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Fredericksburg Standard Editor, Including  
Employees, Friends, Colleagues, and Community  
Doss Consolidated Common School District

Dear Editor and Others:

***I believe kids oughta stay kids as long as they can, turn off the screen, climb a tree, get dirt on their hands***

Soon we close the door on summer and open a new school year. A schedule filled with errands and family obligations may have kept you busy. The sweltering heat may have kept you home or in doors more than ever. Regardless, summer is a time to relax and enjoy family and friends. Truly, I hope your summer offered you personal and professional renewal. As an employee, parent, or community friend, you are invited to join us as we “get dirt on hands” to secure a bright future for children through education in our unique Doss School.

***I believe in working hard for what you’ve got, even if it don’t add up to a heck of a lot***

Conversely, we begin with recent legislation holding school’s hostage through mandates and reduced school funding. Our district will not be rated on the new State Accountability system, yet for our students we see academic improvement in course work and social development from our agriculture science enrichment. Still, we must initiate for children a revised curriculum with monitoring assessments and enhanced instruction. With this commitment we expect to realize our vision to inspire curiosity, respect tradition, and embrace excellence.

***I believe if you just go by the nightly news, your faith in life would be the first thing you lose***

Working to implement the new district vision, mission, values, and goals, the Doss School has a bright future. We have initiated facility upgrades as well as instructional materials and technology improvements. Beyond these, we have added a teacher to our staff, and we plan to enlarge the agriculture program with combined support of new and former volunteers. Without a doubt our children will learn and grow and help us keep faith in their life and future. With enthusiasm we welcome employees on August 13<sup>th</sup> and students on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

***I believe that days go by and years go fast, and every breath’s a gift, the first one to the last***

We are delighted that our school team is committed to sharing their talents with children. Likewise, we are excited that an increased number of parents have chosen to share their children with Doss School. As educators, parents, and community members, we touch the lives of many children. With the hope for a great year working together, we invite you to “meet and greet” our staff and students on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Doss School. Accept my appreciation knowing I offer myself as a resource to Doss School and you!

***I believe this world isn’t half as bad as it looks***  
***I believe most people are good***

Sincerely,

Pam Seipp, Acting Administrative Consultant

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