



# THE DOSS SCHOOL

## CONSOLIDATED COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Doss CCSD Celebrates New Playground with Community Grand Opening

On March 4, Doss CCSD proudly celebrated the Grand Opening of our new playground, welcoming families, students, and community members to enjoy the new space together. The event was a wonderful success, with a great turnout from the community. Guests gathered to visit, watch the students explore the new equipment, and enjoy hotdogs while celebrating this exciting addition to our school grounds. It was a joyful afternoon that highlighted the strong connection between the school and the Doss community.

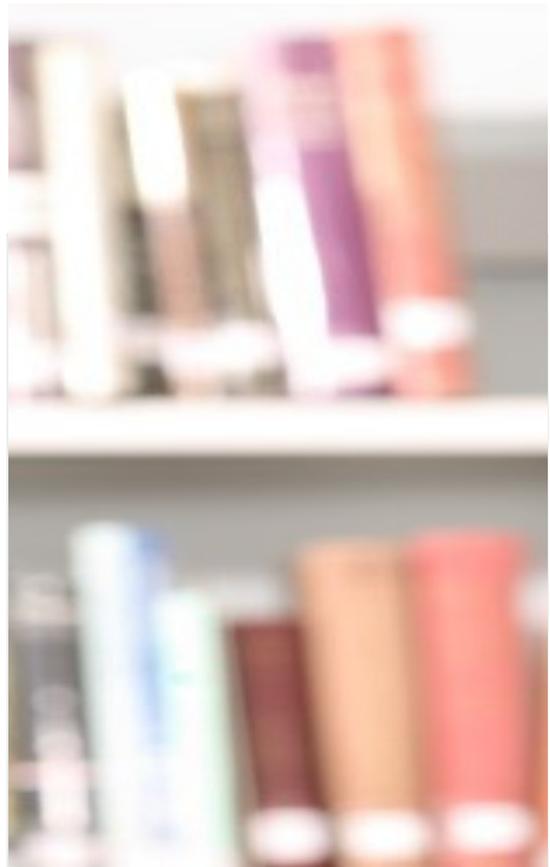
We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Doss CCSD Board of Trustees for their support and commitment to improving opportunities for our students. We also appreciate the outstanding work of Fun Abounds, the playground company, and Premier Outdoor Installations for bringing the project to life. A special thank you goes to our community partners at Create Healthy for their contribution and support. This new playground is a great investment in our students, and we look forward to many years of learning, play, and community gatherings around it.



Our student atop the new playscape



Chris and Lily Swanner try out the zipline



#### MARCH DATES

- Spring Pictures ..... 3rd
- Playground Opening Event ..... 4th @ 12:00 p.m.
- F.O.D.S. Lunch ..... 6th (Whataburger)
- Early Release ..... 6th @ 12:35 p.m.
- Board Meeting ..... 10th @ (7:00 p.m.)
- Spring Break (NO SCHOOL) ... 16th – 20th
- Classes Resume ..... 23rd
- F.O.D.S. Lunch ..... 27th (Chick-fil-A)

#### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Luna Sundheimer-Reed ..... 2nd
- Preston Studer ..... 4th
- Burgundi Dollar ..... 29th

#### MARCH COMMUNITY DATES

- F.O.D.S. Meeting ..... 24th @ (5:30 p.m.)
- Community Club Meeting ..... 28th @ (6:00 p.m.)

## New Season, New Projects

The Doss School Farm Project continues to expand as students take the lead in developing and maintaining the school's agricultural learning space. In the raised beds, students have planted potatoes and onions and are monitoring their growth. Inside the greenhouse, peppers and tomatoes have been started and are beginning to come up. Students have also planted sunflowers and are currently working in STEM class to design and build a new and improved scarecrow to help protect the garden. In addition, students are awaiting the results of their wildflower project, which was planted back in November.

Students recently built a compost tumbler that will help turn organic waste into compost for the garden. Food scraps from the school café are added to the tumbler, allowing students to see how waste can be recycled into nutrient-rich soil for future crops.

The next step for the project is converting the small one-room schoolhouse-style cabin on campus into a chicken coop. As with the rest of the farm project, students will take the lead in preparing the space. The Doss School Farm Project continues to grow as a student-led effort that connects science, agriculture, and hands-on learning.



## Get Involved at Doss School

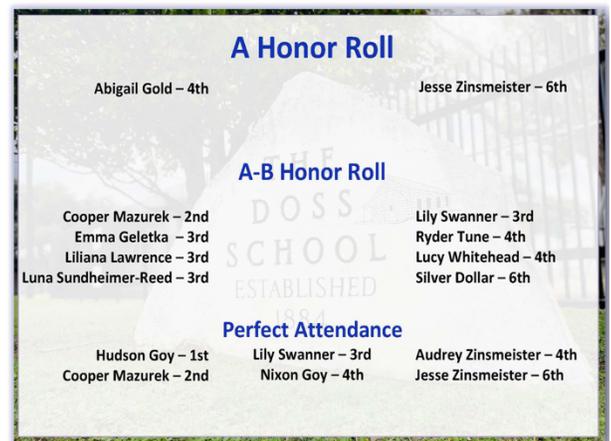
Parents and community members are encouraged to get involved and help support the continued success of the Doss School. One way to participate is by serving on the District Improvement Committee (DIC) or the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC). These committees provide an opportunity for stakeholders to share ideas, offer input, and help guide decisions that support student success and the overall well-being of the school community. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please contact the school for more information.

## Doss Students Recognized in Gillespie County Soil and Water Conservation District Contest

Students from Doss CCSD were recently recognized for their outstanding work in the Gillespie County Soil and Water Conservation District Poster and Essay Contest, showcasing their creativity and understanding of natural resource conservation. Each year, the contest encourages students to learn about the importance of protecting soil, water, and the environment while expressing their ideas through art and writing.

In the Poster Contest, Cooper Mazurek earned 1st Place in the K–2nd grade division. In the 3rd–6th grade division, Jesse Zinsmeister received 1st Place, Abigail Gold earned 2nd Place, and Liliana Lawrence placed 3rd. In the Essay Contest, Silver Dollar was awarded 1st Place, followed by Jesse Zinsmeister with 2nd Place, and Isabel Castruita with 3rd Place. We are proud of these students for their hard work and creativity and appreciate the Gillespie County Soil and Water Conservation District for providing opportunities that encourage students to learn about stewardship of our natural resources.

## Semester 2 Cycle 4 Student Recognition



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Doss CCSD will create and sustain an environment to inspire curiosity, respect tradition, and embrace excellence.