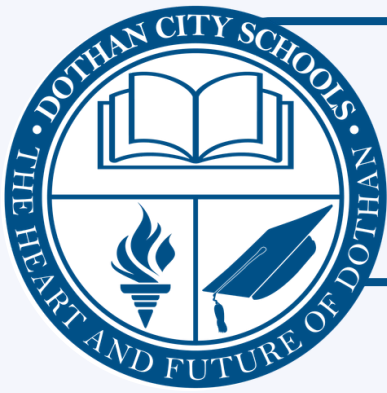




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Students Return From Spring Break

Monday, April 6th

UPCOMING EVENT

Dothan City Schools Regular Board Meeting at Central Office

Tuesday, April 21st
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENT

DHS Softball: JAG at Dothan High School (Senior Night)

Thursday, April 16th
4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

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DHS BASKETBALL MAKES HISTORY

The Dothan High School boys basketball team delivered an incredible season, earning the title of 7A Regional Champions and advancing all the way to the Final Four of the AHSAA State Tournament. Throughout the season, the Wolves showcased determination, teamwork, and resilience as they battled some of the top teams in the state. Their success reflects the hard work of the players, coaches, and supporters who helped make this season one to remember and be proud of. Wolf Nation celebrates the student-athletes and coaches for representing Dothan High and Dothan City Schools with excellence on and off the court. DHS Hoops had a stellar season, Go Wolves!



DHS Basketball players, coaches, and cheerleaders following DHS's 7A Regional Championship win against Enterprise High School.



DOTHAN HOOPS' WOLF WALK TO THE FINAL FOUR

Dothan High School's basketball team was celebrated in true Wolfpack fashion before heading to the AHSAA Final Four in Birmingham. The morning began with a team breakfast, where school leaders offered words of encouragement and support as the Wolves prepared for the big game.

After the breakfast, students and staff filled the halls for a spirited Wolf Walk, cheering the team on as they made their way through campus. The energy continued as the school community lined the front drive, sending the Wolves off with pride and excitement.

Moments like these showcase the strength of our Wolfpack. We are grateful to have a school community that rallies behind its student athletes and celebrates excellence together. The support on display was a powerful reminder that Wolf Nation stands united every step of the way.



Employee of the Month March 2026: Sarah King, Dothan City Virtual School

As an Accelerated Recovery Teacher at Dothan City Virtual School, Sarah King consistently places students at the center of her work. She is committed to ensuring each student has a clear and realistic pathway toward graduation, providing individualized support that meets their unique academic needs.

Mrs. King works intentionally to remove barriers to learning by collaborating with staff, reviewing transcripts, and identifying opportunities for her students to stay on track. Her structured and supportive classroom environment ensures students feel focused and prepared to meet their goals.

She is known for her compassionate approach and dedication to building meaningful relationships with students. Mrs. King goes above and beyond by offering one-on-one support, celebrating student milestones, and creating a space where students not only feel valued, but also encouraged to succeed.

Her professionalism, care, and unwavering commitment to student success reflect the values and mission of Dothan City Schools. Thank you, Mrs. King, for the important impact you make every day.



Staff Salute: Jack Griffin, Beverly Intermediate School



Mr. Jack Griffin, a custodian at Beverly Intermediate School, has been a dedicated member of Dothan City Schools since 2012 and became a full-time custodian in 2020. In his role as Custodian II, Mr. Griffin plays an important part in maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for students and staff each day.

Known for his positive attitude and strong work ethic, Mr. Griffin takes pride in the work he does and the impact it has on the Beverly school community. He is always willing to lend a helping hand and goes the extra mile to ensure BIS is a place where students learn and thrive. Above all, he cares about the students he serves. He builds meaningful connections and supports students in any way he can.

Thank you, Mr. Jack Griffin, for your dedication and for the difference you make at Beverly Intermediate School.

Wolf Spotlight: Teegan Robinson

Dothan High School junior Teegan Robinson reached an extraordinary milestone in December, earning her 100th career wrestling victory. This achievement reflects years of discipline, dedication, and perseverance on the mat. Wrestling demands not only physical strength, but also mental toughness, strategy, and resilience. These are qualities Teegan demonstrates on and off the mat.

Her commitment extends well beyond athletics. She is an honors and dual enrollment student, balancing a rigorous academic schedule while competing at a high level. Her ability to excel in advanced coursework while maintaining focus and drive in her sport speaks volumes about her work ethic and determination.



Reaching 100 wins is no small feat and Teegan's accomplishment highlights the strength of DHS's wrestling program and the well rounded excellence of our student-athletes. Dothan City Schools proudly celebrates Teegan Robinson for her outstanding achievement. She is a powerful example of the grit and determination that define what it means to be a Wolf.

Wolf Pup Spotlight: Brett Renaud



Brett Renaud is a shining example of excellence at The Carver School for Mathematics, Science, and Technology. Known for his respectful attitude toward classmates, teachers, and the learning environment, Brett approaches each day with positivity and a strong drive to succeed. As a Carver MST Student Ambassador, he leads by example and serves as a role model for his peers.

Brett brings creativity and determination to everything he does. He has a passion for learning, especially in ELA and Reading, where he consistently performs at a high

level. Outside of the classroom, he enjoys playing soccer and staying actively involved in school life.

His accomplishments reflect both his work ethic and commitment to growth. Brett was recognized on the January CMST Wall of Fame and earned the Good Citizen Award in December 2025. He is an active member of the Math and Robotics Team and has earned honors including A Honor Roll, meeting and exceeding growth goals on the MAP Reading Test and proficiency on both reading and math assessments. Brett has served as a SGA Class Representative, was a CMST and District Science Fair winner, as well as a Wiregrass Museum of Art Youth Art Month Nominee.

Brett continues to demonstrate the character, leadership, and dedication we are proud to celebrate in our Wolfpack.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

As we return from Spring Break, I hope our students, families, and staff had an opportunity to rest, recharge, and spend meaningful time together. This time away often provides the reset we need to finish the school year strong.

The weeks ahead are important. Classrooms across our district will remain focused and engaged as students continue learning, preparing for assessments, and participating in the many academic, athletic, and extracurricular activities that make this season so special. I encourage our students to stay motivated, ask questions, and give their very best effort each day.

To our teachers and staff, thank you for the energy and dedication you bring as we enter this final stretch. To our families, thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Let's commit to finishing strong and ensuring every student has the support they need to succeed.

- Dr. Garrick Askew

Superintendent
Dothan City Schools



BEVERLYE LEADERS IN TRAINING

Students at Beverlye Intermediate School are developing leadership and decision-making skills through a new small group program called Leaders in Training (LIT). The program, lead by Behavioral Specialist Ashley Tolbert, recently completed its first cycle with approximately 65 participating students.

The LIT program focuses on helping students strengthen positive behavior strategies, improve decision-making, and learn techniques to stay calm and make positive choices. Through small group discussions and activities, students practice skills that support both their personal growth and success in the classroom.



Beverlye LIT program students receive program completion certificates.

The program was created as part of the district's efforts to expand small group interventions and encourage positive student behavior across schools. Early results show students are highly engaged and benefiting from the opportunity to grow and learn as leaders.

Principal's Pride: Principal Christopher Payne, The Carver School for Mathematics, Science and Technology



With nearly two decades in education, Principal Christopher Payne brings experience, creativity, and a student-centered mindset to the Carver School for Mathematics, Science, and Technology. Now in his fifth year at Carver MST, Mr. Payne is committed to helping students grow both academically and personally. Under his leadership, the school has created an environment where curiosity and character development go hand in hand.

Before joining Carver MST, for more than a decade, Mr. Payne served as an art teacher at Dothan High School and later as an assistant principal at Dothan Preparatory Academy. His career began at Daleville City Schools, where he taught middle school art. Mr. Payne is a graduate of Enterprise State Community College, Troy University, and Auburn University, holding degrees in Art Education and Instructional Leadership.

Originally from Batesville, Arkansas, Mr. Payne grew up in a military family, living in multiple states and Germany before settling in the Wiregrass. His passion for the arts continues today through his hobbies, which include drawing, painting, woodworking, and writing. This year, Mr. Payne's focus is on continuous growth, encouraging

students to build knowledge and character each day while also supporting teachers in their professional development. From expanding unique programs like the school's growing beekeeping initiative to creating new opportunities for staff and students, Mr. Payne is dedicated to making Carver MST a place where innovation thrives.

Mr. Payne values the strong sense of community within DCS and is proud to lead a school where students and staff are empowered to reach their full potential.

BRIGHTER STUDENTS, BRIGHTER FUTURES

LITERACY EVENTS

When families are actively engaged in the learning process, students thrive. Last month several DCS Elementary Schools welcomed parents for an inside look at the instruction shaping confident and capable readers.

From oral language development to writing and vocabulary practice, families experienced firsthand how foundational literacy skills are strengthened each day. The various literacy events provided meaningful insight into classroom strategies and reinforced the importance of strong home-school connections.

Opportunities like this reflect DCS's commitment to school-home partnership and student success. When families and educators work together, our students are empowered to grow.



WOLFPACK WINS

DOTHAN HIGH SCHOOLER MAKES INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FAIR HISTORY

Dothan City Schools is celebrating a historic achievement as Dothan High School senior Alexis Saffold has earned an automatic bid to the prestigious International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), one of the world's largest global science competitions.

Saffold secured her spot at the Greater East Alabama Regional Science and Engineering Fair (GEARSEF) competition in Montgomery last month, bypassing the state-level qualification process. This is an extraordinary accomplishment that places her among the top student scientists in the world.

In May, she will travel to Arizona for an all-expenses-paid, week-long competition, where she will compete alongside finalists from across the United States and more than 65 countries. Participants will compete for nearly \$9 million in scholarships and prizes.

Saffold's success builds on her outstanding performance at the 2026 ACOM Science Fair in January, where she earned 1st Place in the Physics, Astronomy, and Mathematics division. Her project, "Using Arduino Pressure and Accelerometer Sensor Data to Determine the Least Painful Backpack Strap Position," showcased the research and innovation that ultimately contributed to her earning an automatic bid to ISEF at GEARSEF.



Through her achievement, Saffold is making Dothan history. This milestone marks a first for the Wiregrass region, as Saffold is the first ISEF finalist from the area in the competition's 75-year history. Dothan City Schools takes immense pride in Alexis and her remarkable achievement that not only reflects her hard work, dedication, and talent, but also the strength of the opportunities available to students across the district.

Dothan City Schools encourages the community to join in celebrating Alexis Saffold and wishing her continued success as she represents the Wiregrass on a global stage.

Last month, Alexis and her DHS science instructor, Mrs. Jeanne Davis, sat down with WTVY News 4 and discussed the major accomplishment. Want to learn more about this historic achievement?

Visit
www.wtvynews.com/video/2026/03/24/news4-morning-mingle-dothan-high-student-headed-international-science-engineering-fair/
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REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR WINS

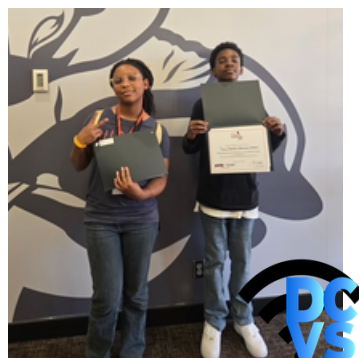
Dothan City Schools students who advanced to the Regional Science Fair at AUM in March went above and beyond. Because of their stellar performances at the Regional Science Fair, several students will be moving on to the state level competition. Student awards and state competition qualifiers include:

Carver MST

- Logan Rogers – 1st Place & AUM Innovation Award
- Cruz Robertson & Kayden Small – 2nd Place
- Skylar Lopez & Nathalia Deason – 3rd Place
- Kebron Matthew, Milani Pride, & Pari Patel – 3rd Place
- Mitchell Strickland & Javon James – Naval Science Award

Dothan 6th Grade Center

- Samiyah Dixon, Ivy Fortner, and Payton Johnson – Judges' Choice Award



Carver 9th Grade Academy

- Gabrielle Saffold – 2nd Place Chemistry

DCVS

- Dasia Daniels and Antwaun Williams – 3rd Place Jr Division Earth and Environmental Science & Environmental Engineering

Dothan Preparatory Academy

- Webb Griggs & Noah Freeman – 1st Place Robotics Innovation & Special Robotics Innovation Award
- Addison Harden & Adyson Green – 3rd Place Health and Medical
- Emmalyn Sutton & Brooke Baker – 1st Place Environmental Engineering, Thermofischer Award, NOAA Award
- Shafia Khan & Zoey Kissic – 2nd Place Robotics
- Amare Harris – Judges' Choice Award
- Ashlea Abraham & Tamara Thomas – 2nd Place Behavioral Science
- A'Sahtu Sanders – Cell & Molecular Biology – 1st Place
- Alani Cole, Blakely Shepherd, & Lennon Strickland – 1st Place Health and Medical, Thermofischer Award
- Adriel Amoroto & Forrest Bell – Special Robotics Innovation Award, Judges' Choice Award
- Anne Mustine & Lillian Hurley – 2nd Place Chemistry, Department of Chemistry Special Award
- Divine Masuka & Vincent Burgamy – 3rd Place Robotis Systems
- Taylor Barron & Jenna Mitchell – 1st Place Behavioral, Special Math and Statistics Award, Special Social Sciences Award, Junior Innovators Challenge Award

Dothan Tech HOSA Students Bring Home Top Honors from State Conference

Dothan Tech HOSA students competed at the 2026 HOSA State Leadership Conference last month, earning multiple Top 6 finishes, scholarship recognition, and state honors across a variety of healthcare focused events.

Students recognized include:

- Kaila George Richards – 3rd Place, World Health & Disparities in Healthcare
- Madelynn Halsell – 3rd Place, Veterinary Science
- Izzy Farmer – Top 6, Epidemiology and HOSA Happenings Recognition
- Jamauri Hart, Jonsasia Perry, and Tahniya Reynolds – Top 6, Biomedical Team
- Kayleigh King and Jordyn Robbins – Top 6, Forensice Science
- Emma Sanders – Scholarship Recipient

Additional students recognized through the Barbara James Service Award:

- Lexi Benefield – DCVS
- Julianna Gonzalez
- Jada Lloyd
- Adayani Hernandez Metzha – DCVS

Students ranked in the top 50 in the state for the Healthcare Issues Exam:

- Kaila George Richards
- Phong Ho
- Quinton O'Hara
- Dalton Mawejje



Carver 9 Students Bring Home Top Honors from State Conference

Carver 9th Grade Academy Medical Terminology students also competed at the 2026 HOSA State Leadership Conference last month, earning multiple Top 6 and Top 20 finishes.

Students recognized include:

- Kyra Tolley - Top 6, Medical Reading
- Keirsten Saulsberry - Top 6, Healthy Living
- Kamilla Watford and Reagan Bass - Top 20, Health Career Display on Neonatal Nursing
- Reagan Bass - Placed in the top 50 in the state in the Healthcare Issues Exam



With the students strong performance at the state level, 12 Dothan City Schools students have qualified to compete or be recognized at the HOSA International Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, in June. These students will be representing the Wolfpack on a international stage. Additional students may qualify to attend based on final participation.



DTC STUDENTS EARN HONORS AT FCCLA STATE CONFERENCE

Students from Dothan Tech's Education and Culinary programs recently competed in the Alabama Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Conference in Montgomery. FCCLA is a national student organization that helps students develop leadership skills and prepare for careers in fields like education, hospitality, culinary arts, and human services.



Several DCS students earned top honors during the competition:

- Silver Medalist: Jayden Gregg – Job Interview, Level 3
- Bronze Medalist: Heavenlen Streeter – Early Childhood Education, Level 3
- Bronze Medalist: Ja'Ziyah Brown – Early Childhood Education, Level 2
- Bronze Medalist: Miley Cooper, Zephaniah Graham, and Gabrielle Jackson – Food Innovations, Level 3

We are so proud of these students for representing Dothan Tech and Dothan City Schools with professionalism and skill at the state level.



HIGHLANDS ARCHERS HIT THE MARK

Highlands Elementary School's Archery team took home first place in the Elementary Division at the Prattville Regional Competition on March 13, 2026. The team posted an impressive 2896 points with 63 tens, setting a record-breaking score for a regional state qualifier in Highlands history.

Several student archers earned top honors:

- Greysen Logan scored 259 with 11 tens, earning 1st place overall elementary boys
- Patrick Sherer scored 259 with 5 tens, earning 2nd place overall elementary boys
- Isabella Krasinski scored 255 with 6 tens, earning 2nd place overall elementary girls

Congratulations to these talented students for their hard work, precision, and outstanding performance representing Wolf Nation.

SELMA STREET ELEMENTARY EARNS NATIONAL BETA SCHOOL OF MERIT RECOGNITION

Selma Street Elementary School's Beta Club has been named a 2025-2026 National Beta School of Merit, recognizing the club's commitment to academic achievement, leadership, character, and service.

The National Beta School of Merit designation is awarded to schools that demonstrate a strong and active Beta Club program, highlighting students who exemplify the organization's core values of achievement, character, leadership, and service.



Congratulations to Selma Street Elementary's Beta members and sponsors for earning this distinguished recognition and continuing to represent Dothan City Schools with excellence.

DPA STUDENTS EARN HONORS AT BETA CLUB STATE CONVENTION

Students from Dothan Preparatory Academy's Beta Club recently attended the Beta Club State Convention in Birmingham, representing DCS with excellence, confidence, and character.

Several students earned top placements during the competition:

- 3rd Place – Book Battle: Auden Cain, Aubrey Jenkins, Shafia Khan, and Royce Kinsey
- 4th Place – On-Site Art Painting: Emmalyn Sutton
- 1st Place – On-Site Art Painting: Kenneth Linen
- 2nd and 3rd Place Overall – DPA Scavenger Hunt Teams



DPA students also competed in a variety of events including Quiz Bowl, Creative Writing, Poetry, Marketing and Communications, Apparel Design, Performing Arts, Living Literature, Engineering, Speech, and Digital Arts. Congratulations to all the students who competed and represented DPA and DCS with pride at the state level.

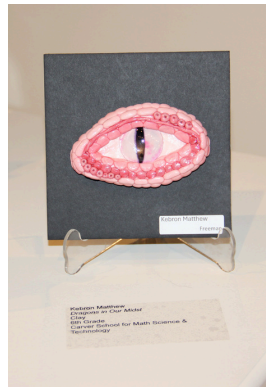
CREATIVITY ON DISPLAY: STUDENT ARTISTS SHINE DURING YOUTH ART MONTH

Several talented Dothan City Schools student artists were recognized during the 35th Annual Youth Art Month Opening Reception at the Wiregrass Museum of Art last month. The exhibition received 894 submissions from more than 40 schools and organizations across eight counties, with just 161 pieces selected for display. Nearly 50 of those works were created by DCS students, showcasing the talent and creativity across Wolf Nation.

Several students also received top honors:

- Eshal Sajid, Kelly Springs Elementary School: Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Award
- Noria Shalishali, Kelly Springs Elementary School: Wiregrass Museum of Art Award
- Zy'Keenan McCray, Kelly Springs Elementary School: Wiregrass Museum of Art Awards
- Hannah Rose Warr, Dothan High School: Best in Show
- Kanija J. Stackhouse, Dothan Preparatory Academy: Youth Art Month Award

Congratulations to these students and to all DCS artists whose creativity and hard work continues to make Wolf Nation proud. Special thank you to the Wiregrass Museum of Art for offering tours to our students throughout the month of March.



WOLFPACK MUSICIANS EARN STATEWIDE RECOGNITION

Talented student musicians from Dothan Preparatory Academy, Carver 9th Grade Academy, and Dothan High School have earned prestigious recognition through the 2026 Alabama Bandmasters Association (ABA) honor ensembles.

Ten Dothan High students were selected for the 2026 ABA All-State Band, including:

- Elena Vasquez - Oboe
- Addison Evenhuis - Clarinet
- Liam Sheppard - Flute
- Amy Kim - Flute
- Jaylin Gilbert - Clarinet
- Sophia Beverlylye - Clarinet
- Lawson Davis - Euphonium
- Ella Cain - Clarinet
- Jackson Tompkins - Percussion
- Kameron Jackson - Alto Saxophone

Additionally, several students were selected to perform in the 2026 ABA District VIII Honor Band, representing both the middle and high school levels.

Middle school level students selected include:

- Ella Cain, Kameron Jackson, Mitchell Green, Bryson Hardin, Julissa Arjoonsignh, Marks Barajas, Adriel Amoroto and Zezmir Owens

High School level student selected include:

- Elena Vasquez, Addison Evenhuis, Jaylin Gilbert, Amy Kim, Liam Sheppard, Sophia Beverlylye, Kenadi Whitehurst, Lawson Davis, Jackson Tompkins, and Daniel Johnson

These students were selected through a competitive audition process and represent some of the top young musicians in the region. Congratulations to these talented students. Their selections reflect the talent, preparation, and dedication found throughout the band programs at Dothan Preparatory Academy, Carver 9th Grade Academy, and Dothan High School.



DPA STUDENTS 'EGG'CITING ART DISPLAY

Students at Dothan Preparatory Academy are showcasing their artistic talents at the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens as part of Egg Quest 2026, an annual community event featuring large, decorated egg displays created by local artists and organizations.

Two student-designed pieces, "Cat Interruption" by Kaelyn Broadbent and "Yajara's Easter Celebration" by Yajara Hernandez, are on display after several months of hard work.

You can see the student's eggs at the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens until April 5th. Way to go, DPA Wolves!



EMPOWERING EVERY WOLF

SPECIAL GUESTS READ TO DCS STUDENTS DURING READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK

In celebration of Read Across America Week at the beginning of March, Dothan City Schools welcomed special guest readers across several campuses. Special guest readers included Superintendent Dr. Garrick Askew, DCS Board of Education Chair Dr. Julie Mullins-Turner, Dothan High School student-athletes, members of the Divine 9, All In Credit Union, community leaders and many more.



According to literacy experts, children who are read to at least three times a week by a family member are almost twice as likely to score in the top 25% in reading compared to children who are read to less than three times a week. Reading to your child for just 20 minutes a day exposes them to 1.8 million words per year.

A big thank you to all of our special guests who visited our campuses and took the time out of their day to read to our students. Through moments like these, we continue empowering every Wolf with the encouragement, support, and inspiration needed to grow as confident learners and leaders.

DCS CARES

DCS SCHOOLS NAMED AMONG TOP 5 FOR UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Several Dothan City Schools campuses were recently recognized by Wiregrass United Way for their outstanding participation in the annual United Way campaign, which supports programs and services that strengthen communities across the Wiregrass. The schools were also provided by community partners in recognition of their participation.

Top 5 schools included:

- 1st Place: Carver 9th Grade Academy
- 2nd Place: Dothan 6th Grade Center
- 3rd Place: Highlands Elementary School
- 4th Place: Hidden Lake Primary School
- 5th Place: The Carver School for Mathematics, Science and Technology



Courtesy: Cultural Arts Center Facebook

DHS STUDENT GIVES BACK TO SUPPORT THE ARTS

Dothan High School senior Kaitlin Simmons is using her talents to give back. After winning the People's Choice Award in the Wiregrass Talent Junior competition, Kaitlin chose to donate her \$427.80 prize to the Dothan High School Theatre Department. The funds will help support fees and materials for

upcoming productions, ensuring students continue to have opportunities to shine on stage. Way to go, Kaitlin, for supporting the arts and your fellow Wolves!



COMMUNITY PARTNER

This month we want to highlight our community partner, All In Credit Union. Thank you for reading to students at Heard Elementary School during Read Across America Week and participating in the Reality Check Event at Carver 9th Grade Academy!

CARVER 9 STUDENTS GET A REALITY CHECK

Students at Carver 9th Grade Academy participated in the Reality Check Program, an interactive financial literacy experience hosted by the Liberty Learning Foundation. Through hands-on activities, students explored what it takes to manage monthly budgets based on real-world careers and salaries.

From balancing essential expenses like housing, groceries, and car payments to making tough financial decisions, students gained valuable insight into the responsibilities of adulthood. Experiences like this are helping prepare students for success in adulthood. Thank you to our community partners for making an experience like this possible.



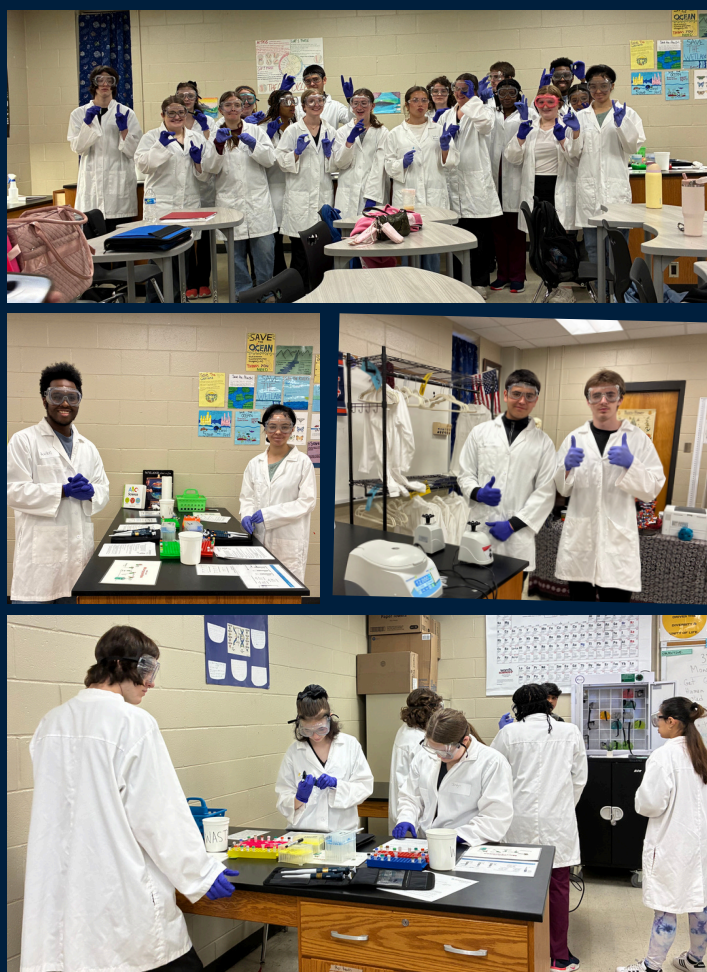
HANDS-ON LEARNING IN ACTION

HudsonAlpha Peanut Project

Students at Dothan High School and Carver 9th Grade Academy stepped into the role of scientists during a hands-on genetics lab as part of the Wiregrass Peanut Project. Through a partnership with HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, students extracted DNA from peanut plants and contributed to real agricultural research.

Unlike a traditional classroom lab, students participated in authentic scientific research that will help scientists study peanut genetics and develop stronger and healthier varieties that are more resistant to things like drought.

Through opportunities and experiences like this, students are getting real-world experience while exploring how science and innovation can shape the future of agriculture in the Wiregrass region.

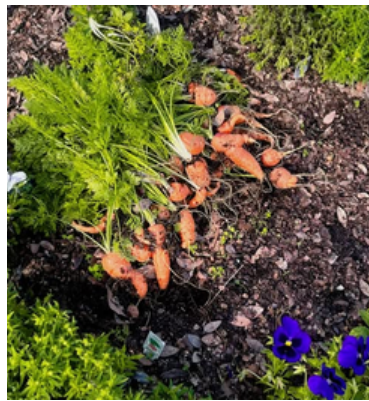


WHAT'S GROWING AT DCS?

Students across Dothan City Schools are getting hands-on learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom.

At Heard Elementary School, students participating in the Bright Key Farm to School initiative recently harvested a crop of bright orange carrots from the school garden. The harvest marked the result of months of care and hard work while helping students learn where their food comes from.

At Carver MST, learning is buzzing in the school's bee garden. After a swarm of bees settled in a tree on campus, CMST staff, dressed in bee keeping suits, safely collected the hive and relocated the bees into a bee box in the garden. This experience gave students a unique opportunity to see real-world environmental science and pollinator conservation in action.



Carver MST students also recently participated in an Outdoor Measurement Hunt, where third graders practiced using measuring tape to measure items throughout the school garden as part of their science lab.

Meanwhile, the Hidden Lake Primary School Garden Club received a donation of 20 packs of organic seeds from Southern Exposure Seed Exchange. Students are looking forward to planting the seeds and continuing their hands-on learning through gardening.

At Selma Street Elementary, second grade students also have a green thumb. Students are growing microgreens, lettuce, and lolla rossa lettuce plants to support learning about the different cycles in nature.

These experiences are helping students across the district grow their knowledge through exploration, discovery, and hands-on learning.



APRIL 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

SEASONAL

- 4 | Splashtastic Egg Hunt for 6-10 years from 9-11AM at Westgate Wellness Pool
- 4 | Easter Egg Hunt at Dothan 1st at 10AM
- 4 | Easter Egg Hunt at Taj starting at 10:30AM
- 4 | Easter Egg Hunt at Newton Baptist Church from 12PM-2PM
- 4 | Easter Egg Hunt at First Baptist Church Slocomb starting at 10:30AM
- 4 | Easter Egg Hunt at Level Plains Community Center from 3-5PM
- 5 | Community Easter Bash at Police Memorial Park in Ozark, AL from 12-3PM

LOCAL FESTIVALS & MARKETS

- 4 | Ozark 20th Crawdad & Music Festival in Downtown Ozark from 9AM-6PM
- 4 | Visit with the Easter Bunny at Landmark Park From 10AM-2PM
- 4 | Spring CraftFest at Folklore Brewing from 11AM-3PM
- 10 - 11 | 2026 Loop Music & Art Festival in Downtown Dothan
- 11 | Spring Fling at the Square at Hartford Square hosted by Hartford Pageants from 8AM-1PM
- 18 | 3rd Annual Spring Fling from 2-5PM at Solomon Park
- 25 | Folkfest - Folklore Music Fest at Folklore Brewing from 1-11PM
- 25 | Punk Rock Flea Market at The Crossing from 11AM-7PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 7, 9-11 | Dothan Diamond Classic Softball Tournament at James Oates Park
- 9 - 19 | April Big Book Sale Dothan Houston County Library System at the Westgate Recreation Center. Friends of Library Members Preview Sale on the 9th.
- 11 | Run for the Wiregrass hosted by the Junior League of the Wiregrass at Westgate Park. Registration starts at 7AM
- 11 | Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine: The Simulated Patient Experience at Dothan Houston County Library System (Main Branch) in the Main Community Room from 10:15AM-12:15PM
- 13 | Spring Favorite Citizens Day at CornDodgers Farm from 9AM-1PM. Reservation Required.
- 16 | Doug Tew Family Feud for 8+ years olds from 6:30-8:30PM at Doug Tew Therapeutics Recreation Center
- 18 | Tiny Tot Triathlon for 2-5 years old hosted by Dothan Leisure Services at Kiwanis Park from 9-11AM
- 22 | Earth Day Plant Share at Dothan Houston County Library System (Westgate Branch) in the Westgate Community Room from 11:30AM-12:30PM
- 24 | Free Community Shred Event & Pet supplies drive hosted by Sunset Memorial Park
- 24 | Movies in the Park - Twilight at Porter Park starting at 7PM
- 29 | Collective Soul at Dothan Civic Center from 7:30-10:30PM

APRIL 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

SHOWS/PERFORMANCES

- 9 | The Dothan Moonlighters Celebrate America’s 250th at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Main Branch) from 6:30–8:30PM
- 17 | Samantha Fish & Tab Benoit from 8–10PM at the Dothan Opera House
- 18 | The Park Concert Series: Drivin N Cryin from 7–10PM
- 23 | Bob Dylan at the Dothan Civic Center from 8–11PM
- 23–25 | “The Glass Menagerie” presented by SEACT at the Cultural Arts Center

ARTS

- 4 | First Family Saturday from 10:30AM to 2:30PM at the Wiregrass Museum of Art
- 9 | Dothan High School Art Exhibition Opening at 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM at the Dothan Regional Airport
- 17 | Art After Hours at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 5:30–8PM
- 18 | Spring Clean Craft Swap at Dothan Houston County Library System (Westgate Branch) from 11AM–12PM
- 28 | National Poetry Reading Day at Dothan Houston County Library System (Main Branch) in the Main Community Room from 6–7PM

CLASSES & EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

- 2–30 | The Art Circle hosted by Dothan Leisure Services at Westgate Park at the Trail Building for ages 6–18 years old on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4PM–5:30PM. The cost to register for this class is \$80.
- 2–5 | Visiting Artist Workshop: Glass Blowing with Hot Glass Academy at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 9AM–4PM
- 4 | Junk Journaling & Altered Book Workshop at Daleville Public Library from 10AM–12PM
- 6 & 13 | April Watercolors for Kids, Teens, and Grown-ups hosted by Green House Art Studio from 10–11:30AM
- 6 – 16 | Level 1 & 2 swim lessons from 6–6:45PM at Westgate Wellness Pool
- 7 & 14 | April Mommy & Me Preschool Art for ages 1–4 years old hosted by Green House Art Studio from 10AM–1PM
- 9, 16, 23 | Studio Artist Series: The Drawing Toolbox: The 5 Forms at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 5:30–7PM
- 11 | Tree ID Class at Landmark Park starting at 9AM
- 23 | Beginner Crochet Class at Dothan Houston County Library System (Westgate Branch) in the Westgate Community Room from 5–6:30PM
- 25 | Studio Artist Workshop: Introduction to Oil Painting with Rachel Johnson at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 10AM–1PM
- 27 – May 7 | Swim Lessons, M – TH, for Guppies (4–5 years old) from 6–6:45PM at Westgate Wellness Pool

Mondays in April | Art Class:
Explosions of Color hosted by
Green House Art Studio from
6–7:30 PM

Wednesdays in April | Art for
Stress Relief Class hosted by
Green House Art Studio from
10–11:30 AM.

Wednesdays in April | Art for
Kids, Teens, and Grown-ups
hosted by Green House Art
Studio from 1–2:30PM

APRIL 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

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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)

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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!



Dothan Leisure Services Summer Camps

- June 1 - July 24
 - Camp Cherokee at Wiregrass Park for ages 6-9 years old on weekdays from 7:30 AM - 5:30PM (\$180 for full summer camp)
 - Camp Chickasaw at Andrew Belle for ages 10-12 years old on weekdays from 7:30 AM - 5:30PM (\$180 for full summer camp)
 - Camp Choctaw 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 at Walton Park for ages 6-12 years old on weekdays from 7:30 AM - 5:30PM (\$140 for each 2 week session)

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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.
- Summer program financial assistance application deadline is April 30th

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APRIL 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

DOTHAN CITY SCHOOLS SPORTING EVENTS

DHS SOCCER

- 6 | Enterprise @ Rip Hewes Stadium from 5:30-8:30PM
 - JV Girls @ 5:30 PM / JV Boys @ 7:15 PM
- 7 | Houston Academy @ Rip Hewes Stadium from 5:30 PM - 9 PM
 - JV Girls @ 5:30 PM / Varsity Girls @ 7:15 PM
- 13 | DHS @ Enterprise High School from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
 - JV Girls @ 5:30 PM / JV Boys @ 7:15 PM
- 14 | DHS @ Enterprise High School from 5:30 PM - 9 PM
 - Varsity Girls @ 5:30 PM / Varsity Boys @ 7:15 PM
- 16 | McGill-Toolen @ Rip Hewes Stadium from 5 PM - 7 PM (Varsity Girls)
- 18 | Daphne @ Rip Hewes Stadium from 11 AM - 1 PM (Varsity Girls)
- 20 | Montgomery Academy @ Rip Hewes Stadium from 5:30 PM - 9 PM
 - Varsity Girls @ 5:30 PM / Varsity Boys at 7:15 PM
- 22 | Prattville @ Rip Hewes Stadium from 5:30 PM - 9 PM
 - Varsity Girls @ 5:30 PM / Varsity Boys @ 7:15 PM

DHS TENNIS

- 7 | Miller County @ Westgate Tennis Center from 1 PM - 5 PM (JV/Varsity)

DHS TRACK

- 29 - May 2 | State Meet in Gulf Shores

DHS SOFTBALL

- 7-11 | Dothan Diamond Classic at James Oates Softball Complex
- 14 | DHS @ Enterprise High School from 5 PM - 7 PM (Varsity)
- 16 | JAG @ Dothan High School from 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM (Varsity - Senior Night)
- 23 | Auburn @ Dothan High School from 5 PM - 7 PM (Varsity)

DHS BASEBALL

- 2 | Geneva @ Dothan High School from 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM (JV,V)
- 16 | JAG @ Dothan High School from 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM (Varsity)
- 21 | Enterprise @ Dothan High School from 4:30-6:30PM (Varsity)
- 23 | DHS @ Enterprise High School from 4:30-8:30PM (Varsity)

DHS GOLF

- 6-7 | Raider/Eagle Invitational at Dothan Country Club
- 14 | Providence at Highland Oaks
- 21 | Wicksburg at Highland Oaks

SCHOOL EVENTS

- March 30 - April 3 | Spring Break (No School)
- 6-7 | DPA Volleyball Tryouts from 4-6PM for upcoming 7th-8th graders
- 8 | DHS Girls Wrestling Interest Meeting from 6-7PM in the DHS Media Center
- 8-9 | DHS Volleyball Tryouts from 4-6PM for upcoming 9th-12th graders
- 10 | Teacher Work Day (No School)
- 11 | Alabama Science and Engineering Fair
- 17 | DHS Prom at Stokes Barn at Landmark Park starting at 6PM
- 22 | Mike Schmitz Challenge Initial Round
- 23 | Libby Liberty Celebrations
- 28 | Mike Schmitz Challenge Final Round
- 30 | DHS Senior Awards

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