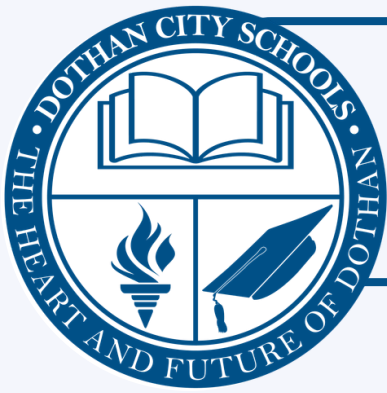




DOTHAN CITY SCHOOLS **INSIDE THE PACK**



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UPCOMING EVENT

**Popsicles on the
Playground with the
Principal at Jerry Lee Faine**

Wednesday, July 22nd
5 PM - 6:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENT

**Dothan City Schools Board of
Education Regular Meeting
1665 Honeysuckle Road**

Tuesday, July 14th
5:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENT

**Backyard Summer
Reading Program at
105 Booker Street**

Wednesday, July 8th
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

I hope you are having a great summer and finding time to relax, recharge, and make memories with the people who matter most. Although June brought more rain than any of us expected, and even caused us to reschedule one of our events, it didn't stop our students, staff, and families from making the most of the summer.

We're excited to close our Backyard Summer Reading Program with one final event after the wet weather forced us to postpone it. We hope you'll join us for the event on July 8, 2026 at Crimson Ridge from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Thank you everyone for your patience and flexibility. We can't wait to see our families, distribute free books and lunches for students, and spend time together before the new school year begins.

Even though our classrooms are quieter this time of year, there's still so much happening across the district. Teachers are getting ready for a new group of students, school leaders are preparing for another successful year, and our support staff is hard at work making sure everything is in place for a smooth start to school.

The first day of school will be here before we know it and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer. Stay safe, have fun, and see you in August!

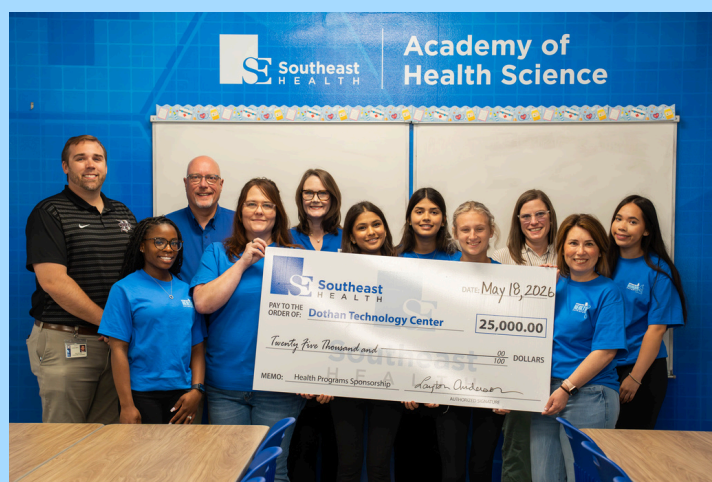
– *Dr. Garrick Askew*
Superintendent
Dothan City Schools



INVESTING IN STUDENTS' FUTURES

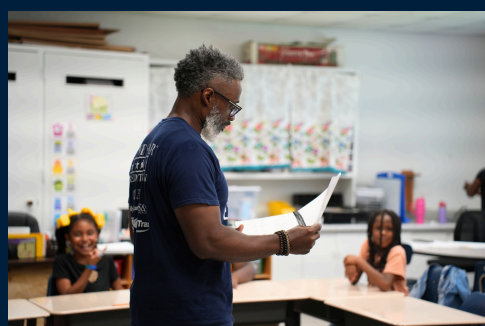
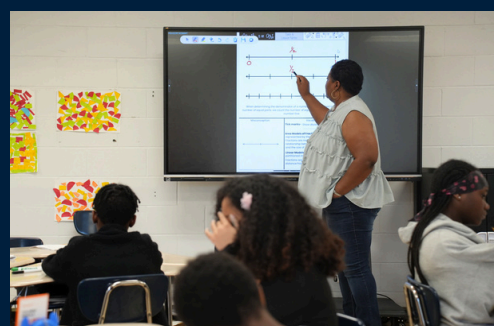
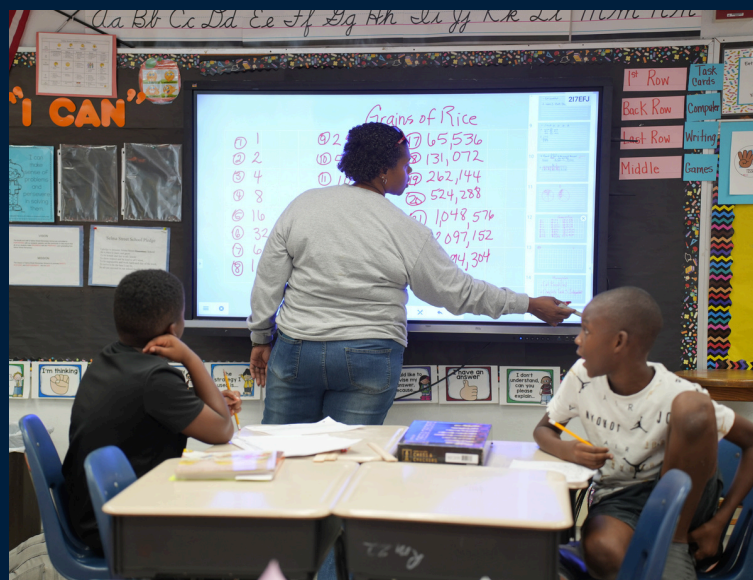
A long standing partnership between Dothan Technology Center and Southeast Health is continuing to make a difference for students. With a renewed \$75,000 commitment over the next three years, Southeast Health will continue supporting Dothan Tech's Academy of Health Sciences and Biomedical Science, helping students prepare for successful careers in the healthcare field.

Through this partnership, students have access to hands on learning experiences, opportunities to connect with healthcare professionals, and a closer look at the many career paths available in one of the region's fastest-growing industries. These real world experiences help bring classroom lessons to life while giving students the confidence and skills they'll carry into college, technical training, or the workforce.



By continuing to invest in Dothan Tech students today, Southeast Health is helping build a stronger future for both our students and the Wiregrass. The continued partnership reflects a shared commitment to giving students the tools, experiences, and support they need to succeed after graduation.

Summer learning was in full swing at Wolf Pup Camp! Recently, students spent the week exploring, creating, and learning together through engaging reading, writing, and math activities. Kindergarten through second grade students attended camp at Hidden Lake Primary School, while students in grades 3-5 gathered at Selma Street Elementary School. Through hands on reading, writing, and mathematics activities, our Wolf Pup campers kept learning, built new friendships, and had so much fun along the way.



Staff Salute: Jacques Deslonde



Since joining the Dothan City Schools Transportation Department, Jacques Deslonde has always stepped up and made a real impact. After transitioning from a bus driver to a shop assistant, Jacques has continued to go above and beyond by helping cover bus routes when needed while also assisting with shop maintenance. His flexibility, strong work ethic, and team-first attitude help keep Transportation Department running smoothly each day. Whether he's behind the wheel or helping in the shop, Jacques approaches every responsibility with the same dedication and willingness to serve. His commitment to supporting his teammates and ensuring students get where they need to be is truly appreciated. Thank you, Mr. Deslonde, for your dedication to Dothan City Schools and for always being willing to lend a helping hand. We're grateful to have you as part of the Wolfpack. Thank you for all that you do!

MEET TODD MITCHELL: NEW DCS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Dothan City Schools is excited to congratulate Todd Mitchell on his new role as Athletic Director!

Todd Mitchell was officially approved by the Dothan City Board of Education during the June 15 meeting and began serving in the position on July 1. A familiar face across the district, Mr. Mitchell brings 17 years of experience in education and has spent the past several years serving in leadership roles at Carver 9th Grade Academy, Dothan Preparatory Academy, Dothan High School, and Northview High School. Most recently, he led Carver 9th Grade Academy as principal, where he was known for building strong relationships with students and staff while fostering a culture of support and success.

As Athletic Director, Mr. Mitchell will work alongside coaches, student athletes, and school leaders to support and strengthen athletic programs across the district.

Please join us in wishing Mr. Mitchell all the best as he begins this exciting new role.

We're excited to see the positive impact he'll make on our athletes, coaches, and the entire Wolfpack community.

THE WOLFPACK WAY

SUMMER STORIES, LASTING CONNECTIONS

What started as a new idea has turned into a fun summer tradition for Dothan City Schools. In partnership with Dothan Housing over the past several weeks, students and their families have gathered in neighborhoods across the city to read together, enjoy enriching activities, share a free meal, and spend time with school and district leaders. It has been a wonderful way to stay connected and keep students engaged in reading while school is out.

Our final Backyard Summer Reading event was postponed because of rainy weather and will now be held on Tuesday, July 8, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Crimson Ridge (105 Booker Street). We hope you'll join us as we close out a great summer with one more afternoon of books, smiles, and time together before the first day of school.



Principal's Pride: Marketa George, Jerry Lee Faine Elementary School

The 2026–2027 school year marks an exciting new beginning for Mrs. Marketa George as she joins Dothan City Schools as the new principal of Jerry Lee Faine Elementary School. With more than 25 years in education, Mrs. George brings a passion for helping students succeed and creating a school community where every child feels supported and valued.

Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, Mrs. George has served in a variety of leadership roles throughout her education career, including teacher, assistant principal, principal, instructional leader, and founder and CEO of KEYS Primary Academy in Hiram, Georgia. She earned degrees from the University of West Georgia, Central Michigan University, and Capella University. She is also a Certified Instructional Leader.

Mrs. George believes strong relationships are the foundation of a successful school. As she begins her first year at Jerry Lee Faine Elementary, she is focused on strengthening academic excellence, helping students build a strong foundation for lifelong learning, and creating meaningful partnerships with families and the community. She says one of the goals she has for the upcoming school year is to foster leadership skills and ensure every child has the support and opportunities they need to succeed. When she is not at school, she enjoys reading, writing, shopping, traveling, and exercising, and proudly says her favorite title is “Mom.”

One of Mrs. George’s favorite DCS moments so far has been meeting students and families during the Backyard Summer Reading program. It was a chance to begin forming relationships with the community before the first day of school, something she says is essential to creating a positive learning environment. Welcome to the Wolfpack, Mrs. George!



COMMUNITY PARTNER

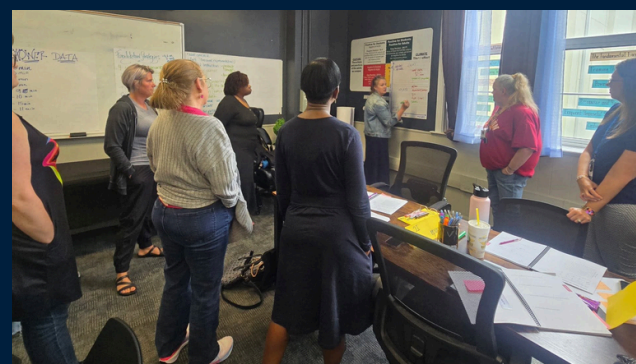
This month we want to highlight the Dothan Housing Authority. Thank you for partnering with us this summer to keep students and families engaged with reading, learning, and summer fun during the Backyard Summer Reading Program.

SUMMER LEARNING IN FULL SWING

Summer may be a break for our students, but across Dothan City Schools, our educators have been making the most of the season. District administrators have represented Dothan City Schools at both the CLAS Convention in Mobile and the Model Schools Conference in Orlando. Along the way, they've connected with school leaders from across the country, explored innovative practices, and exchanged ideas that will help strengthen our schools and support students, families, and staff.

Teachers have been learning too. Teachers across the district took part in Exceptional Student Services and AMSTI's K-5 Number Sense and Number Talks sessions, picking up new strategies to make math even more engaging for students. Hidden Lake Primary Math Coach Ms. Lawson represented Dothan City Schools at the Florida Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Conference, returning home with new ideas and practical resources to support both teachers and students. At Kelly Springs Elementary School, fifth grade teacher Ms. Gray, who applied for a competitive educator grant, and fellow KSE teacher Ms. Joyce were both selected to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, AL, where they experienced hands on astronaut training and explored new ways to bring STEM to life in the classroom. Meanwhile Dothan Preparatory Academy's math team spent part of their summer at Carnegie Math training and the Ron Clark Academy, working together, exchanging ideas, and preparing for another year of student success. Meanwhile, DPA's leadership team attended the Instructional Empowerment Building Deeper Learning Conference, where they learned from education researcher Dr. Robert J. Marzano and explored research based strategies to strengthen instruction and student engagement.

Whether they're attending conferences, exploring new teaching strategies, or learning from educators across the country, our employees never stop learning. Their dedication this summer is just one more way they're helping ensure Dothan City Schools students have the very best experience when they return to class this fall.



RIDING IN STYLE NEW ACTIVITY BUS

The Wolfpack is now riding in style! Check out our new and improved Activity Bus! Thanks to the custom wrap provided by TriState Graphics, our students will be on the move in Wolfpack fashion, representing the pack wherever they go.



Wolf Spotlight: Kamila Watford



As she prepares to begin her sophomore year at Dothan High School, Kamila Watford is leaving Carver 9th Grade Academy with an impressive list of accomplishments. An active member of Carver's ALPHA program, Kamila has consistently gone above and beyond both inside and outside the classroom. She earned straight A's during the 2025-2026 school year while balancing volleyball, track and field, and numerous extracurricular activities. She also serves in her church youth group, volunteers at Camp Victory, and has studied classical piano for five years.

Kamila's freshman year was filled with accomplishments. She received both the Most OUTstanding and ALPHA awards at Carver 9, was recognized as one of the top 20 Future Health Professionals (HOSA) students in Alabama, and earned a perfect score on her PreACT9. Whether she's excelling in the classroom, competing in athletics, or serving her community, Kamila embodies the values that make the Wolfpack proud.

DCS CARES

DHS CHEER SERVING THE COMMUNITY

The Dothan High School cheer team spent part of their summer sharing their love of cheer with campers at First United Methodist Church of Dothan's Cheer Camp. Throughout the week, our cheerleaders helped teach new skills, cheered on every accomplishment, and made sure each camper felt encouraged and included. While the campers were learning the fundamentals of cheer, the DHS team was buindling something even bigger: confidence, community, and lasting memories. We are proud of our cheerleaders for giving back to the community and representing the Wolfpack with servant hearts.



Wolf Pup Spotlight: Rae'Lynn Ashley

As she prepares to begin her next adventure at Heard Elementary School this fall, Rae'Lynn Ashley is leaving Dothan City Head Start and Pre-K Center with a smile, a kind hear, and a love for learning. Throughout her time at Head Start, Rae'Lynn has been known for her positive attitude, joyful spirit, and willingness to help others. Whether she's encouraging a classmate, helping her teacher clean up, or showing kindness to a friend, Rae'Lynn leads by example and makes everyone around her feel like they belong. Always eager to participate and explore new things, Rae'Lynn brings enthusiasm to everything she does. Her teachers have watched her grow into a compassionate and responsible leader whose excitement for learning is contagious. With dreams of one day becoming both a doctor and a hairdresser, she is already building a strong foundation for the future.

As she begins this exciting new chapter at Heard Elementary School, we know she'll continue sharing her kindness, enthusiasm, and love of learning wherever she goes. Her servant heart and caring spirit make her a wonderful example of what it means to be a Wolf Pup.



WOLFPACK WINS

DOTHAN TECH STUDENTS COMPETE IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

After earning first place finishes at the Alabama SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference, Alexis Saffold, Maysen Duddy, Hugo Escalera, and Kate Pologruto represented Dothan Technology Center and the state of Alabama at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta last month. The annual conference is the nation's premier showcase of career and technical education, bringing together more than 19,000 students, educators, and industry partners. More than 6,500 state champions from across the country competed in over 100 leadership and technical contests, giving students the opportunity to test their skills, learn from industry professionals, and connect with peers who share their passions.

In addition to competing on the national stage, our students explored ATL and enjoyed an Atlanta Braves game, making memories while experiencing one of the country's largest student leadership conferences.

The experience was about more than the competition. It gave our students the chance to sharpen their skills, meet and network with peers from across the country, and see firsthand where career and technical education can take them after graduation. Congratulations to Alexis, Maysen, Hugo, and Kate for being selected to compete in this prestigious competition and representing Dothan Tech on the national stage!



DCS' EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Building a strong school district starts with supporting the people who make it all happen. That's exactly what the Dothan City Schools Employee Engagement Committee worked to do throughout the 2025-2026 school year. The committee, made up of DCS employees from schools and departments, worked to strengthen workplace culture, boost staff morale, and create opportunities for employees to connect with one another. The committee also serves as a bridge between employees and district leadership by encouraging open communication, gathering feedback, and helping identify ways to make DCS an even better place to work.

Throughout the 2025-2026 school year, the committee led initiatives focused on employee retention, employee recognition, wellness, and engagement. When employees are connected and valued, it helps create a positive ripple effect that reaches classrooms across DCS.

Dothan City Schools is grateful for these employees and their commitment to supporting their colleagues and helping make DCS a place where students and staff can thrive.



The 2025-2026 committee members include:

- Alisa Leann Smith
- Ashley Croom
- Cade McCardle
- Jeremy Dorsey
- Jessica Crenshaw
- Lynn Chan
- Shaun Hunnard
- Sharon Reaves-Johnson
- Anthony Galloway
- Brenda Roberts
- Candace Wilson
- Courtney Lee
- Deborah Hunter
- Georga Catron
- Grace Gaines
- James McCloud
- Lacrechia Williams

BEFORE THE HALLWAYS FILL

Long before students and staff return for the first day of school, our custodial teams are already hard at work preparing every Dothan City Schools campus for a successful year. Throughout the summer, they have cleaned classrooms, waxed floors, moved furniture, and made sure each building is clean, welcoming, and ready for learning.

Their work often happens behind the scenes, but the impact of their work is seen in every hallway, classroom, bathroom, and common spaces our students walk into each day. We are incredibly grateful for the care, dedication, and pride our custodians bring to our schools. To every DCS custodian, thank you for all you do to help create safe, clean, and learning-ready environments



SUMMER FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY ACROSS THE DISTRICT

While students and teachers enjoy a well-earned summer break, crews across Dothan City Schools have been hard at work preparing our campuses for the new school year. Summer is one of the busiest seasons for our Facilities Department., providing an opportunity to complete projects that enhance safety, improve learning environments, and maintain our schools.

This summer, work is taking place at campuses across the district. Notable projects include auditorium and gym renovations at Dothan Preparatory Academy, new track lighting and window replacements at Dothan High School, media center flooring upgrades at Dothan 6th and Girard Elementary, and playground improvements at several elementary schools.

These investments reflect Dothan City Schools' ongoing commitment to providing safe, welcoming, and engaging learning environments for students and staff. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another school year in August!



Playground renovations at Girard, Kelly Springs, and Heard



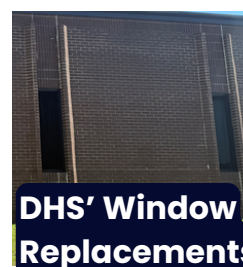
Digital Sign Replacement at Heard



Carver 9th Bathroom Retiling & Renovation



Floor replacement at Dothan 6th, Girard, and Beverly Intermediate



DHS' Window Replacements



DHS Sidewalk Repair



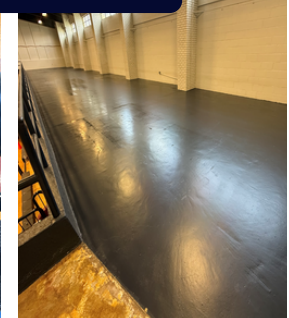
DPA' Davis Gym Renovations and concession stand addition



DPA 'Older Gym Railing Extension



Chiller replacements at various campuses



DPA Auditorium Renovations



DHS new track lighting

STATE'S BEST ON THE DIAMOND

In June, two Dothan High School softball players earned statewide recognition from the 2026 Alabama Sports Writers Association (ASWA) All-State Softball Team! Rising seniors Jada Newman, a utility player, was named to the Class 7A Second Team All-State, while Kinley German, a catcher, earned Class 7A Honorable Mention honors. The annual ASWA All-State teams recognize the top softball players from across Alabama, making this a well-deserved accomplishment for both student-athletes. Congratulations to both Jada and Kinley on representing Dothan High School and Dothan City Schools with excellence!



WOLFPACK REPRESENTS AT GIRLS STATE

This summer, rising Dothan High School seniors Sophia Contin and Catherine Farmer had the opportunity to represent the Wolfpack at Alabama Girls State, one of the state's premier student leadership programs. Throughout the week long program, Sophia and Catherine joined peers from across Alabama to take part in hands on activities that brought leadership and government to life. They worked together to build mock city, county, and state governments while learning more about public service, citizenship, and the responsibilities of leadership.

Congratulations to Sophia and Catherine on this well earned honor. We are proud of the way they represented DHS and know the experience will stay with them as they begin their senior year.



GROWING THE PACK

There was plenty of excitement at Dothan City Schools' Community Job Fair as prospective employees connected with principals, department leaders, and district staff to learn more about career opportunities throughout DCS. From classrooms to cafeterias, transportation to maintenance, the Job Fair showed the many ways our employees make a difference in the lives of students every day.

If you weren't able to attend the job fair, there's still time to join the Wolfpack! Current job openings can be viewed and applications submitted online by visiting the our website and selection the "Human Relations" tab. Become a member of our Wolfpack today!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: OPEN HOUSE IS ALMOST HERE!

A new school year is right around the corner and Open House is the perfect opportunity for students and families to kick things off. Before the first day of school, students and their families are invited to visit their school, meet teachers and staff, explore classrooms, and learn more about what to expect in the year ahead. Be sure to check out the Open House schedule below for your school's date and time. We can't wait to welcome our students back to the classroom and officially kick off another great year!

Friday, July 31



Dothan Preparatory Academy

- 8th Grade: 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.
- 7th Grade: 2 – 4 p.m.



Dothan 6th Grade Center

- 2–6 p.m.

Tuesday, August 4



Dothan High School

- Seniors: 8:30 a.m.
- Juniors: 10:30 a.m.
- Sophomores: 1 p.m.



Dothan City Virtual School

- 7th/8th Grades: 8:15 a.m.
- 9th/10th Grades: 10:15 a.m.
- 11th/12th Grades: 1:30 p.m.



Carver 9th Grade Academy

- A–L: 12–1:30 p.m.
- M–Z: 2–3:30 p.m.

Dothan City Early Education Center

- WINGS Integrated Preschool
 - 8 a.m.–3 p.m.
 - (teacher will contact parent to schedule appointment).
- First Class Pre-K Program
 - Pelicans/Eagles: 10–11 a.m.
 - Peacocks/Sparrows: 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
 - Robins/Orioles: 12–1 p.m.
 - Mallards/Flamingos: 1–2 p.m.
 - WINGS Typical Peers: 2–3 p.m.



Tuesday, August 18



DCS Head Start

- 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (School wide)

Monday, August 3



Hidden Lake Primary

- Kindergarten: 9 a.m.
- 1st Grade: 10 a.m.
- 2nd Grade: 11 a.m.



Girard Elementary

- Kindergarten: 9–10 a.m.
- 1st–5th Grades: 10:30–11:30 a.m.



Selma Street Elementary

- Kindergarten: 9–10 a.m.
- 1st – 5th Grades: 10–11:30 a.m.



Morris Slingluff Elementary

- Kindergarten–1st Grade: 9–10 a.m.
- 2nd & 3rd Grades: 10–11 a.m.
- 4th & 5th Grades: 11 a.m.–12 p.m.



Highlands Elementary

- A–L: 9–10 a.m.
- M–Z: 10:30–11:30 a.m.



Carver MST

- 3rd Grade: 1–2 p.m.
- 4th Grade: 2–3 p.m.
- 5th & 6th Grades: 3–4 p.m.



Jerry Lee Faine Elementary

- Pre-K – Kindergarten: 12–1 p.m.
- 1st–5th Grades: 1–2 p.m.



Beverly Intermediate

- 3rd Grade: 12–1 p.m.
- 4th Grade: 1–2 p.m.
- 5th Grade: 2–3 p.m.



Heard Elementary

- Kindergarten: 12 p.m.
- 1st–5th Grades: 1–3 p.m.



Kelly Springs Elementary

- Kindergarten: 1 p.m.
- 1st–3rd Grades: 1:45 p.m.
- 4th & 5th Grades: 2:30 p.m.



School Supplies Lists

Find your child's school supplies list now on our website!



JULY 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

SEASONAL

- 18 | Christmas in July at Harley Davidson Dothan from 10:00 AM-1:00 pm
- 19 | Christmas in July at Water World Featuring Home Alone , gates open at 6:30PM
- 26 | Celebrate America's 250th with Americans for Prosperity - Alabama at AMC 6 with a free movie showing of "Young Washington." Registration required. Check-in begins at 1PM.
- 31 | Ozark Community Fireworks Celebration at Matthews Stadium at Carroll High School

LOCAL FESTIVALS & MARKETS

- 11, 18, & 25 | Poplar Head Farmers Market from 8AM - 12PM at the Houston County Farm Center
- 10 & 11 | Wiregrass Stampede at the National Peanut Festival. Gates open at 5PM
- 11 | Red, White, and Watermelon Day at Enterprise Farmer's Market from 9AM-1PM
- 18 | 4th Annual Free Kids & Teen Book Fair at Diamond's Hair Salon in Marianna, FL from 11AM-4PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 10 | Stars Under the Star: Summer Edition "The Little Mermaid" at Porter Park & Events Plaza starting at 6:30PM
- 11 | City of Dothan Pickleball Complex Opening Day at Rip Hewes Athletic Complex starting at 10AM
- 11 | Summer Movies: Wicked at Water World Dothan starting at 6:30PM
- 18 | 29th Annual Youth Fishing Day at Eastgate Park Pond for ages 5-15 from 7:30-10:30AM
- 21 | Are You Smarter Than a Librarian? Trivia Night at Dothan Houston County Library System (Main Branch) in the Main Community Room for ages 13+ from 5-7:15PM
- 23 | "Hook" & The Lost Stuffedies: A Pajama Movie Night and Stuffed Animal Sleepover at Jimmy H. Baker Center for the Arts starting at 6PM
- 25 | Back to School Bash with Jubilee Builders from 10AM-1PM
- 25 | Hands & Voices Storytime at Dothan Houston County Library System (Westgate Branch) in the children's library from 11AM-12PM
- 25 | Splashin' Storytime at Westgate Wellness Pool hosted by Dothan Aquatics and Dothan Houston County Library System for children up to age 12 from 9-10:30AM.

DOTHAN UNITED

- 11 | Dothan United VS Apotheos FC at Rip Hewes Stadium from 7-10PM

JULY 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

ARTS

- 11, 18, & 25 | Saturday Paper Art Studio at Daleville Public Library from 10AM-12PM. Open to teens, adults, and families.
- 18 | ArtFX: A session of Sound and Color at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 12:30-2PM
- 23 | Book Edge Painting at Dothan Houston County Library System (Westgate Branch) for ages 19+ from 5:30-7:30PM
- August 1 | First Saturday Family Day at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 10:30AM-2:30PM

SHOWS/PERFORMANCES

- 11 | Trial By Fire: A Tribute to Journey at the Dothan Opera House from 7-10PM
- 18 | Saturday Brunch Sessions: Chris Godber Live on the patio at The Toasted Yolk Cafe from 10AM-1PM
- 18 | White Tie Rock Ensemble at the Dothan Civic Center from 7-10PM
- 18-19 | Shrek the Musical at Jimmy H. Baker Center for the Arts
- 24-25 | Matilda Jr. hosted by SEACT at the Cultural Arts Center
- 25 | The Circle Sessions at the Dothan Opera House starting at 7PM
- 26 | As You Like It hosted by SEACT at Proker Park Events Plaza starting at 7PM
- 31 | The Reflex: A Duran Duran Tribute at the Dothan Opera House from 7-9PM

CLASSES & EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

- 10, 17, & 24 | Landmark Park Animal Adventures at the Stokes Barn starting at 10AM
- 11 | From Clay to Charcuterie: A Ceramic Charcuterie Board Workshop from 10AM-1PM for ages 18+. Cost is per person is \$65.
- 15 | Wiregrass Master Gardner Lunch & Learns (Pollinators) at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Main Branch) from 12-1PM

SCHOOL EVENTS

- 6-10 | DPA Beautification Week - Community Helpers Needed
- 7-9 | DPA Summer Reading Program from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
- 9 | Community Meeting with DHS Head Baseball Coach Finalist Grant Roberts at Dothan High School's Convocation Center from 5PM-6PM
- 14-15 | DHS Flag Football Tryouts outside the Convocation Center from 8-9:30AM
- 13-14 | Highlands Signing Day and Pre Assessments
- 14-16 | DPA Summer Reading Program from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
- 15-16 | Highlands Kinder Wolf Pup Readiness Camp from 9-11AM
- 22 | Popsicles on the Playground with the Principal at Jerry Lee Faine from 5-6:30PM

JULY 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

CAMPS/WEEKLY CLASSES

Wiregrass Museum of Art

- July 13-17 | **Art Exploration** at the Wiregrass Museum of Art for ages 5-8 years old from 9AM-12PM
- July 20-24 | **Adult Summer Camp: Permission to Play** at the Wiregrass Museum of Art for ages 18+ from 5:30-7PM

Cultural Arts Center

- 4-Day Camps July 13-16, and 20-23 | Six camps available for K-6th graders

HudsonAlpha Institute for BioTechnology

- **Code of Life (Basic Camp)** | For rising 6th -9th graders. One session left happening 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.

Patti Rutland Jazz "Popstar Camp"

- July 13-17 | For ages 6-12 at Patti Rutland Jazz Headland from 9:30AM-12:30PM. Cost per student is \$195. Spots are limited.

First United Methodist Church of Dothan

Football Camp

- July 13-16 | Happening from 9AM-12PM for students who completed K5-5th grade in the 2025-2026 school year. Cost is \$35 per child. Must register by July 12.

Volleyball Camp

- July 20-23 | Happening from 9AM-12PM for students who completed K5-5th grade in the 2025-2026 school year. Cost is \$35 per child.

JULY 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

CAMPS/WEEKLY CLASSES

Dothan Leisure Services Summer Camps

- **Swim Lessons** | Available at Walton Park, Westgate Wellness, Andrew Belle, and Doug Tew starting with age 1.
 - 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 July 7 and August 4 for ages 6-18 from 6-7PM
- **Youth Volleyball Clinic** | Happening at Walton Park Gym for FREE July 18 | Grades 7-8 from 8AM-12PM
- **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)
 - Session IV: July 13-24
- **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)
 - Session IV: July 13-24
- **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
 - July 6-9 | Road Trip Art Camp , 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
- **Junior Camp Counselor** | For ages 14-15 from 7:30AM-5:30PM at Andrew Belle, Walton, Westgate, and Wiregrass Rec Centers
 - Session III: July 13-24

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