



A Generous Gift from HCTC

On September 18, a representative from HCTC visited Doss School to present us with a \$10,000 check. It was an exciting moment for our small school, and we are grateful that HCTC included Doss among the school districts receiving this gift. Their generosity is a reminder of how much our community partners value local schools and the students they serve.

This gift gives us a chance to think big about what could make school even more engaging for our students. We are exploring ideas beyond the usual purchases—opportunities that could spark curiosity, encourage creativity, and give students experiences they will remember. We want to make the most of HCTC's generosity, and we look forward to sharing our plans as they take shape.

Thank you, HCTC, for investing in Doss School and giving us the opportunity to do something special for our students!



GO BOBCATS!



OCTOBER DATES

Hill Security Lunch	2nd (BBQ)
F.O.D.S Lunch	8th (Chick Express)
Facilities Committee Meeting	8th @ 6:00 p.m.
School Closed.....	9th
PD Day/Student Holiday	12th
School Board Meeting.....	13th @ 7:00 p.m.
Hill Security Lunch	16th (Chicken)
DIC/SHAC Meeting	20th @ 2:30 p.m.
F.O.D.S Lunch	23th (BBQ)
SSSC Meeting	29th @ 12:45 p.m.
Hill Security Lunch.....	30th (Tacos)
Grade Cycle 2 Closes.....	30th

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Marsha Welge	2nd
Cecil Crenwelge	3rd
Elizabeth Swanner	23rd
Audrey Zinsmeister.....	26th

OCTOBER COMMUNITY DATES

F.O.D.S. Meeting	5th @ 5:30 p.m.
"National Night Out"	6th @ 6:00 p.m.
"Trunk or Treat"	31st @ 6:45 p.m.

Mission

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

Student Choice and Leadership: Our SB 11 Prayer Time

During the 2025 legislative session, Texas lawmakers passed Senate Bill 11, giving local school boards the option to establish a daily period for voluntary prayer and reading of religious texts. The Doss CCSD Board approved this opportunity, and we began offering it on August 31. At the time of our earlier board update, Doss was one of 15 districts statewide that had adopted the policy.

Participation is a parent and student choice. Written parent or guardian consent is required, and students decide how, or whether, to take part. They may join the group, read a religious text independently, or pray silently. Staff are present to supervise; they do not lead prayer or teach religion.

When we began, 16 of our 19 students had permission to participate. As with any new opportunity, the first few days helped us see what worked best for students of different ages. Some came prepared with something to read, while our youngest students needed a little help finding their place. The experience has grown into a student-led gathering, with room for each child to participate in the way their family and the student choose.



It has been especially meaningful to watch our older students in the “big room” take the initiative to lead the group and support the littles. They have helped younger classmates feel welcome and comfortable while showing the care and responsibility that make our close school community special.

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.

A Museum Visit Without Leaving Doss

The Café became a museum this week as our 3rd–8th graders unveiled their first big projects of the year! For their Walk Through History Museum, students transformed what they had learned about communities, Native American tribes, exploration, settlement, and early American history into maps, posters, and creative displays. Each project gave visitors something new to discover.

Our Pre-K and 1st graders were the museum’s special guests. Older students served as guides, explaining their work and answering questions as the littles explored the exhibits. Then the visitors had a job of their own: the Little Room has been learning about voting, so each student cast a ballot for a favorite project.

The museum gave our older students a chance to share what they know and our younger students a chance to see history come to life. It was a lively afternoon of learning, conversation, and well-earned pride in their work!



That’s a Wrap on Cycle One!

We’ve got six weeks under our belt, and the Doss School taco is coming together! Our students have brought the effort, our staff have added plenty of encouragement, and our families have given us the support that holds it all together. Cycle One brought new routines, new challenges, and many reasons to celebrate. We’re proud of how our students have grown and look forward to adding a little more seasoning in Cycle Two! 🌮