DOTHAN CITY SCHOOLS

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OCTOBER 2026

UPCOMING EVENT

Fall Break
NO SCHOOL

Monday, October 5th –
Friday, October 9th

UPCOMING EVENT

1st Nine Weeks
Report Cards Released

Wednesday, October 14th

UPCOMING EVENT

Dothan City Schools Board of Education Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 20th
5:30PM













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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

October brings us into a new stretch of the school year. Student routines are established, our classrooms are busy, and across Dothan City Schools, our students and employees continue to make progress each day. Over the past several weeks, I have enjoyed seeing the many ways our students are learning, growing, and getting involved. From the work happening inside the classroom to the activities, athletics, and events taking place across our campuses, there is a great deal to be proud of throughout the district. None of it would be possible without the support from our families and the dedication of our teachers, staff, and students.

This month also gives our Wolfpack an opportunity to step away and recharge for a few days during Fall Break. I hope our students and employees take advantage of hat time to rest and enjoy time with family and friends. You've worked hard, you deserve it! When we return, we will hit the ground running. I encourage our students to stay focused, continue working towards their goals, and make the most of each day.

To our employees, thank you for the time, care, and energy you continue to give to our students each day.

I am grateful for everyone who plays a role in making DCS a place where our students can learn and succeed. Enjoy a safe and restful fall break and I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the weeks and months ahead.

– *Dr. Garrick Askew*
Superintendent
Dothan City Schools



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

DCS Faculty and Staff,

The future of Dothan City Schools depends on our ability to recruit, retain, and support exceptional people.

At our most recent Board meeting, the Dothan City Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution to begin working with the City of Dothan on a potential funding partnership that could allow Dothan City Schools to compensate faculty and staff at a level 8% above the state salary matrix.

This action reflects a simple belief shared by the Board: strong schools require strong people, and strong communities invest in both.

For Dothan City Schools to continue moving forward, we must be competitive in the way we support the professionals who serve our students. Compensation is one part of that responsibility, but it is an important one. It affects recruitment, retention, morale, stability, and ultimately the quality of the educational experience we are able to provide our students.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

This conversation also extends beyond the walls of our schools.

A thriving public school system contributes to economic development, workforce readiness, business recruitment, residential growth, and the overall quality of life in Dothan. When our schools become stronger, our entire community benefits.

As this proposal moves through the next stages of discussion, we encourage our employees to stay informed and engaged. Those who wish to share their individual perspectives with City leaders may contact the Mayor and members of the Dothan City Commission and explain what competitive compensation, employee retention, and continued investment in Dothan City Schools mean to them personally and professionally.

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This proposal will require additional discussion, cooperation, and careful planning. The unanimous action of the Board opened the door to that work.

As employees of Dothan City Schools, you are at the center of everything our district accomplishes. Our plans, programs, facilities, and initiatives only become meaningful because of the people who carry them out every day.

The Board remains committed to building a school system where talented employees want to work, want to stay, and feel supported in the important work they do for the children of Dothan.

Thank you for what you contribute to our schools and our community every day.

Dothan City Board of Education

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026-2027 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY COHORT

Dothan City Schools is proud to introduce the inaugural cohort of the Dothan City Schools Leadership Academy, a yearlong principal preparation program designed to develop aspiring school leaders from within the district. Throughout the year, participants wil take part in advanced leadership training led by Cornerstone Leadership, LLC. Sessions will focus on key areas of school leadership, including instructional, managerial and operational, relational, visionary, and innovative leadership. The 2026-2027 cohort includes school leaders who have demonstrated strong leadership potential and a commitment to serving DCS. Through the academy, DCS is investing in the next generation of leaders who will help shape the future of the district.



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DOTHAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY



KENDRA FAULK
KELLY SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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DOTHAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY



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DOTHAN HIGH SCHOOL



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HAPPY HOMECOMING!

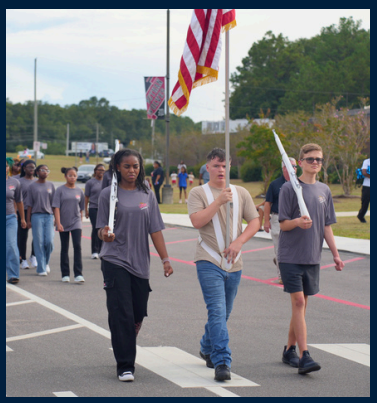
COMMUNITY WIDE PARADE AND PEP RALLY

Dothan High School students, staff, families and community members came together to celebrate Honecoming with the annual Community Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally. From the Pride of the Wolfpack Marching Band and Dothan Wolves Cheer to student athletes, the afternoon was filled with Wolfpack pride as the community showed its support ahead of the 2026 Homecoming Football Game.

































WOLFPACK ROYALTY

DHS, DCVS, DPA, AND CARVER 9TH GRADE HOMECOMING ROYALTY

Homecoming season brought plenty of reasons to celebrate across Dothan City Schools! Students from Dothan Preparatory Academy, Carver 9th Grade Academy, Dothan High School, and Dothan City Virtual School were recognized as members of their schools' 2026 Homecoming Courts. Congratulations to all of our Homecoming Court members and this year's newly crowned Homecoming Royalty!

Carver 9th Grade Academy Court
Jaxton Bennet & Takira Thrower

Dothan High School Court
10th Grade
Akayla Pearce
Makeriah Gamble
Lachlan Owens
11th Grade
JaZaya Franklin
12th Grade
Kenady Williams
JaMauri Hart

Dothan City Virtual Court
9th Grade
Gianna Jones
Ja'Loni Winslow
11th Grade
Scarlett Hardison
12th Grade
Serenity Conley
Yas Davis
Jovanna Jones



Homecoming King & Queens
Laila Reynolds (DHS Homecoming Queen)
Braylon Johnson (DHS Homecoming King)
Nyjah Mone Fitz Berry (DCVS Homecoming Queen)


















WOLFPACK ROYALTY



DPA 8th Grade Homecoming King & Queen
Carsyn Howard (Homecoming Queen)
Jaiden Ware (Homecoming King)

DPA 7th Grade Homecoming Prince & Princess
Genesis Fate (Princess)
Karsen Olds (Prince)

7th Grade Court
Brooklynn Davis
Kiah Pelt

8th Grade Court
Nylah Farrier
Cynthia Long

























DCS EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Before football players took the field against Enterprise, we had the honor of recognizing our 2026–2027 Employees of the Year! We are incredibly proud of these outstanding educators who make a difference every day across Dothan City Schools. Congratulations to all of our honorees! Your dedication, passion, and commitment to our students and schools are truly worthy of celebration. We are grateful for everything you do to make Dothan City Schools a special place to learn, work, and grow.

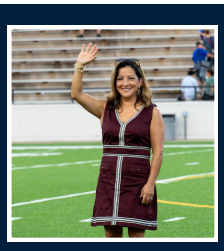
2026–2027 District Employees of the Year
Elementary Teacher of the Year — Jessica Freeman, Carver School for Math, Science and Technology
Secondary Teacher of the Year — Lisa Peacock, Carver 9th Grade Academy
Support Employee of the Year — Dena Enfinger
Principal of the Year — Monica Montalvo

School-Level Teachers of the Year
Melissa Crozier (DCEEC), Simone Swain (Headstart), Tonya Everett (Beveryle), Jessica Freeman (CMST), Jordan Cory (Girard), Alicia Walker (Heard), Nohra Daugherty (Hidden Lake), Tara Harris (Highlands), Natalie Townsend (Jerry Lee Faine), Jennifer Smith (Kelly Springs), James Perkall (Selma Street), Lauren Couch (Morris Slingluff), Coretha Laurent (Dothan 6th), Tyreece Mayo (DPA), Lisa Peacock (Carver 9th), Josh Odom (DHS), James Kingry (DTC), Jeffery Bailey (DCVS), and Jason Abercrombie (PASS)







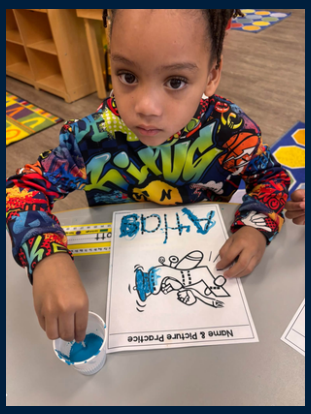




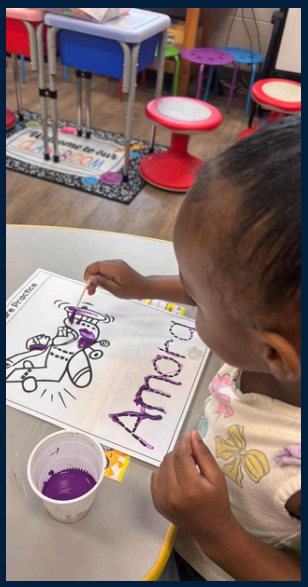
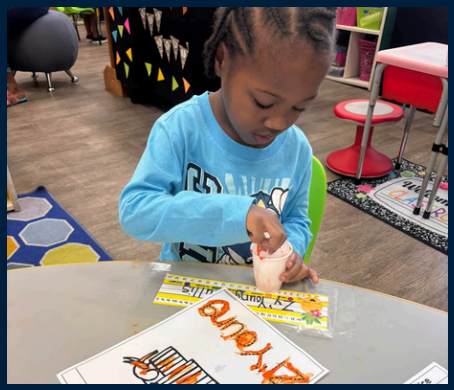



LITTLEST WOLVES LEARN THROUGH CREATIVITY

Dothan City Schools Head Start and Preschool students are putting their creativity to work! From exploring books to painting with Q-tips, students are building early literacy and fine motor skills through fun, hands on learning experiences!










PERFECT ATTENDANCE IS SWEET AT BEVERYLE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Showing up to school each day gives students more opportunities to learn, grow, and stay connected with their classmates and teachers. Beverlye Intermediate School celebrated students who achieved perfect attendance with popsicles to recognize their commitment to making every school day count!



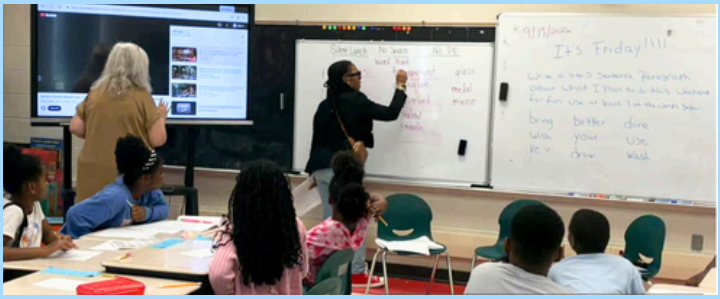


A LESSON TO REMEMBER

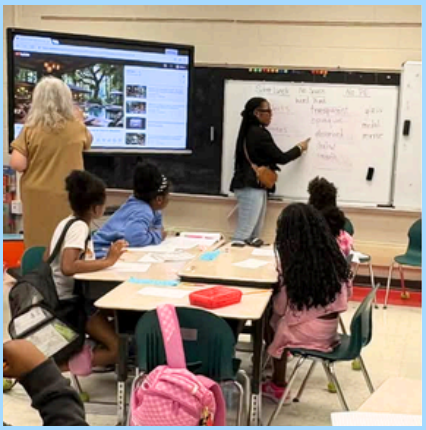
Sometimes the best surprises happen when a principal steps into the classroom! During a visit to Mrs. Marler's fourth grade class, Principal George jumped in to teach a few concepts and her unexpected lesson quickly became the highlight of the day.

It was a fun reminder that learning can happen anywhere, and that students love seeing the adults in their school community join them in the classroom!

















DPA CONNECTION DAY BRINGS FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Dothan Preparatory Academy celebrated its first-ever Connection Day, creating opportunities for students and families to connect with DPA, our teachers, and valuable community resources. Alongside parent-teacher conferences, families had the opportunity to engage with community partners, learn about resources available to support students, and strengthen the relationships that help our students thrive.







CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

From September 15 through October 15, Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to learn, celebrate, and appreciate the rich cultures and traditions of Hispanic communities. Across our schools, students are finding meaningful ways to experience that culture through music, dance, history, crafts, and hands-on activities, including learning the traditional Mexican folk dance La Raspa. These experiences bring learning to life while helping students build a greater appreciation for the diverse cultures that make our community so special. We love seeing our students learning, creating, and celebrating together.















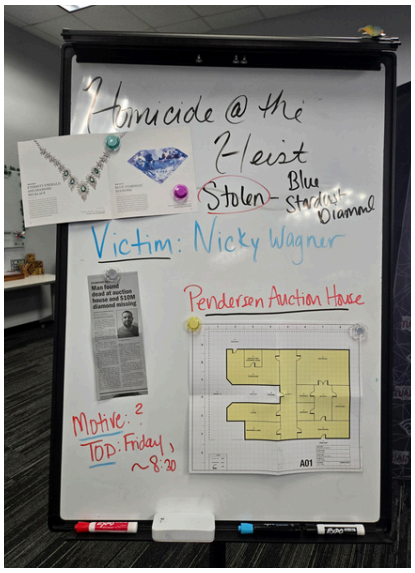
DHS STUDENT'S PSA CONCEPT BEING PROFESSIONALLY FILMED

Dothan High School became a production set as an Emmy Award-winning production team visited campus to bring student Stephen Colvin's award winning public service announcement to life. Stephen earned first place in the 2026 National Road Safety Foundation PSA Challenge for his original concept highlighting the dangers of speeding. Stephen had the opportunity to be part of the professional production process as his idea went from concept to camera. Fellow DHS students also participated in the filming, giving them a behind the scenese look at what goes into producing a national PSA.

Stephen received a $2,500 prize for his first place win and his completed PSA will be broadcast on more than 160 television stations nationwide. His achievement is an exciting example of how student creativity can reach far beyond the classroom and make an impact on the national stage!

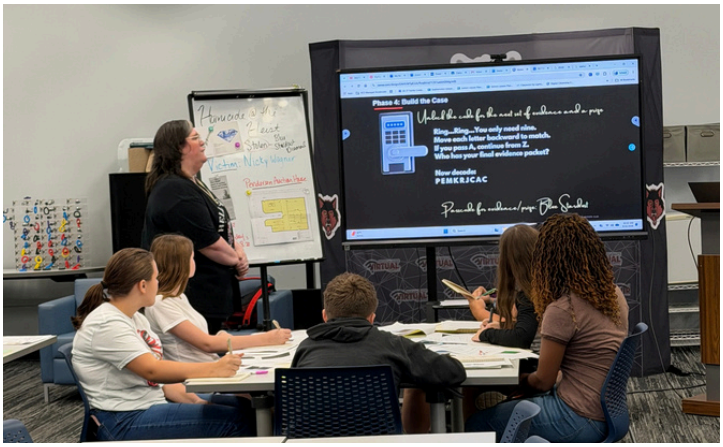
CASE CLOSED: VIRTUAL STUDENTS SOLVE MYSTERY USING ELA SKILLS

Dothan City Virtual students put their detective skills to work during the latest monthly Murder Mystery Club interactive event led by Mrs. Goolsby, ELA teacher and club sponsor. During "Homicide at the Heist", students investigated a diamond heist at the Pendersen Auction House by examining evidence, decoding clues, comparing suspect statements, solving puzzles, and building a final accusation based on means, motive, and opportunity.

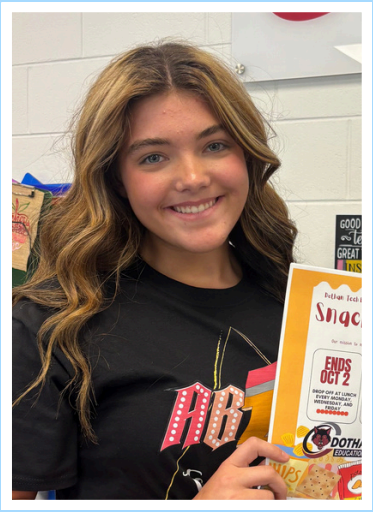


While the club is all about having fun, it also brings ELA skills to life. Students practiced reading closely, making inferences, determining relevant details, collaborating with peers, compare information across multiple sources and using evidence to support their conclusions all while solving a mystery together!

The next Murder Mystery Club event will take place on October 15 at 5:30 p.m. as part of Dothan Virtual Family Night, giving students and families a chance to join in the investigation together.



Wolf Spotlight: Adalynn Williams



Dothan Technology Center Education and Training program student Adalynn Williams is already making an impact during her first year at DHS through leadership, service, and a desire to help others. After learning that some students may not always have access to snacks during the school day, Adalynn took the initiative to develop an idea for a snack drive. She brought the idea forward and even prepared a proposal for Superintendent Dr. Garrick Askew, turning her concern for others into action.

That same comparison carries into the classroom, where Adalynn regularly takes on leadership roles, helps engage her classmates, and makes an effort to ensure everyone feels included. She is also involved throughout Dothan High School as a member of the volleyball team, President of Future Teachers of Alabama (FTA) and an officer in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA.)

Whether she is stepping up as a leader, supporting classmates, or finding a way to serve others, Adalynn is showing that making a difference can start with simply noticing a need and choosing to do something about it.

READING FROM 9 TO 5! HIDDEN LAKE PRIMARY CELEBRATES DOLLY DAY



Hidden Lake Primary School celebrated Dolly Day (9/25) with a little extra sparkle and a whole lot of reading! Students dressed for the occasion in style wearing Dolly Parton T-Shirts, cowboy hats, and boots while enjoying activities focused on literacy and a love of reading. The special day brought reading and fun together in a memorable way.





















Wolf Pup Spotlight: Jeremiah Bradley, Highlands Elementary School



Highlands Elementary School fifth grader Jeremiah Bradley stands out for his kindness, leadership, and positive attitude. He treats everyone with respect, leads by example, and consistently looks for ways to help his classmates and school community. This year, Jeremiah serves as a student ambassador and has taken on the daily responsibility of raising and retrieving the school flags. He previously served as a Peer Helper and is currently running to represent his class in Student Government Association (SGA). His commitment to being a positive example has also earned him recognition as an Overall Good Citizen in previous years.

Outside of school, Jeremiah plays basketball and volunteers with a local church. Whether he is serving his school, helping others, or stepping into a leadership role, Jeremiah continues to demonstrate what it means to be a great Wolf Pup!

Employee of the Month September 2026: Josh McCray, Behavior Specialist, Dothan High School



Dothan City Schools is proud to recognize Josh McCray, Behavior Specialist at Dothan High School, as our September 2026 Employee of the Month! Coach McCray was recognized during Dothan City Schools Board of Education September Regular Meeting for the difference he is making each day.

Though Coach McCray has only been at Dothan High for a short time, he has already made a tremendous impact. His proactive approach, consistent presence, and genuine care for students have helped him quickly build trust and become an important part of the school community. Whether he's supporting students through challenges, assisting teachers, or simply taking the time to listen, Coach McCray leads with compassion and initiative. That impact is already being felt by students, many of whom have personally requested him as a mentor. Congratulations, Coach McCray! We are proud to have you as a member of our Wolfpack!

HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY CELEBRATES NEW PLAYGROUND

Highlands Elementary School celebrated the opening of its new playground with a special ribbon cutting ceremony last month! The new space was made possible by the Highlands Elementary PTO, which raised an incredible $147,000 through various fundraising efforts. Students, staff, families, and community members gathered to mark the occaision and celebrate a project that will be enjoyed by Highlands students for years to come.













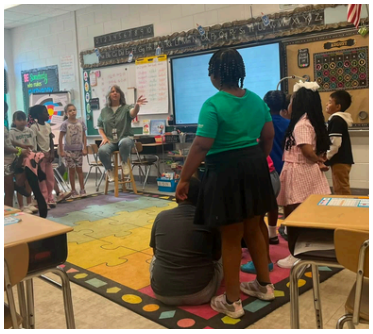


LEARNING THROUGH REAL LIFE EXPERIENCES AT KELLY SPRINGS

Mrs. Dickinson's class at Kelly Springs knows that some of the best learning happens when you can see it, do it, and figure it out together! Students explored even and odd numbers by physically seperating themselves into equal groups, then used problem-solving skills to figure out why one group had an extra student and how to make the groups even then determine if their original number was even or odd.

They also took their learming to the Center Court to practice organizing into columns by their house system. These hands-on experiences turned math concepts into something students could experience for themselves and made learning a lot more fun along the way!











FIRST SGA REPRESENTATIVES SELECTED AT GIRARD ELEMENTARY

Student leadership is taking center stage at Girard Elementary! Fourth and fifth grade students recently elected their Student Government Association (SGA) representatives and Peer Helpers, giving them a chance to share their voices and support their classmates. Our fifth graders made history by electing the first GES SGA representatives since becoming a K-5 school in 2025-2025.















From campaiging and giving speeches to stepping into leadership roles, our students showed courage and confidence. We are proud of every student who stepped up and look forward to seeing these young leaders make a difference throughout the year at GES!

STRENGTHENING LEARNING THROUGH PLCS AT DOTHAN 6TH GRADE CENTER

Educators at Dothan 6th Grade Center came together for Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings forcused on strengthening classroom instruction. The meetings, led by Instructional Coach Keyonna Coachman and Turnaround Literacy Specialist Tiffany Fowler, helped teachers explore strategies for academic discussions, vocabulary development, lesson planning, and meeting the needs of students and different learning levels. By learning and collaborating together, Dothan 6th Grade educators are continuing to strengthen instruction and create meaningful learning experinces for every student.











CARVER MST EARNS STATEWIDE RECOGNITION

The Carver School for Mathematics, Science, and Technology was recognized as a High-Achieving IXL School based on the 2025-2026 school year's performance. Carver MST ranked Number 1 in South Alabama and was one of only two schools statewide recognized for having the highest av erage level of skills proficiency. This amazing achievement puts a spotlight on the hard work and commitment of Carver MST students and staff. Congratulations, CMST!



CELEBRATING SUCCESS AT MORRIS SLINGLUFF ELEMENTARY

Morris Slingluff Elementary celebrates a strong start to the school year during its August Celebrations Ceremony last month! Students were recognized for achievements in attendance, academics, and behavior. MSE also celebrated an impressive 95.34% overall attendance rate for August, with second grade leading the school at 96.06%. Every day in the classroom gives students another opportunity to learn, build important skills, and stay connected to their school community.





























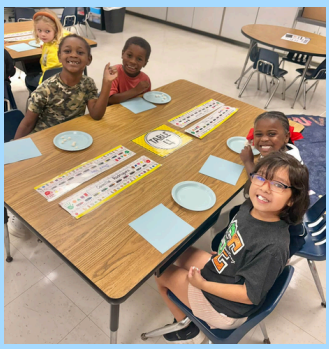
LEARNING THROUGH TASTE

Kindergarteners at Selma Street Elementary had a tasty way to learn about the sense of taste! Students in several classrooms sampled sweet, salty, sour, and even bitter foods, including pickles and broccoli, while learning new vocabulary like “pucker.” They tested their taste buds, shared their reactions, and voted on their favorites.

The clear winner? Sweet! More importantly, our kindergartners had fun learning through a hands-on experience that turned a lesson about the five sense into something they coud see, taste, and remember.









GRANDPARENT'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Across the district, schools celebrated with luncheons, tea, games, goodies, and plenty of time to visit, laugh, and make memories together. Though schools celebrated in their own special way, the heart of the day was the same, bringing generations together. Grandparents had the opportunity to experience a little of their grandchildren's school world, and students were proud to share these special moments with them. We grateful to the families and school communities who made Grandparents Day such a meaningful celebration of the relationships that make our schools stronger.













LEARNING IN ACTION AT HEARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Students in Ms. Jackson's class at Heard Elementary School put their math skills to work through small-group activities and learning centers. Through hands on practice and collaboration, students strengthened their skills, deepend their understanding and built confidence while learning alongside their classmates.






MAKING OUR MARK ON DOT DAY

Dot Day brought creativity, curiousity, and plenty of color to our schools! Inspired by *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds, students were encouraged to make their own mark, try something new, and celebrate the unique ideas and talents they bring to our classrooms.

From colorful artwork to creative activities, our schools found their own ways to celebrate. It was a simple but meaningful reminder that every person has something special to share and sometimes, one small dot can be the start of something extrordinary.



















CARVER 9 TEACHERS RECOGNIZED WITH CLASSROOM GRANTS



Two Carver 9th Grade Academy educators are turning support from the community into meaningful opportunities for students. Tim Waller and Ashley Knight were recently recognized as recipients of $1,000 classroom grant from Five Star Credit Union. The grants will support classroom projects and initiatives that enrich learning experiences for Carver 9 students. We appreciate Five Star Credit Union for its continued support of our educators and students and congratulate Mr. Waller and Ms. Knight on this exciting recognition!

SCHOOL NURSE TRAINING AT FLOWERS HOSPITAL

In September, Dothan City Schools nurses participated in hands on training at Flowers Hospital to strengthen their skills and prepare to respond to a variety of student health needs. The training provided an opportunity for our nurses to practice important procedures and continue building the knowledge and confidence needed to care for students across the district.



OCTOBER 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

LOCAL FESTIVALS & MARKETS

- 2-3 | Wiregrass Master Gardeners and Dothan Area Botanical Gardens Fall Tree & Shrub Sale at the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens
  - Friday from 9AM-4PM
  - Saturday from 9AM-1PM
- 3 | Claybank Jamboree Arts & Crafts Festival in Downtown Ozark from 9AM-3PM
- 4 | The Park Concert Series: Wiregrass Fest at Porter Park starting at 1:30PM
- 10-11 | EufaulaFest 2026 along North Randolph Avenue in the Seth Lore Historic District
  - Saturday from 9AM-4PM
  - Sunday from 10AM-3PM
- 10 | Whatchamacallit Folk Art Festival at Cotton Hall Theater in Colquitt, GA from 10AM-5PM
- 17 | 3rd Annual Creek Friends Festival hosted by the Southeastern Mvskoke Nation at 242 County Road 2254 in Troy, AL from 9AM-5PM

CLASSES & EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

- 9 | 22nd Annual Health & Wellness Workshop presented by Dothan Leisure Services at the Dothan Civic Center from 8AM-2PM benefitting the Alfred Saliba Family Services Center and their Diabetes Coalition program
- 8-11 | Visiting Artist Workshop: Fall Glass Blowing with Hot Glass Academy at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 9AM-4:30PM (3, 2 hour sessions per day)
- 9-10 | Pioneer Days at the Pioneer Museum of Alabam in Troy, AL from 10AM-4PM each day.
- 17 | Author's Anonymous Writing Group at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Westgate Branch) in the community room from 5:30PM-7:30PM
- 22 | Basic Sewing for Beginners at the Dothan Houston County Library System (DHCLS) Westgate Branch's Community Room from 5-7PM
- 24 | Kids' Weaving Workshop at the Alabama Agricultural Museum from 11AM-3PM
- 27 | Paint Night with Ashley at DHCLS Main Branch's Community Room from 5-7PM

OCTOBER 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

SCHOOL EVENTS

- 1 | Hidden Lake Primary's Title I Meeting & Classroom Visitations at 5:30PM
- 1 | Selma Street's Title I Meeting at 4:30PM & Family Bingo at 5PM
- 2 | Pack, Picnic, & Problem Solve at Heard Elementary at 10AM
- 2 | Glow Party at Hidden Lake during PE/Specials (Cost is $5)
- 2 | Hidden Lake Primary's Virtual Title I Meeting at 9AM through Zoom
- 5 - 9 | Fall Break & Alabama's College FREE Application Week
- 12 - 16 | Hidden Lake Primary's Fall Book Fair
- 12-15 | DHS Boys Soccer Tryouts for 7th-12th Grader from 5:30-7:30PM at DHS Practice Field
- 13 | Heard's School Picture Day
- 13, 15, 20 & 22 | Carver MST's Parent Picnics (13- 3rd Grade from 11:20AM-12:20PM; 15 - 4th Grade from 12:40-1:40PM; 20 - 5th Grade from 10:55-11:55AM; 22 - 6th Grade from 12:10-1:10PM)
- 14 | 1st Nine Weeks Report Cards released
- 15 | Dothan City Virtual School's Title I Parent Meeting at 9AM & 5:30PM
- 15 | Dothan City Virtual School's Family Night Murder Mystery "Asylum"
- 16 | Highlands' School Picture Day
- 16 | Picnic at The Lake: Literacy, Learning & Lunch at Hidden Lake Primary from 10:30AM-12PM
- 17 | Jerry Lee Faine's Academic Success Academy begins
- 21 | Dothan City Virtual School's Activate Success for Juniors
- 22 | Hidden Lake Primary's 50th Day of School Celebration
- Now - 23 | Canned Food Drive benefitting the Salvation Army at Girard Elementary
- 30 | Boo Bash at Carver MST during PE/Specials (Glow Items $1-3; Glow Packs $5; Snacks $1)
- 30 | Color Run at Hidden Lake Primary
- 31 | Dothan Preparatory Academy's Fall Festival from 3-5PM
- Now - November 13 | Hidden Lake Primary's Canned Food Drive for the Salvation Army

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- Now - May 14 | Beyond the Bell, Dothan Leisure Services' Afterschool Program, from 2:30PM-6PM. Registration is required.
- Tuesdays | Studio 126: After School Art Program at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 4PM-5:30PM

School Break Camps

- Oct. 5 - 9 | Fall Break Camp presented by Dothan Leisure Services for ages 6-12 from 7:30AM-5:30PM
- Nov. 23 - 25 | Thanksgiving Break Camp presented by Dothan Leisure Services for ages 6-12 from 7:30AM-5:30PM
- Dec. 21 - Jan. 1, 2027 | Christmas Break Camp presented by Dothan Leisure Services for ages 6-12 from 7:30AM-5:30PM

OCTOBER 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

SEASONAL

- Now-16 | Book Character Pumpkin Palooza! at the Dothan Houston County Library System
- 1-31 | 22nd Annual Scarecrows in the Gardens at the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens
- 1-30 | Monster Splash Swimathon at Westagte Competition Pool during Lap Swim Hours
- 2 | Ghoul's Night at The Forum from 6-9PM
- 2 | Movies in the Park: Hocus Pocus at Porter Park starting at 7PM
- 3 | The Front Porch Part at Dothan Nurseries from 9AM-4PM
- 8 - 10 | SEACT Education Presents: The Legend of Sleepy Hollow at the Cultural Arts Center
- 10 | Headland Harvest Festival 2026 in Downtown Headland from 9AM-3PM
- 17 | The Pumpkin Patch: A Free Family Art Festival at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 10AM-2PM
- 17 | Pumpkin Dunk for ages 5-12 years at Westtgate Wellness Pool from 9-10:30AM & 11:30AM-1PM
- 17 | Fall Farm Day at Landmark Park from 10AM-4PM
- 17 | Boll Weevil Fall Festival in Downtown Enterprise from 11AM-4PM
- 17 | Trunk or Treat at Sonic, 3371 South Oates Street from 3-5PM
- 23 | Nosferatu with Live Score Performance by the Tri-State Community Orchestra at 7PM
- 24 | Zombie Chase 5K at Westgate Tennis Center with gates opening at 7:30AM
- 24 | Boo Fest in Downtown Dothan at Porter Park from 10AM-2PM
- 29 | Halloween on the Green at Adventureland from 5-9PM
- 29 | Trunk or Treat hosted by Fortis College at 200 Vulcan Way from 5-7PM
- 29 | Fall Carnival sponsored by Dothan Leisure Services & Dothan Civitan Club at Rotary Miracle Field from 6-8PM
- 29 | The Rocky Horror Picture Show at the Dothan Opera House at 7PM
- 31 | Trunk or Treat hosted by Helping Teens Foundation at 801 South Range Street from 5:30-8PM
- 31 | Halloween Glow Party with Future Joy in Porter Park from 6-9PM
- 31 | Marianna Health & Rehabilition Haunted House at 4295 5th Avenue in Marianna, FL from 6-8PM

ARTS

- 3 | First Saturday Family Day at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 10:30AM-2:30PM
- 10 | All Across Alabama 2027 hosted by the Wiregrass Museum of Art & The Alabama State Council on the Arts at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Westgate Branch)
  - 3rd Graders from 10-10:45AM; 4th Graders from 11-11:45AM; 5th Graders from 12-12:45PM
- 16 | Art After Hours at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 5:30-8PM

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- 3 | “Walk With 5” Community Walk 2026 at Porter Park at 8AM
- 5-18 | Youth Basketball Registration for ages 7-18
- 6 & 20 | Tee Ball Basics for ages 3-7 at Andrew Belle Community Center from 6-7PM
- 8 | Basketball Basics for ages 6-18 at the Andrew Belle Community Center from 6-7PM
- 8 | Celebrate Silly Old Bear! at the Dothan Houston County Library System (DHCLS) at 10:15-11AM & 2-2:45PM
- 10 | “Twelve Hour Tango” 7 Person Team Relay Race at Westgate Park starting at 6AM
- 10 | Little Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant at the Dothan Civic Center at 5PM
- 13 | Webb Paranormal Group Community Meet & Greet: History, Hauntings & Q&A at the DHCLS Main Branch in Community Room from 5-7PM
- 15 | Pajama Storytime at the DHCLS in the Westgate Branch Children’s Library from 6:30-7PM
- 15 | Author’s Anonymous Writing Group at DHCLS at the Westgate Branch’s Community Room from 5:30-7:30PM
- 16 | Squishy Event at Fun Zone Skate Center from 6-9PM
- 16 | Miss National Peanut Festival Preliminaries Pagent at the Dothan Civic Center at 6PM
- 17 | Miss National Peanut Festival Finals Pagent at the Dothan Civic Center at 5PM
- 17 & 24 | Intro to Disc Golf at Walton Park from 9-11AM
- 20 | STEM Challenge - Haunted Bridge Build for ages 7 to 12 years old at the DHCLS at the Westgate Branch’s Community Room from 4-5PM
- 31 | Landmark Park Fifth Saturday Freebie

SHOWS/PERFORMANCES

- 8 | The Moonlighters in the Park at Porter Park starting at 7PM
- 8 | Unforgettable: John-Mark McGaha Sings Nat King Cole at Jimmy H. Baker Center for the Arts from 7-9PM
- 14 | “Built on Zydeco” Screening at the Dothan Opera House starting at 6:30PM
- 15 | House of the Holy: A True Led Zeppelin Experience at the Dothan Opera House starting at 7PM
- 16 | Free Fallin: A Tribute to Tom Petty at the Dothan Opera House at 7PM
- 20 | Haunted Illusions starring David Caserta at the Dothan Opera House at 7PM
- 23-24 | The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical at Jimmy H. Baker Center for the Arts
- 24 | Crowder at the Dothan Civic Center at 7PM with doors opening at 6PM
- 25 | Candlelight: The Best of Hans Zimmer at the Dothan Opera House at 6:30PM
- 25 | Candlelight: Coldplay vs. Imagine Dragons at the Dothan Opera House at 8:45PM

OCTOBER 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

DOTHAN CITY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

VOLLEYBALL
- 1 | VS Providence/GW Long (V) at 4PM
- 3 | VS North Bay Penta Tournament (V) at 8AM
- **6 | VS Enterprise (V) at DHS at 5PM**
- 8 | VS Andalusa/Brantley (V) at 4PM

DPA VOLLEYBALL
- 1 | VS Admiral Moorer/Auburn in Eufala at 1:30PM

DPA GIRLS BASKETBALL
- **29 | VS Charles Henderson in Troy, AL**

DHS SWIMMING
- 3 | Hosted by Arnold High School at Frank Brown Park in Panama City, FL
- 20 | Hosted by Booker T. Washington at Montgomery YMCA
- **31 | Hosted by DHS/ HA/ RHS/ HHS at Westgate Competition Pool**

CROSS COUNTRY
- 1 | Swoops Loop (MA) 3K in Montgomery, AL
- 17 | MAXC (AUM Campus) in Montgomery, AL
- 22 | Oakville XC Invitational in Moulton, AL
- 29 | State Sections (Sections 2) in Auburn , AL

DHS FOOTBALL
- **2 | VS Central (V) at Rip Hewes Stadium at 7PM**
- 5 | VS Enterprise (JV/9th) at 5PM
- **9 | Opelika (V) at Rip Hewes Stadium at 7PM**
- 12 | VS Opelika (JV/9th) at 5PM
- 16 | VS Auburn (V) at 7PM
- **19 | VS Auburn (JV/9th) at Rip Hewes Stadium at 5PM**
- 23 | VS JAG (V) at 7PM
- **29 | VS Crestview (V) at Rip Hewes Stadium at 7PM**

DPA FOOTBALL
- **1 | VS Bainbridge at Rip Hewes Stadium at 4:30PM**
- 8 | VS Auburn at 4:30PM
- **15 | VS Enterprise at Rip Hewes Stadium at 4:30PM**
- 22 | Championship Game

FLAG FOOTBALL
- **6 | VS Opelika at DHS (Grass Field) at 5PM**
- 14 | VS Auburn (Away) at 5PM

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