The Doss School
Consolidated Common School District

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Big Animals, Big Adventures: Doss Takes on the Zoo!

Our Wednesday, October 28 trip to the San Antonio Zoo delivered a full day of discovery, laughter, and memories—and the excitement began before we arrived! For many students, riding a charter bus with classmates and teachers was a highlight all its own.

Beautiful weather made for a great day of exploring. The ape encounter was a favorite, giving students an up-close look at these fascinating animals. Our private educational class, **"The Giants of Africa,"** provided another opportunity to ask questions and connect classroom learning with the animals around them.

Careful planning helped everything run smoothly, from transportation to the day's activities. Our parent chaperones were a tremendous help, keeping groups together, supporting students, and sharing in the fun. We are grateful for their time and energy!

We returned with plenty of stories and another shared Doss School memory. A charter bus, an ape encounter, African giants, and beautiful weather—that is a pretty good way to spend a Wednesday!







GO BOBCATS!

NOVEMBER DATES

Daylight Savings Time Ends	1st
Cycle 3 Begins	2nd
DIC/SHAC Meeting	3rd
Election Day	3rd
Practice STAAR (Reading)	3rd
Practice STAAR (Math)	4th
Practice STAAR (Science)	5th
Report Cards Sent Home	5th
SSSC Meeting	5th @ 12:45 p.m.
FODS Lunch	6th (Pizza)
School Board Meeting	10th @ 7:00 p.m.
Veterans Day	11th
Fall Picture Retakes	12th
Hill Security Lunch	16th (Chicken Tenders)
Progress Reports	19th
Thanksgiving Meal	20th
Thanksgiving Break	23rd – 27th

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

McCoy Smith	23rd
Parker Welge	28th

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY DATES

F.O.D.S. Meeting	16th @ 5:30 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities

Doss School is stronger when parents and community members get involved. Join a committee or Friends of Doss School, or help with an activity or project—even once makes a difference. Contact the school to learn more.

Misson

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

Growing More Than Vegetables at the Doss School Farm

Our winter garden is planted, with several new crops joining the mix this year! Students will have opportunities to care for the plants, track their progress, and discover vegetables beyond last year's selections.

We also hope to take our harvest in a new direction with a student-run produce stand. Last year's cooking activities taught us that enough sugar, salt, and fat can make just about anything taste good—even Brussels sprouts and collard greens! A produce stand would introduce the business side of farming, allowing students to market their harvest, serve customers, and count some cash.

Beyond the garden beds, our bees are still active, and we hope to get our chicken coop project underway and completed in the near future. Each part of the farm offers opportunities to practice responsibility, solve problems, and see how daily care makes a difference.

We are also looking to expand our Friday offerings with additional hands-on projects and activities. From growing and building to creating and exploring, our goal is to introduce students to a variety of experiences that spark curiosity, develop practical skills, and perhaps uncover a new interest!

Gaga for Gaga Ball!

Our new Gaga Ball pit is installed, and students helped bring it to life! Lending a hand with the installation gave them a sense of ownership—and plenty of motivation to get the first game started.

Gaga Ball is a fast-paced game played inside an enclosed pit. Players use their hands to hit a ball along the ground, trying to tag other players below the knees while avoiding being hit themselves.

The game has quickly become a playground favorite, replacing just about every other activity as the first choice at recess. With quick rounds and plenty of movement, it's easy to see why Doss students have gone gaga for it!



Fire Prevention Week

Doss VFD visited campus on October 6 for Fire Prevention Week, providing students with practical lessons on staying safe and responding to emergencies. Topics included knowing their home address, calling 911, using what3words to communicate a location, and understanding flood safety. Students also participated in hands-on activities with rescue throw bags and a fire hose.

We appreciate our local volunteers for sharing their time and expertise and making these important safety lessons engaging for our students.



A Little Paint, a Lot of Personality!

Doss students got into the spirit of the season with a pumpkin-painting celebration! In place of our annual trip to Jenschke Orchards, students picked up paintbrushes and transformed pumpkins into colorful creations. From funny faces to bold patterns and favorite characters, each pumpkin showed off its artist's personality.

The finished masterpieces, and the proud smiles behind them, made for a festive display. We may have missed the orchard, but we certainly didn't miss out on the fall fun!

