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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

As we enter November and prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, I find myself reflecting on the many reasons I have to be thankful, both personally and as Superintendent of Dothan City Schools.

Each day, I have the privilege of witnessing the incredible things happening across our district. From the excitement of students discovering something new to the countless ways our employees go above and beyond, I am reminded that what makes Dothan City Schools special is the people who fill our classrooms, hallways, and offices. I'm thankful for our teachers and staff, who show up each day with a commitment to helping our students succeed. I am thankful for our families, who trust us with their children and continue to partner with us in their education.

Most importantly, I am thankful for our students. Their curiosity, determination, creativity, and accomplishments remind us why we do this work. They are the heart of our district and the reason we continue striving to make Dothan City Schools the best it can be. I am also grateful for the support of our Board of Education and the Dothan community. Our schools are stronger because of the individuals, businesses, and organizations who invest their time and resources into the success of our students. This season of gratitude is a reminder of how fortunate we are to be part of a community that cares so deeply about its schools and students.

On behalf of DCS, I wish you and your families a safe, restful, and happy Thanksgiving. Thank you for being part of our DCS family.



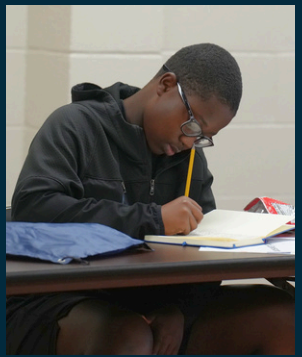


– Dr. Garrick Askew
Superintendent
Dothan City Schools

SSAC STRENGTHENS COMMUNICATION AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Dothan City Schools' Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) focused on communication, influence, and student voice during its October session. Building on previous leadership discussions, students explored how to express their ideas confidently, advocate respectfully, and recognize how their words and actions influence others. The session also emphasized building trust through active listening, honesty, and effective communication. Students had the opportunity to connect with community leaders and gain insight into how these skills are used in real world leadership. Guest speaker Tatyana Washington, meteorologist at WDHN, shared insights from her career in broadcast journalism and discussed the importance of effective communication.







NOVEMBER IS THANK ALABAMA TEACHERS MONTH

To the DCS teachers who inspire, encourage, and make a difference every day, THANK YOU!



CARVER MST RANKED NO. 6 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN ALABAMA

RANKED BY U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

Dothan City Schools is proud to announce that The Carver School for Mathematics, Science, and Technology has maintained its ranking as the No. 6 elementary school in Alabama, according to the 2027 U.S. News & World Report Best Elementary School rankings. Carver MST earned an overall score of 99.07 out of 100, once again receiving recognition as a U.S. News Best Elementary School for the 4th year in a row.
Carver MST has consistently ranked among Alabama's top elementary schools over the past four years. Its U.S. News & World Report rankings include:

- 2027: No. 6 in Alabama
- 2026: No. 6 in Alabama
- 2025: No. 9 in Alabama
- 2024: No. 20 in Alabama

"We are incredibly proud of Carver MST for maintaining its position among the top elementary schools in Alabama as ranked by U.S. News & World Report," said Dothan City Schools Superintendent Dr. Garrick Askew. "This recognition speaks to the dedicated work of our teachers, staff, school leadership, and students who work every day to uphold high academic standards and build on the school's tradition of excellence."

Carver School for Math, Science, and Technology



"Earning recognition as a U.S. News Best Elementary School for four consecutive years speaks highly about the culture of excellence we've built here," said Christopher Payne, Principal of Carver MST. "Our overall score reflects the incredible work happening in our classrooms every day. I am honored to lead such dedicated educators who set the bar high and ambitious students who push themselves to consistently exceed it."

The U.S. News & World Report Best Elementary Schools rankings recognize public schools across the country based on measures of academic performance and student achievement. Dothan City Schools congratulates the entire Carver MST school community on this outstanding accomplishment!

To view Carver MST's complete 2027 U.S. News & World Report profile, visit TinyURL.com/CMSTRanking

To see how U.S. News & World Report calculated the rankings, vist TinyURL.com/USNewsCalculations

DOTHAN CITY SCHOOLS NAMES MEMBERS OF EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Dothan City Schools has named the members of its 2026-2027 Employee Engagement Committee! The committee is dedicated to strengthening workplace culture, improving staff morale, and ensuring employees feel valued, heard, and supported. Throughout the school year, committee members will work to strengthen communication between employees and district leadership, gather feedback from peers, and support initiatives focused on employee recognition, wellness, and engagement. Through these efforts, the committee aims to foster a positive and supportive work environment for all DCS employees.

The 2026-2027 members of the DCS Employee Engagement Committee include:



Cade McCardle
Technology



Jacquelyn Pearce
Carver 9th Grade



Jan Horne
DCS Head Start & Pre-K



Shaun Hubbard
Maintenance



Leann Smith
Financial Services



Jessica Crenshaw
Child Nutrition



Patrick Pezelj
Accountability & Compliance



Ashley Croom
Human Resources



Courtney Lee
Heard Elementary



Darcy Butterfield
Carver MST



Deborah Hunter
PASS Academy



Rodney McCloud
Dothan Tech

DOTHAN CITY SCHOOLS NAMES MEMBERS OF EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The 2026-2027 members of the DCS Employee Engagement Committee include:



Candance Wilson
DPA



Mahwish Sajid
Girard Elementary



Emily Breedlove
Highands Elementary



Tammy Rogers
Beverlye Intermediate



Marsha Nowell
Dothan City Virtual



Itaya White
Carver 9th Grade



Rinda Brannon
Morris Slingluff Elementary



Monica MaAloney
DCEEC



Della Tingle
Hidden Lake Primary



Beau Holland
Dothan High



Maeghan Gillon
Selma Street Elementary



Atima Adams
Dothan 6th Grade

Jennifer Smith
Kelly Springs Elementary



DCVS ROBOTICS TEAM EARNS THIRD PLACE AT BEST ROBOTICS COMPETITION!

Dothan City Virtual School's robotics team, the Dothan Byte Pack, earned third place overall at the BEST Robotics Competition, finishing just one point shy of advancing to the South's BEST Robotics Regional Championship!

Team members Dasia Daniels, Vega Feliz, Victoria Felix, and Rykar Schermerhorn demonstrated their skills in engineering, programming, teamwork, and problem solving. In addition to their overall placement, the team earned second place in Engineering Notebook and Robot Floor Performance, along with third place in Marketing Presentation and Poster Board Presentation and Interview. The team also recieved the Trojan Way Award, recognizing its perserverance, respect, and sportsmanship throughout the competition!

This accomplishment was made possible through the dedication of the students and the support of their families, educators, and community partners. Special thanks to team lead Teresa Duppstadt, along with Alvin Wiggins, Leroy Harris, James McCloud, Jeremy Green, Vyterra Jones, Teresa Smiley, Shondra Reynolds, and Troy University for contributing their time, expertise, and resources to the teams success.

Congratulations to the Dothan Byte Pack on an outstanding performance!









DHS JUNIORS SELECTED FOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

2026-2027 YOUTH LEADERSHIP DOTHAN-HOUSTON COUNTY CLASS 35

Six Dothan High School juniors have been selected to participate in the 2026-2027 Youth Leadership Dothan-Houston County Class 35, a program of the Dothan Area Chamber Foundation! Throughout the seven month program, students will strengthen their leadership, communication, teamwork, and decision making skills while gaining first hand insight into the organizations and industries that shape our community. They will also connect with local leaders and explore opportunities to make a positive impact throughout Dothan and Houston County.

Strong communities are built by strong leaders and that leadership begins with our youth. We are proud of these students for stepping forward to serve, learn, and lead. Their commitment to personal growth and community involvement reflects the bright future of Dothan and Houston County. We look forward to seeing how they use this experience to inspire others, strengthen community connections, and making a lasting difference in the place we call home!

Congratulations to the following students:

- Ella Burgess
- Stephen Colvin
- Briannah Crews
- Davis Langford
- Zoe Lopez
- Isabella Morgan



Ella Burgess



Stephen Colvin



Briannah Crews



Davis Langford



Zoe Lopez



Isabella Morgan

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK ACROSS DOTHAN CITY SCHOOLS

Dothan City Schools celebrated National School Lunch Week, October 12-16, with a fun filled “Greatest Lunch on Earth” theme! Throughout the week, students participated in the Cafeteria Circus celebration, earning punches on special tickets each time they enjoyed a school lunch. Students who collected four punches were entered into a grand prize drawing!

Beyond the festivities, the week highlighted the important role nutritious school meals play in supporting student health, growth, and academic success. A special thank you goes to our Dothan City Schools Child Nutrition Program and dedicated cafeteria teams for their hard work and commitment to providing our students with nutritious meals each day. Their efforts help ensure students are fueled, focused, and ready to learn!























DCS FAMILIES ENJOY PARENT PICNIC LUNCHES

Last month, families at Carver School for Mathematics, Science, and Technology, Kelly Springs Elementary School, and Girard Elementary School enjoyed a week of parent picnic lunches! With beautiful weather as the backdrop, parents and guardians joined their students outside for lunch, laughter, and quality time together. The events provided a wonderful opportunity to strengthen school-family connections and create lasting memories!







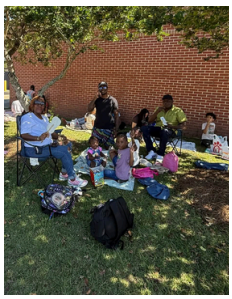










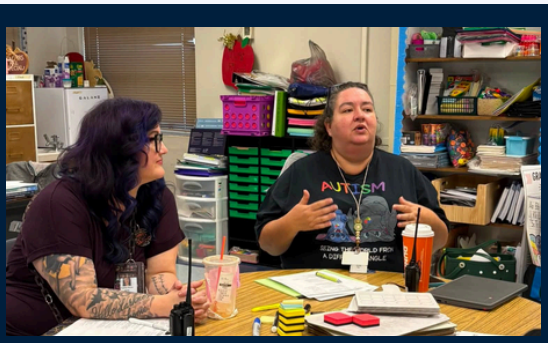


HIDDEN LAKE PRIMARY BRINGS FAMILIES TOGETHER FOR LITERACY AND LUNCH!

Hidden Lake Primary School welcomed families for a day of reading, learning, and fun during it's "Picnic at the Lake" Literacy Day celebration! The event began with a literacy presentation led by reading coach Ms. Rhyne, followed by classroom visits where parents and guardians had the opportunity to connect with their student's learning experiences. Families then went outside for a picnic, enjoyed a variety of food trucks, and explored the school's fall book fair. The event brought the school community together while highlighting the importance of family engagement in building strong reading skills and fostering a lifelong love of learning!

FAINE ELEMENTARY TEACHERS COLLABORATE DURING 'PAUSE DAY'

Teachers at Jerry Lee Faine Elementary School recently participated in a PAUSE day focused on collaborative planning, strengthening instruction, and increasing student engagement. Led by Ms. Floyd and Dr. Blalock, the sessions provided teachers across grade levels and specialty areas with opportunities to share ideas, explore instructional strategies, and collaborate on ways to enhance learning in their classrooms. With continued support from Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI) local and regional specialists, Faine Elementary is working to strengthen instruction and support student success.



























BEVERLYE INTERMEDIATE CELEBRATES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Beverlye Intermediate School held its Honor Day ceremony last month and recognized students for their academic achievements and positive behavior. Students were honored for earning A Honor Roll, A/B Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, and Good Conduct. The ceremony highlighted the amazing work and accomplishments of Beverlye students! Keep up the good work, students!

DCS EARNS HEARTSAFE DESIGNATION

DCS officially earned its HeartSafe Designation from the Southeast Health Foundation last month, recognizing the district's commitment to emergency preparedness and student and staff safety! This designation recognizes the district's efforts to ensure staff are trained in Hands-Only CPR and automated external defibrilators (AEDs) are accessible during cardiac emergencies. Southeast Health also provided Narcan to the district, further strengthening its emergency response resources. We extend our appreciation to Southeast Health and the Southeast Health Foundation for their partnership in helping create safer schools and a community prepared to respond when every second counts!















PACK, PICNIC, AND PROBLEM SOLVING AT HEARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Heard Elementary School brought students and families together during its "Pack, Picnic, and Problem Solve" parent engagement event! Families worked alongisde their students to complete interactive math activities, strengthen problem-solving skills, and explore strategies to support learning at home. The event highlighted the importance of family involvement in student success while providing an opportunity for parents, students, and educators to connect outside the traditional classroom setting. By making math engaging and accessible for the whole family, Heard Elementary continues to build strong partnerships between home and school that support student learning and achievement.

CARVER 9 STUDENTS LEARN LIFESAVING CPR SKILLS

Students in Mrs. Chelsea Pynes' Medical Terminology class at Carver 9th Grade Academy are gaining valuable skills through hands on Heartsaver CPR training! Over the course of two weeks, students learned the importance of CPR, practiced emergency response techniques, and built confidence as they worked toward earning their CPR certification. Beyond the classroom, these skills prepare students to respond in critical situations and potentially save lives. This experience also provides a foundation for students interested in pursuing future careers in healthcare!







DOTHAN 6TH GRADE CENTER STRENGTHENS CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

Last month, teachers at Dothan 6th Grade Center participated in a Professional Learning Community (PLC) session focused on strengthening classroom instruction and imporving student outcomes! During the session, educators explored the eight key indicators of Pillar 1 of the Dothan Way, emphasizing clear learning objectives, standards-based instruction, and effective teaching strategies. Teachers also collaborated on classroom evaluation practices and explored vocabulary-building techniques, including word walls and the Frayer Model. Through ongoing professional learning and collaboration, Dothan 6th Grade Center teachers are working to create engaging, effective learning environments that support student success!

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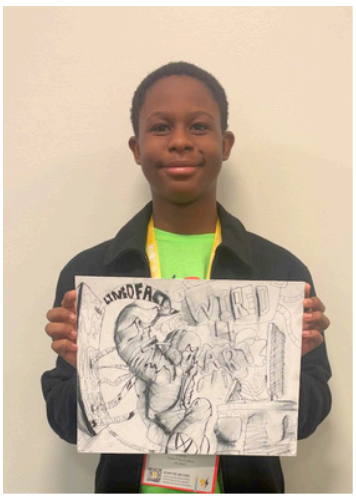


Dothan City Schools educator Alexis Elston is among the first group of National Board Certified Teachers in Alabama to complete the Statewide NBCT Professional Learning Facilitator (PLF) Training, an initiative supported by the Alabama State Department of Education!

Mrs. Elston earned her National Board Certification in Reading-Literacy in 2023. Considered one of the highest professional distinctions in education, National Board Certification is a prestigious, nationally recognized credential awarded to educators who demonstrate advanced teaching knowledge, effective instructional practices, and a strong commitment to student learning through a rigorous certification process.

Building on this achievement, Mrs. Elston is now prepared to serve as a state-trained mentor for other educators pursuing National Board Certification. In this leadership role, she will facilitate professional learning, provide guidance and resources, and support fellow teachers as they work toward earning this distinguished credential. Congratulations on this fantastic acheivement, Mrs. Elston!

Wolf Spotlight: Kenneth Linen, Dothan Preparatory Academy



Dothan Preparatory Academy student Kenneth Linen is making his mark through academic excellence, creativity, leadership, and service to others. An A Honor Roll student, Kenneth has earned both the Principal's Choice Award and Teacher's Choice award in his advanced theater class, adding to his growing list of academic and extracurricuar accomplishments.

Kenneth's talents extend across several areas. He has participated in the Science Fair and is an active member of DPA's Beta Club, where he earned first place in On-Site Drawing at the Beta Club State Convention. He also puts his skills to work for his school through serving as a football drone videograper and manager for DPA's boys' basketball team.

Beyond school, Kenneth volunteers at Good News Church, where he demonstrates his commitment to giving back and serving his community. Whether he is excelling academically, exploring his artistic interests, or supporting others throughout his community, Kenneth continues to lead by example an make a positive impact on those around him. He is a shining example of what it means to be a Wolf.

Principal's Pride: Dionne Blair, Selma Street Elementary



For Principal Dionne Blair, education has been a lifelong passion. Now in her 30th year as an educator, Mrs. Blair has speent the past 15 years leadng Selma Street Elementary School, bringing decades of experience and commitment to student success to her role.

This school year, Mrs. Blair is focused on continued school improvement and academic growth for all Selma Street Elementary School scholars. Her goal is to strengthen instructional leadership, use data to guide decisions, support professional learning, and encourage shared accountability among staff. Through these efforts, she hopes to create even more opportunities for students to learn, grow, and succeed.

As a proud graduate of Troy University, Mrs. Blair is always ready to cheer on the Trojans! Outside of school, Mrs. Blair enjoys traveling, spending time at the beach, and shopping.

After three decades in education, Mrs. Blair values the opportunities Dothan City Schools provides its leaders to continue learning and developing their skills. She especially appreciates DCS' emphasis on collaboration and building systems that support long-term success. Her approach to leadership is reflected in one of her favorite quotes, attributed to John Quincy Adams: "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, or do more and become more, you are a leader."

As she continues her 15th year at Selma Street Elementary School, Mrs. Blair looks forward to building on the school's progress and helping every scholar reach their full potential.



COMMUNITY PARTNER

This month, DCS recognizes the Dothan Area Chamber of Commers for its continued support of our educators. Thank you for recognizing Dothan High School math teacher Mrs. Angel Tyson as October's "Superstar Teacher" and highlighting the positive impact she makes in the classroom!

DOTHAN TECH STUDENTS EXPLORE CAREERS AT SUNBELT AG EXPO

Dothan Technology Center students enrolled in Agriculture, Building Construction, and Welding programs traveled to Moultrie, Georgia, to attend the Sunbelt Ag Expo! During the visit, students explored agricultural equipment, construction technologies, welding applications, and the latest industry innovations. The experience provided a firsthand look at how skills learned in the classroom translate into real world careers! Opportunities like these are an important part of careet and technical education, helping students explore their interests, connect classroom learning to industry practices, and prepare for success in the workforce!













Wolf Pup Spotlight: Michaela Lindsey, Jerry Lee Faine Elementary

Jerry Lee Faine Elementary School fifth grader Michaela Lindsey is setting a positive example for her classmates through her kindness, respect, and positive attitude. Described by her teachers as a model student, Michaela consistently demonstrates the qualities that make her a valued member of her school.

Michaela leads by example through treating those around her with respect and showing her peers what it means to be a responsible and considerate student. Her positive influence helps create a welcoming classroom environment where others are enocuraged to follow her example.

Through her everyday actions and the respect she shows others, Michaela demonstrates what it means to be a great Wolf Pup!



Employee of the Month October 2026: Christy Heard, Special Education Teacher, Highlands Elementary School



Dothan City Schools is proud to recognize Christy Heard, Special Education Teacher at Highlands Elementary School, as our October 2026 Employee of the Month! Mrs. Heard was recognized during the Dothan City Schools Board of Education's October Regular Meeting for the difference she makes in the lives of her students each and every day.

Mrs. Heard goes above and beyond to create a supportive environment where every student has the opportunity to grow and succeed. From providing individualized academic and behavioral support to taking on additional responsibilities and building meaningful relationships with families, she demonstrates a genuine commitment to her students and school community. Her efforts help students build confidence, develop independence, and celebrate their progress along the way. Congratulations, Mrs. Heard and thank you for the difference you make at Highlands Elementary School!

GIRARD ELEMENTARY CELEBRATES ATTENDANCE SUCCESS!

Girard Elementary School celebrated outstanding attendance with a sweet reward! Students in Mrs. Hunt's, Ms, Keener's, and Ms. Watford's classes were recognized for their success in the school's 20-Day Attendance Challenge, enjoying donuts and a special classroom celebration! The challenge encouraged students to build positive attendance habits while highlighting the importance of showing up ready to learn each day. Congratulations to these classes and thank you to the families and teachers who help make consistent attendance a priority!













FALL FUN AT MORRIS SLINGLUFF ELEMENTARY

Third graders is Ms. Paramore's class at Morris Slingluff Elementary School put a seasonal twist on math while learning about data sets! Students created coloful picture graphs using fall leaves to represent and organize data. Through this hands on activity, students practiced collecting, organizing, and interpreting information while strengthening their understanding of graphing concepts. The finished projects combined math skills with fall creativity and gave students an opportunity to demonstrate what they learned in a fun and engaging way. Their colorful creations were proudly displayed in the classroom, showcasing how seasonal activities can help bring math concepts to life!





A SPECIAL SURPRISE FOR HIGHLANDS' TOP READERS













Highlands Elementary School Rewarded its top 25 readers from the first quarter with a special visit from Tinkerbell and Buttercup, two horses from Wiregrass Horse Rescue and Sanctuary! As part of the school's THRIVE Reading Initiative, students had the opportunity to pet the horses, learn about their care, and enjoy a memorable experience celebrating their reading achievements. A special thank you to Wiregrass Horse Rescue and Sanctuary for helping make this celebration possible! Through community partnerships like this, Highlands continues to encourage a love of reading while rewarding students for their hard work!

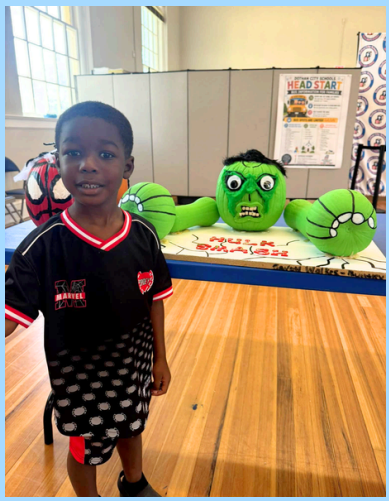
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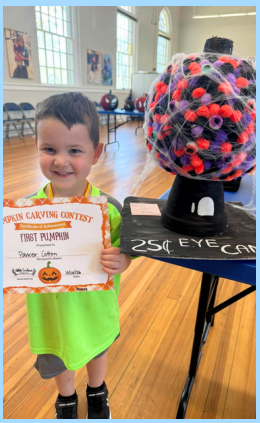
Dothan City Early Education Center (DCEEC) kicked off its Pre-K Reading Log Initiative, encouraging young learners to discover the joy of reading! Students in the Sparrows, Eagles, Pelicans, and Mallards classes are beginning their reading adventures with help from their families.

The initative encourages parents and guardians to spend time reading with their children, exploring stories, and building early literacy skills together. By making reading a part of everyday routines, DCEEC is helping students develop a lifelong love of books while strengthening the connection between home and school!













CREATIVITY TAKE CENTER STAGE AT DCS HEAD START!

DCS Head Start & Preschool celebrated the fall season with a pumpkin decorating contest that brought out student's creativity! With help from their families, students tranformed pumpkins into colorful characters and imaginative creations. Congratulations to Aubree, who earned Best Overall for her Big Bird pumpkin, and Savon, who received the Top Fan Online Pick for his Hulk creation! Parker earned first runner-up with a gumball machine pumpkin, followed by Makai and Princeton, who both created Batman inspired designs. The winners were rewarded with mega passes to the fair! The contest was a fun opportunity for families to get involved, celebrate their children's creativity, and make special memories togehter!

CELEBRATING THE 50TH DAY OF SCHOOL

On October 22nd, several Dothan City Schools celebrated the 50th day of school with a trip back to the 1950s! Students and staff dressed in poodle skirts, leather jackets, and other retro outfits to mark the milestone. From rock 'n' roll music and dancing to 1950s themed classroom activities, students celebrated 50 days of learning with a little old-school fun!

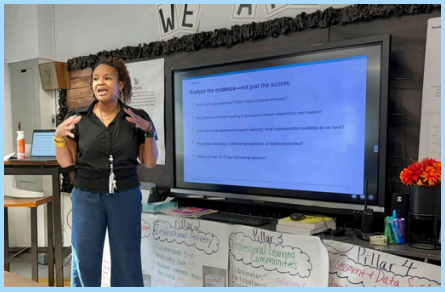




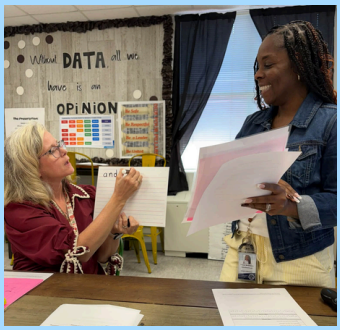


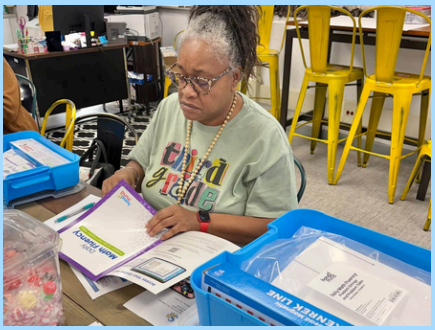


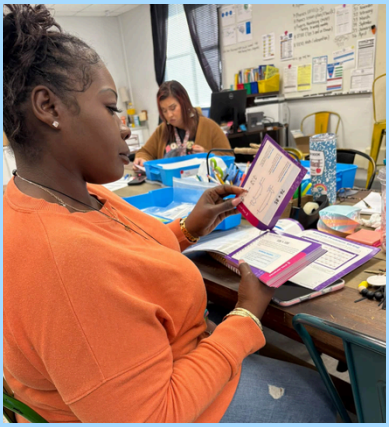


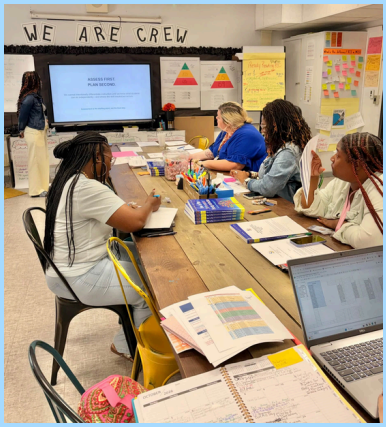












SELMA STREET TEACHERS FOCUS ON STUDENT SUCCESS

Selma Street Elementary School teachers are strengthening classroom instruction through professional learning opportunities focused on professional learning opportunities forcuesd on reading and mathematics! During two recent Professional Learning Community (PLC) sessions, K-5 educators participated in hands on training and lesson modeling led by Math Specialist Ms. Dawsey and Literacy Specialist Mrs. McElderry.

Both session emphasized using student assessment data to identify individual learning needs, provide targeted instruction, and monitor academic progress. Through collaboration and data driven teaching strategies, Selma Street educators are working to ensure every student receives the support and opportunities needed to succeed!

DCS "THINKS PINK" FOR BREAST CANCER AWARNESS

Throughout October, students and staff across Dothan City Schools showed their support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wearing pink! Several schools participated in special "Think Pink" days, filling hallways and classrooms with shades of pink to raise awareness and show solidarity with thos affected by breast cancer. These displays of support served as a reminder of the importance of compassion, community, and standing together for a cause that touches so many lives.















BUILDING SKILLS THROUGH DE-ESCALATION TRAINING

Dothan City Schools educators and volunteers participated in de-escalation training in October. The training focused on strategies for managing challenging situations and promoting positive interactions. The session provided participants with valuable tools and techniques to help create safe and supportive learning enviornments for students and staff.



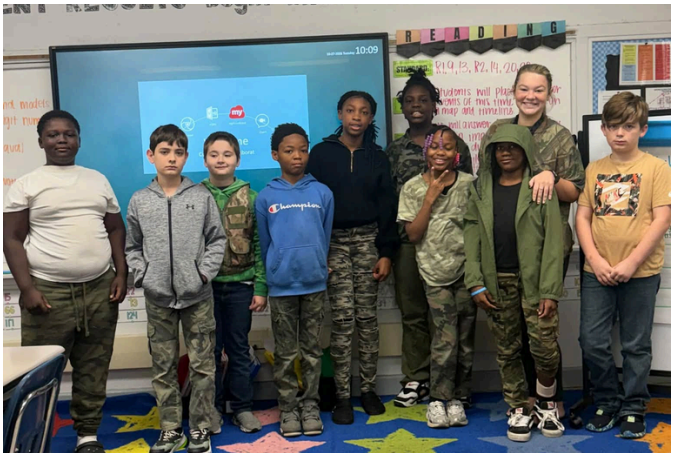
DCS CELEBRATES RED RIBBON WEEK

Schools across Dothan City Schools celebrated Red Ribbon Week from October 26-30 with themed dress up days and activities promoting healthy drug-free lifestyles. Through the week, students and staff showed their school spirit while reinforcing the importance of making positive choices and building bright futures!

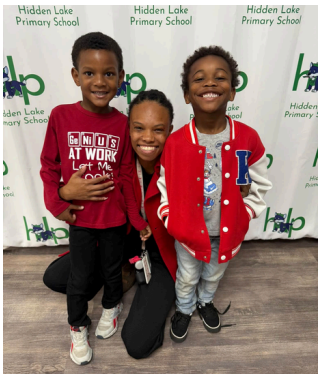




























DISTRICT FALL *Parent Meeting*

JOIN US!

Our District Fall Parent Meeting is designed with you in mind!

This meeting will outline the district's communication, training, and support for families, create meaningful communication and involvement opportunities for parents, and review the requirements for the Title I Engagement Plan.

Communication

How we keep you informed and connected with your child's school and the district.

Training

Workshops and resources to help you support your child's success.

Support

Resources and services available to families through the school year.

Title I Engagement Plan

An overview of what the engagement plan means to our district and your family.

Date & Time
Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 4:00 P.M.

Location
Central Office Training Room 2 (In Person)

Can't attend in person? A virtual option will also be available via Zoom! Just visit TinyURL.com/DCSFallParentMeeting to join the meeting virtually!

NOVEMBER 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

SEASONAL

- 6-15 | 82nd National Peanut Festival
  - 9 | Farmers' Night
  - 10 | Teacher Tuesday
  - 11 | Veterans Day - All in Credit Day
  - 12 | Special Citizens Day (8am-12:30PM)
  - 12 | First Responders Night
- 20-21 | Holiday Open House at The Porch on 231
- 21 | Paws & Claus at Eastgate Park from 9AM-12PM
- 27-Dec. 31 | Christmas at Westgate from sunset until midnight

NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL EVENTS

- 6 | Darrel Qualls and The Brown Byrd Band at the Food Court Stage from 7-9PM
- 7 | Junior Heifer/Feeder Steer Show at 9AM, Junior Breeding Ewe Show at 12PM, & Market Lamb Show at 2PM
- 7 | Car Show 2026 from 1-6PM (register on site from 11AM-1PM)
- 7 | Big and Loud at the Food Court Stage from 7-9PM
- 8 | Open Beef Cattle Show at 1PM
- 8 | Willie Ziavino & The C.O.T Band at the Food Court Stage from 2-6PM
- 8 | LEGO Competition at the Premium Building at 3PM (Onsite registration only to first 30 registered builders)
- 8 | Corey Kent at the All In Amphitheater at 7PM
- 8 | Baylee Bennett Knighton at the Food Court Stage at 7PM
- 9 | Open Dairy Goat Show at 9AM
- 9 | Calf Scramble & Greased Pig Scramble at BankPlus Arena at 7PM
- 9 | Mae Estes at the Food Court Stage from 8-10PM
- 10 | Market Hog Showmanship at 4PM with Prospect Hog Show immediately after
- 10 | Britt Drive Band at the Food Court Stage from 8-10PM
- 10 | Lauren Alaina at the All In Amphitheater at 7PM
- 11 | Jr. Breeding Hog at 10AM, Market Hog Show (Barrows) at 6PM with gilts to follow
- 11 | Dennis Lee Band at Food Court Stage from 7-9PM
- 12 | Tyler Hubbard at the All In Amphitheater at 7PM
- 13 | Poultry & Rabbit Shows at 6PM
- 13 | Double Figure 8 Race at the BankPlus Arena from 7-10PM
- 13 | Will Moseley at the Food Court Stage from 8-10PM
- 14 | 2026 National Peanut Festival Parade in Downtown Dothan at 9:30AM
- 14 | Youth Meat Goat Show at 10AM
- 14 | Wiregrass Electric Demolition Derby at the BankPlus Arena at 2PM & 7PM
- 14 | Hannah McFarland at the Food Court Stage from 8-10PM

NOVEMBER 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

LOCAL FESTIVALS & MARKETS

- 15 | PokeKon Fest at the Dothan Civic Center from 10AM to 5PM
- 17 | 2026 Wiregrass Film Festival at the Dothan Opera House at 7PM
- 19-Dec 23 | Missfit's Christmas Shoppe at Doug Tew Recreation Therapeutic Center
- 21 | 3rd Annual Big Creek Community Yard Sale from 6AM-1PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 6 | First Friday Art Night hosted by Art in Public Places from 5:30-8PM
- 9 | STEAM Stories- Wild Fibonacci at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Main Branch) in the Community Room from 4-5PM
- 7 & 21 | Line Dance at Andrew Belle Community Center for ages 13+ from 10-11AM
- 14 | Cars & Coffee Ozark at Loose Brick Coffee in Downtown Ozark from 8-11AM

SHOWS/PERFORMANCES

- 3 | Wrights of Passage at the Jimmy H. Baker Center for the Arts at 6:30PM
- 6 | Larry Fleet - From A Barstool at the Dothan Opera House at 7:30PM
- 11 | “Who’s The We?” Screening at the Dothan Opera House at 6:30PM
- 11 | Dennis Lee Band at the Food Court Stage at National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds from 7-9PM
- 11 | Ken Ludwig's Dear Jack, Dear Louise (Dramatic Reading) at the Cultural Arts Center at 7PM
- 13 | Urgent: A Tribute To Foreigner at the Dothan Opera House at 7:30PM
- 13-14 | Tales of Mother Goose, A Story Ballet at the Jimmy H. Baker Center for the Arts
- 20 | 90’s MixTape Live! at the Jimmy H. Baker Center for the Arts from 7-9PM
- 27 | Celtic Angels Christmas at the Dothan Opera House at 7PM

ARTS

- 3-Dec 1 | Disguise a Gingerbread Kid project at the Dothan Houston County Library System (DHCLS) at all branches
- 5 | Candle Painting for Teens at the DHCLS (Westgate Branch) in the Children’s Library from 5-6PM
- 7 | First Saturday Family Day at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 10:30AM-2:30PM
- 10 | Write Night: Open Mic Night at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 6PM-7PM
- 14 | ARTeens hosted by Helping Teens Foundation at the Wiregrass Museum of Art for ages 10+ from 12-3PM
- 19 | Author's Anonymous Writing Group at DHCLS (Westgate Branch) in the Community Room from 5:30-7:30PM
- 19 | Bad Art Club at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 5:30-7:30PM for ages 21+

NOVEMBER 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

CLASSES & EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

- 6, 13, 17 | Hat Burning Workshop at The Porch 231
- 10 | Basic Sewing for Beginners at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Main Branch) in the Community Room from 5-7PM
- 9-19 | Level 1 & 2 Swim Lessons at Westgate Wellness Pool from 6-6:45PM
- 10 & 24 | Tee Ball Basics at Andrew Belle Community Center from 6-7PM
- 12 | Basketball Basics at Andrew Belle Community Center from 6-7PM
- 14 | Ceramic Tree Painting at The Porch on 231 w/ Mrs. Rita Kay at 1PM
- 22 & 28 | Goat Milk Soap Making Workshop at The Porch on 231
- 23-25 | DDST Camp Splash for 6-12 years old at Westgate Competition Pool from 8:30AM-12PM
- 30 - Dec. 10 | Guppies (4-5 Years Old) Swim Lessons at Westgate Wellness Pool from 6-6:45PM

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

- 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

SCHOOL EVENTS

- Now-18 | Heard Elementary's Canned Food Drive
- 4 | Dothan City Virtual School's Murder Mystery "The Scarlet Study" at 9:30AM
- 5 | Dothan City Virtual School's Senior Portraits on campus
- 10 | DHS' Grad Pro & Herff Jones Senior Meeting in the Convocation Center from 9-10AM
- Now-13 | Selma Street Elementary's Canned Food Drive benefiting the Salvation Army
- Now -13 | Hidden Lake Primary's Canned Food Drive benefiting the Salvation Army
- 17 | DHS' Senior orders for Herff Jones from 11:30-1:30PM
- 18 | Dothan City Virtual School's ACTivate Success
  - AM Session: 8:30-11:30AM
  - PM Session: 12:15-3:15PM
- 19 | The Great Reading & Math Carnival at Heard Elementary from 3:30-5:00 PM
- 23-27 | Thanksgiving Break

NOVEMBER 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

DOTHAN CITY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

DHS BOYS BASKETBALL

- 5 | VS Eufaula (9th Grade) at 5:30PM
- **9 | VS Carroll (9th Grade) at 5:30PM**
- **10 | VS Eufaula (Varsity) at Dothan High**
- **12 | VS Charles Henderson at Dothan High, JV at 4:30PM & Varsity at 7PM**
- **12 | VS Eufaula (9th Grade) at 5:30PM**
- 16 | VS Bainbridge (9th Grade) at 5:30PM
- 17 | VS Greenville, JV at 4:30PM & Varsity at 7PM
- 19 | VS Enterprise (9th Grade) at 5:30PM
- 20 | VS Russell County at Dothan High, JV at 4:30PM & Varsity at 7PM
- 23-24 | DHS Basketball Rocket City Hoopsgiving Tournament in Huntsville, AL

DHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

- 5 | VS Eufaula (JV) at 4:30PM
- **9 | VS Carroll (JV) at 4:30PM**
- **10 | VS Eufaula (Varsity) at 4:30PM**
- **12 | VS Charles Henderson (Varsity) at Dothan High at 5:30PM**
- **12 | VS Eufaula (JV) at 4:30PM**
- 16 | VS Bainbridge (JV) at 4:30PM
- 17 | VS Greenville (Varsity) at 5:30PM
- 19 | VS Enterprise (JV) at 4:30PM
- 20 | VS Russell County (Varsity) at 5:30PM

CROSS COUNTRY

- 7 | AHSAA XC State Championship 2026 at Oakville Indian Mound Park in Moulton, AL

DPA GIRLS BASKETBALL

- **3 | VS Marianna at Dothan Preparatory Academy**
- 5 | VS Pike Road
- 9 | VS Dauphin at Enterprise
- **12 | VS Charles Henderson at Dothan Preparatory**
- 16 | VS Coppinville at Enterprise
- 19 | VS Eufaula

DPA BASKETBALL

- **12 | VS Charles Henderson at Dothan Preparatory Academy**

WRESTLING

- 7 | Joe Eckardt Kickoff (Junior High Girls and Boys, 7th-9th) at Auburn High School
- 17 | Dothan @ Smiths Station/Harris Co (GA)
- 20-21 | (Varsity) Gulf Coast Clash, Mobile Convention
- 21 | (JV) Smiths Station Invite, Smiths Station HS
- 23 | 4th Annual SE Showdown, Millbrook, AL

BOWLING

- **5 | DHS Bowling vs Houston Academy at Patricia Lanes at 3:30PM**
- **12 | Home Game at Patricia Lanes at 3:30PM**
- 16 | VS Robertsdale/Baldwin County at Eastern Shores
- 17 | vs Gulf Shores/Elberta at Gulf Shores Bowl

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