



The Eagle Update

Parent Edition – 10/19/25

Principal's Note

Simpson Families,

Thank you to all of you that participated in parent-teacher conferences during Conference Week! Please know that Conference Week is not the only time that we conference with parents at Simpson. We meet with parents throughout the entirety of the school year, many times with students involved in the conference. So, as this year progresses, if you feel the need to schedule a conference, please do not hesitate to reach out to your student's teachers or the front office for assistance. Simpson is ***The Best of the Best***, and this means that we are deliberate about working with students and parents to ensure students are continually growing at our school. Thank you for your partnership on this journey!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Mission:

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

Vision:

*Educational
Excellence for ALL*

Shout Outs

Bus Drivers – This week is National School Bus Safety Week. As you may imagine, being a driver of a bus full of middle school students can be a thankless job. However, our drivers not only get students to and from school safely, they do it with positivity and a smile for our Eagles every day. Help us give them a little extra love this week for all that they do! Also, shout out to our PTSA for providing each driver a giftbag to celebrate them this past Friday!

Miles for Mental Health 5K – Shout out to our counselors, Ms. Madison Patton & Ms. Randi Vaughn, our connections teachers, and our entire Sources of Strength Team for Friday's Miles for Mental Health 5K Run/Walk. While every day is a great day at Simpson, Friday was one of "The Best of the Best!"



Simpson Eagles SOAR!

Shout Outs (Cont.)

Foundation Partner – Shout out to [Metro City Bank](#) for their \$2500 partnership with the Simpson Foundation. This contribution allowed us to clean up and beautify our entire front entrance. Amazing!



Headline News

Red Ribbon Week – Next week (October 27-31) is National Red Ribbon Week. Our PTSA has partnered with our school to make it an amazing week where students can celebrate their commitment to living drug free. This year's theme is *Life is a Puzzle, Solve it Drug Free*. PTSA will be awarding prizes to homerooms who are most spirited and who have the best naming ideas for next year's Red Ribbon Week. Each day, we will have a theme to celebrate:

- Monday (10/27) – We're RED-y to Solve Life's Puzzle Drug Free (Wear Red)
- Tuesday (10/28) – Unscramble the Pieces (Opposites Day – Friends Dress Opposite of Each Other)
- Wednesday (10/29) – Piece Together a Brighter Future (Glow Day/Neon Day)
- Thursday (10/30) – College is the Final Piece (College Spirit Day)
- Friday (10/31) – Say Boo to Drugs! – (Halloween Costume Day)



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.



Instructional

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 this 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](#).

Operational

Dunkin' Issues – It is not hard to believe, but 11-, 12-, 13-, and 14-year-olds don't always make the best decisions when they gather together without adult supervision. For this reason, we do not recommend dropping off your Eagle at Dunkin' in the morning to then walk to campus, or allowing them to walk to Dunkin' following dismissal to hang out with friends. It's not that we don't want them to have fun with their peers, but as was said above, they do not always make the best choices when gathered in a group without parent supervision. Also, both Trickum and Shallowford roads are incredibly busy in both the mornings and afternoons, and students crossing those roads is a serious safety concern during these hours (especially with many distracted drivers out there). Thank you for considering both supervision and safety when planning for before and after school activities for your Eagle.

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Operational (Cont.)

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 [This Survey](#) 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

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 [ParentVue](#) as [Release To & Contact Allowed](#) 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.

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. [Click Here](#) 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:

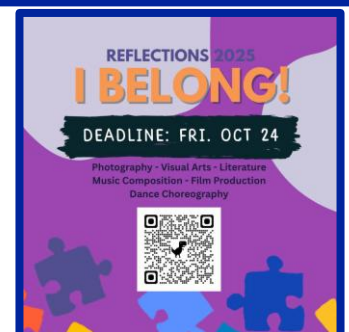
- [CTLS Parent](#)
- [ParentVue](#)
- [PBIS Rewards Family](#)

PTSA & Foundation

Foundation Shout Outs – Did you know that you can give your student a marquee shoutout? Visit [This Page](#) to set one up for your Eagle!

National PTA Reflections – Hey student artists, the deadline for your entry for National PTA's Reflections 2025-26 is coming this Friday! Entry is FREE. We hope many of our talented students will participate! The deadline for entries is October 24, 2025. This year's theme is "I Belong". Choose from six categories: Dance, Music, Film, Literature, Photography, and Visual Arts. You can submit an entry in all 6 categories (one entry per category). Enter [Here](#)! Prizes:

- All participants will be celebrated at a Reflections Reception.
- All entries will receive a certificate of participation.
- Simpson PTSA will award 1st and 2nd place for each category in each grade.
- Winners in each category and in each grade will advance to County and move forward.



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PTSA & Foundation (Cont.)

Candy Needed – Our PTSA needs candy for our amazing PBIS Store. Students can spend the points they earn for SOAR-ing at the store, and it's no surprise that candy is one of the hottest items on the shelves. Any donations can be dropped off at the front office. Thank you for supporting our Eagles being Successful, Observant, Accountable, and Responsible!

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 [Google Form](#). 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 www.simpsonptsa.org 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 [This Flyer](#) for details and use the code SIMPSON1 when ordering!



Community Events

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, 10/20 from 4pm to 6pm. (This distribution falls on the third Wednesday due to last Monday's Digital Learning Day.) See the flyer [Here](#) to register. You do not need to register again if you have ever visited the pantry in the past.

Sprayberry Trunk or Treat – Sprayberry's National Honor Society is excited host their Annual Trunk-or-Treat on October 29, 2025. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

Sprayberry STEM Application – The Sprayberry application window for their 2026-27 STEM Program is now open. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

Upcoming Dates

- 10/20-10/24 – National School Bus Safety Week
- 10/20 – National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 10/21 – PSAT 8-9 (8th Grade)
- 10/24 – PTSA Reflections Submission Deadline
- 10/27-10/31 – [Red Ribbon Week](#)
- 10/28 – Student Advisory Council Meeting @ 8:00 in the LLC
- 10/29 – Teacher of the Year Pep Rally
- 10/30 – 7th & 8th Grade Chorus Concert @ 6:30 (LHS)
- 11/1 – Orchestra Solo & Ensemble
- 11/20 – Fall Picture Retake Day

