (Varsity)
- 28 | Auburn @ Dothan High School from 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM (Varsity)

### DPA BASEBALL

- 3 | @ Enterprise High School from 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- 5 | @ Rehobeth High School from 4:30 PM - 8 PM
- 10 | @ Ashford High School from 4:30 PM - 8 PM
- 13-14 | Headland Tournament @ Dothan High School
  - Friday from 4 PM - 9 PM
  - Saturday from 10 AM - 2 PM
- 17 | Ashford @ Dothan High School from 4:30 PM - 8 PM

### DHS GOLF

- 2 | Andalusia at Andalusia Country Club
- 3 | Rehobeth at Highlands Oaks
- 9 | Dothan Boys Invitational at Highlands Oaks
- 10 | Dale County at Highlands Oaks
- 16 | Andalusia at Robert Trent Jones Cambrian Ridge
- 24 | Northside at Highlands Oaks

### SCHOOL EVENTS

- 2-6 | Read Across America Week
- 2 | DHS Band Parent Meeting from 5:30-6:30PM
- 3 | DHS Concert Band at the Alabama Bandmaster Association State Music Performance Assessment at 12:30PM at Enterprise High School
- 10 | Kindergarten Registration Opens
- 13 | Greater East Alabama Regional Science and Engineering Fair
- 26 | DHS JROTC Annual Steak Sale
- 30-April 3 | Spring Break

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## TEACH WHERE YOU'RE NEEDED MOST HIRING & RETENTION BONUS PROGRAM

Dothan City Schools is offering up to a **\$3,000** Hiring & Retention Bonus to certified teachers committed to student success in our most critical schools!

### BONUS DETAILS

#### \$3,000 BONUS

- ✓ 25% after 60 days of employment
- ✓ 25% after completion of first semester
- ✓ 50% paid by May 1

#### Eligibility:

- ✓ Full Alabama certification
- ✓ Placement at a Targeted School
- ✓ Certified shortage-area position
- ✓ Three year service agreement



**SCAN FOR DETAILS**



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BRIGHT KEY

# VOLUNTEER MENTORS NEEDED!



Interested in  
joining us?



## THE BASICS TO VOLUNTEER:

- Interest in helping children learn
- 30 minutes (or more, if available!) to *reliably* give each week
- Ability to pass a background check
- A friendly, patient & optimistic attitude

## Dothan City Schools 2026-2027 Calendar

(177 Student Days / 187 Teacher Days)

| JULY '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S        | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|          |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5        | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12       | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19       | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26       | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

01- 9+20 Mo. Employees Start  
 02- Independence Day Observed  
 06- 11 Mo. Employees Start  
 14- 10 Mo. Employees Start  
 30- 9 Mo. Employees Start  
 31- Institute

| JANUARY '27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S           | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|             |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
| 3           | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10          | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17          | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24          | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31          |    |    |    |    |    |    |

04- Teacher Work Days-No School  
 05- Students Return  
 06- 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 Weeks Report Card  
 18- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

| AUGUST '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S          | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|            |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| 2          | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9          | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16         | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23         | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30         | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |

05-First Day for Students

| FEBRUARY '27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S            | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|              | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 7            | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14           | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21           | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28           |    |    |    |    |    |    |

10- 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 Weeks Progress Report  
 15- Teacher Work Day-No School

| SEPTEMBER '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S             | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|               |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6             | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13            | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20            | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27            | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |

02- 1<sup>st</sup> 9 Weeks Progress Report  
 04- Teacher Work Day-No School  
 07- Labor Day

| MARCH '27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S         | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|           | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 7         | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14        | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21        | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28        | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |

17- 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 Weeks Report Card  
 22-26 Spring Break  
 30- Students Return

| OCTOBER '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S           | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|             |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| 4           | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11          | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18          | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25          | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

\*Parent Visitation Month\*

05-09 Fall Break  
 12- Students Return  
 14- 1<sup>st</sup> 9 Weeks Report Card

| APRIL '27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S         | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|           |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| 4         | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11        | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18        | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25        | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |

09- Teacher Work Day-No School  
 21- 4<sup>th</sup> 9 Weeks Progress Report

| NOVEMBER '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S            | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
| 1            | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 8            | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15           | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22           | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29           | 30 |    |    |    |    |    |

11- Veterans Day  
 12- 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 Weeks Progress Report  
 20- Dismiss 12:00pm  
 23- 27 Thanksgiving Break  
 30- Students Return

| MAY '27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S       | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|         |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| 2       | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9       | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16      | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23      | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30      | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |

25- Last Day for Students  
 25- 4<sup>th</sup> 9 Week Report Card  
 25- Dismiss 12:00pm  
 26- Last Day for 9-Mo. Employees  
 26- Last day for 9+20  
 31- Memorial Day

| DECEMBER '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S            | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|              |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6            | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13           | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20           | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27           | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |

18- Dismiss 12:00pm  
 21- Jan. 4 Holiday Break

| JUNE '27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S        | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|          |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6        | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13       | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20       | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27       | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |

01- Last Day for 10 Mo. Employees  
 17- Juneteenth Observance  
 22- Last Day for 11 Mo. Employees

**Student Days**  
**Holidays**  
**Schools Closed-PD**  
**Progress Report/Report Card Day**  
**/ 12-month Employees Work**

1<sup>st</sup> Semester **85** Student Days/2<sup>nd</sup> Semester **92** Student Days  
 1<sup>st</sup> Semester **90** Teacher Days/2<sup>nd</sup> Semester **97** Teacher Days

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