

The Eagle Update

Parent Edition - 10/12/25

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 2025-26 school year is already 25% behind us. (Time flies when you're having fun!) Now is a great time to have a goalsetting 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 improve on 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. Have a great remainder of your Sunday night!

Sincerely, Cory Stanley

Mission:

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

Vision:

Educational
Excellence for ALL

Shout Outs

Students of the Month – Shout out to our October Students of the Month. We will be celebrating them next Thursday, October 16th, at 8:00am in the Simpson Learning Commons. Look for a Simpson Student of the Month yard sign in a neighborhood near you!

Cash Caylor (6) Mika Montoya (6) Radin Yaghoubi (7) Audrey Lam (8) Ava Arena Camarillo (8) Madelyn Lovich (6) Javiana Velazco Sanchez (7) Kezma Williams (7) Evelyn Klippert (8) Lillian Sheets (8)



Tri-M Music Honors Society – Shout out to both our new inductees and our continuing members of Tri-M Music Honors Society. We celebrated all these Eagles this past Monday in the Tony Melton Theater at Simpson. Bravo!

New Inductees

Continuing Members

Special Event

Veteran's Day Breakfast – Please join us for our Annual Veteran's Day Celebration @ 9:30 on November 11 in the Simpson Learning Commons. 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.



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Instructional

- CogAT Testing 7th Grade Parents, CogAt testing has been rescheduled for this Thursday, 10/16. This will wrap up this cycle of assessment for your 7th Grade Eagle. Thank you for having them to Simpson on time with their fully charged laptop. See the CogAT Letter for details
- **PSAT 8-9** 8th Grade Parents, all CCSD 8th Grade students participate in the PSAT 8-9. At Simpson, our Eagles will be taking this assessment on Tuesday, October 21. This assessment gives students and parents feedback on how prepared your Eagle is to be successful on the PSAT & SAT. Get details on the test in This Letter and the schedule for the testing day Here.
- **CCSD Magnet Programs** Prior to Fall Break our 8th grade students viewed and heard a <u>CCSD Magnet Program Presentation</u> and a presentation on the STEM programs at both Lassiter and Sprayberry. In October, each of the CCSD Magnet Programs will have their own open houses, allowing you and your student to gather additional information. See <u>This Flyer</u> for details.

Operational

- **Conference Week Schedule** This week, we will be dismissing at 1:30 Tuesday-Friday. See the class schedule for the week <u>Here</u>.
- **Fall Picture Day** Fall Picture Day is this Wednesday, October 15th! Picture forms were sent home with students this week. You can prepay and order online by clicking <u>Here</u> (School Code-S115). Students who do not prepay will bring their order forms (<u>Printable Version</u>) on Picture Day to give directly to the photographer.



- **PBIS Feedback** The Simpson PBIS Team would love your feedback regarding our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports at Simpson. Please take a moment to complete <u>This Survey</u> so that we can continue to improve serving both you and your Eagle!
- Item Dropoff This is your periodic reminder that we do not interrupt instruction at Simpson for drop-offs. This means that, if your Eagle leaves their laptop, instrument, lunch, etc. at home and you bring it to Simpson, we will put it aside for your student, but we will not call into class to have them come pick it up. With almost 1000 students, this would be a continual disruption to instruction. Students must come to the front office to check for drop-offs between classes.



Old Operational News

- Miles for Mental Health 5k Simpson is excited to host our 2nd Annual Miles for Mental Health Run this year. All students will participate in a 5K event (students may run or walk) held during connections classes on October 17th. However, if a student pays \$25 and registers for the event, they can get a T-shirt and record their participation. Over 400 people have already signed up to participate at other events hosted across the district, and you can register Here! We can't wait to host and celebrate mental health awareness with all our Simpson family! This event is sponsored by our Simpson Sources of Strength Peer Leaders.
- Early Checkouts If your child will be checking out early, please send in a note with them and include the time they will be picked up and why they are leaving early. Tell them to turn the note into the office before Homeroom and we will give them a pass to come up at the checkout time. We anticipate a lot of early checkouts before the break, so please send in your notes.
- **Student Checkout** Any adult checking out a student must be listed in <u>ParentVue</u> as <u>Release To & Contact Allowed</u> for the student. The adult must show a valid State ID or Driver's License as proof of identity. We do not accept electronic copies of ID.

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Old Operational News (Cont.)

Yearbook – Now is the time to order your Eagle's yearbook! The yearbook will get more expensive as the year goes on, so the best time to order is now! Simpson school #640. <u>Click Here</u> to order.

Yearbook Ads – Did you know that you can purchase up to a half-page yearbook ad to celebrate your 8th grade Eagle? Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate your Eagle's journey through middle school! See This Flyer for details.

Updating Contact Information – Did you know you can update your information in ParentVue? This allows you to adjust who can check your Eagle out of school, who can see educational records, and more. See These How-to Steps to update your Eagle's contact information ASAP!

Critical Apps – Reminder that there are three apps that all Simpson parents should access regularly:

CTLS Parent

ParentVue

PBIS Rewards Family

PTSA & Foundation

Community Feedback – In an effort to gauge the needs of our community and to encourage more family engagement initiatives, please take a moment to respond to this <u>Google Form</u>. It is confidential and all responses will be used to ensure our activities are in line with the needs and wants of our Simpson community. As always, we cannot do this without your support! Visit <u>www.simpsonptsa.org</u> to purchase your membership today!

Shop, Save & Support – The Simpson PTSA has partnered with Peach Skin Sheets to provide a service to our community and raise funds for the PTSA. Freshen up those linens and support a great cause. A portion of all sales returns to the Simpson PTSA. See <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/jhis.2007

Community Events

Sprayberry Trunk or Treat – Sprayberry's National Honor Society is excited host their Annual Trunk-or-Treat on October 29, 2025. See <u>This Flyer</u> for details.

Sprayberry STEM Application – The Sprayberry application window for their 2026-27 STEM Program is now open. See <u>This Flyer</u> for details.

Blessed Trinity Model UN – Blessed Trinity is hosting a Middle School Model UN conference on November 15 from 9am to 4pm at Blessed Trinity. The conference is open to all middle schoolers, 6th-8th grade. Students do not need to have any prior experience in Model UN to participate. The goal of the conference is to introduce students to Model UN and the skills of diplomacy, debate, and critical thinking. Our high school team will lead and facilitate throughout the day and make sure that the middle schoolers are enjoying themselves. There is a \$15 registration fee per student without a shirt and a \$30 registration if they want a shirt. See the Information Sheet, Committee Details, and Registration Form for details.

Sprayberry Neighborhood Pantry – The Sprayberry Neighborhood Pantry distribution for this school year is the second Monday of each month. The next date will be Monday, 9/8 from 4pm to 6pm. See the flyer <u>Here</u> to register. You do not need to register again if you have ever visited the pantry in the past.

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Upcoming Dates

- 10/13 Digital Learning Day
- 10/13-10/17 <u>Conference Week</u> (Dismissal @ 1:30 Tues.-Fri.)
- 10/14 Scoliosis Screenings (6th & 8th)
- 10/15 Fall Picture Day (School Code-S115)
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- 10/17 Miles for Mental Health 5k
- 10/21 PSAT 8-9 (8th Grade)
- 11/20 Fall Picture Retake Day



