The Eagle Update

Parent Edition – 10/11/26

Mission:

EAGLES – Encouraging Achievement, Growth, Leadership, & Enduring Success

Vision:

Educational Excellence for ALL

Principal's Note

Simpson Families,

I hope everyone had a great weekend and you were able to get outside and enjoy the amazing fall weather! Tomorrow, we begin the second quarter of learning at Simpson. It's hard to believe, but the 2026-27 school year is already 25% behind us. (Time flies when you're having fun!) Now is a great time to have a goal-setting conversation with your Eagle regarding the upcoming quarter. If the first quarter went well, what will be done to continue those practices? If the first quarter did not go well, what changes will be made to address those difficulties? At Simpson, we believe that when a student knows the target they are aiming for, they will hit it 99% of the time. That is why in every classroom, every day, students see a learning target posted on their classroom whiteboard. This gives them a destination for their learning within each class period. What targets will you help your Eagle establish for the second quarter? Thank you for taking time to have this discussion as we embark on the next leg of our journey. Your partnership from home helps us at Simpson ensure ***Educational Excellence for ALL!***

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Shout Outs

Students of the Month – Shout out to our October Students of the Month. We will be celebrating them with their families this Thursday, October 15, at 8:00 in the Simpson Library. Keep an eye out for a Simpson Student of the Month yard sign in a neighborhood near you!

- JoAnn Rabilero
- Roy Yoon
- Aaleahya Pritchett
- Jamia Smith
- Hayden Hassen
- Murilo Lourenco
- Lindsay Masters
- Brooks Jennings
- Anastasia Heath
- Morrison Swerdlin



Simpson Foundation Partners – Thank you to all who have partnered with the Simpson Foundation this year. As a recognition for meeting their annual start-of-the-year Giving Campaign goal, we all had King of Pops as a treat during Fresh Air Friday.



The Simpson Café – This week is National School Lunch Week, and we have an amazing team in the cafeteria at Simpson that we will be celebrating. As you can imagine, this job is not easy, but Ms. Dismery Alberto and her team approach every day with positivity and a smile for every one of our Eagles. Let's give them some extra love this week!

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Special Event



Veterans Day Breakfast – Please join us for our Annual Veterans Day Celebration @ 9:30 on November 11 in the Simpson Library. If you have a veteran in your family or in your neighborhood, we would love to recognize them on this day. RSVP Here. A light breakfast will be served.

Instructional

Digital Learning Day – Tomorrow, Monday, October 12, is a Digital Learning Day for all CCSD students. This means that, while students do not report to school, they do have schoolwork. Students should access CTLS for each class to see the work outlined for them. This will primarily be a review of previous material or a preview of what is upcoming. Tomorrow, our entire staff will be at Simpson collaboratively planning. So, both students and parents should feel free to reach out to teachers for questions and additional support. Note: Because we are transitioning from Quarter 1 to Quarter 2, our staff will need to update class rosters in systems such as CTLS and Clever on Monday morning. Therefore, we expect all assignments to be available to students by 10:00 a.m.

PSAT 8/9 Assessment – PSAT 8/9 will be administered to all 8th-grade students on Wednesday, October 14. This assessment helps establish a baseline measure of college and career readiness as students prepare to enter high school. Students should bring their fully charged CCSD-issued device on testing day. Please review This Letter for additional information, including important details about how students can prepare for testing day.

Operational

Conference Week – CCSD Conference Week is this week. We will be dismissing students each day at 1:30 to allow teachers and parents to conduct conferences.



Miles for Mental Health 5K – Our Sources of Strength Peer Leaders will host the 3rd Annual Miles for Mental Health 5K at Simpson this Friday, October 16! Students will have the opportunity to run or walk a 5K route around the school during their connection classes. This event helps us to celebrate our strengths in positive friends, physical health, and healthy activities. If you make a $25 donation to the Cobb County Schools Foundation by clicking Here, your student will receive a Miles for Mental Health T-shirt! Donations are not required to participate. All money raised is used by Cobb County Schools Sources of Strength initiatives for Suicide Prevention. If you have any questions, reach out to one of our counselors, Ms. Randi Vaughn or Ms. Madison Patton, for more info.

Scoliosis Screenings – 6th and 8th grade students recently received a personalized letter regarding scoliosis screening at Simpson Middle School. If your child receives regular care from a family physician or pediatrician, scoliosis screening is often included as part of routine wellness visits, so an additional school-based screening may not be necessary. Please review the information, indicate your preference on the bottom portion of the letter, sign it, and have your student return the original letter to school as soon as possible. Any student who does not return the letter will be screened this week on October 13th.

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Red Ribbon Week – Simpson will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 26-30. Each day has a theme, and we hope our Eagles all participate, showing their commitment to live life drug free. See This Flyer for details!

(K-12) Screen Smart Families October Challenge – Screen Smart Families challenges help families think beyond screen time and focus on using technology in purposeful, positive ways. In October, students will explore digital kindness and create a project that encourages respectful communication, inclusion, and positive online behavior. Expectations increase by grade level: elementary students will focus on simple acts of kindness, middle school students will create a digital kindness message or campaign, and high school students will address real digital-community issues with thoughtful strategies. Students will submit their completed project through the Screen Smart Families turn-in form and receive a Kindness Creator sticker badge and certificate for participating. Click Here for more information.

PTSA & Foundation



PTSA Student Membership Drive – The PTSA Student Membership Drive has begun! Visit the Simpson PTSA Website to purchase a membership. All student members get incentives throughout the year, including extra raffle tickets in the PBIS store and extra cards during bingo night! The homeroom with the most student members by 10/28 gets a spooky donut surprise on 10/30!

8th Grade Shirts – Did you know that our PTSA sells an 8th grade shirt that displays the names of the entire 8th grade class?! Don't miss this opportunity to order so that your 8th grade Eagle can wear their shirt throughout their last year at Simpson. Click Here to order before the October 13 deadline.



Chick-fil-A Biscuits – The Simpson Foundation distributes Chick-fil-A breakfast biscuits on the last school day of each month, with the next date being Friday, 10/30. Every CFA biscuit purchased helps the Simpson Foundation fund staff & school grants, technology support, and school beautification projects! 100% of the money we raise goes right back to our students, staff, and school! Last year, we provided over $21,000 in grants 🤯 — and our goal is to do it again this year! 🐔 Grab a biscuit. Support Simpson. Make a difference! Click Here to order ahead for next month!



Foundation Legacy Wall – Is your family's name on the Simpson Legacy Wall in our front lobby?! Families and staff can make a donation of $150 or more to have their family name displayed on the Legacy Wall as part of what makes Simpson *The Best of the Best*. See the Family Investment Campaign Site to contribute!

Community Events

Trojan Mountain Biking – Congrats to the Trojan Mountain Bike team on coming in 3rd recently at the race in Milledgeville! Adapting to weather warnings, the course was shortened and the schedule rearranged, but our Trojan guys and gals once again brought home several podium victories.

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Community Events (Cont.)

Sprayberry Neighborhood Pantry – The Sprayberry Neighborhood Pantry distribution for this school year is the 2nd Monday of each month. The next date will be Monday, 10/19 from 4pm to 6pm. See This Flyer to register. You do not need to register again if you have ever visited the pantry in the past.

Old News

Laptop Chargers – Now that the vast majority of our students have their CCSD laptop, please remind them of the following:

- Students should always bring their charged laptop to Simpson every day.
- Although the charged laptop could last the entire day, students should also bring their power supply.
- Use This Link to purchase an additional or replacement power supply.

Yearbook – It's time to purchase the 2026–2027 Simpson Yearbook! Click Here to order today!

Upcoming Dates
• 10/12 – Digital Learning Day • 10/12-16 – CCSD Conference Week (Dismissal @ 1:30) • 10/13 – Scoliosis Screening (6th & 8th grade students who have not opted out only) • 10/14 – PSAT 8/9 (8th grade only) • 10/16 – Sources of Strength Miles for Mental Health 5k