# The Eagle Update

*Parent Edition – 10/4/26*

**Mission:**

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

**Vision:**

*Educational Excellence for ALL*

## Principal's Note

Simpson Families,

It is hard to believe, but this Friday, October 9, is the end of the first quarter of the 2026-27 school year! So, now is a great time to jump on ParentVue and make sure your Eagle's grades look the way you expect. This is also a good time to have a conversation with your Eagle about how *they* feel the first quarter of the school year has gone.

- What have you done well?
- What do you want to continue?
- What has not gone as well as you hoped?
- What will you need to change during Quarter 2 to improve?

We tell our Eagles at Simpson regularly that what was good enough yesterday is not good enough today, and what is good enough today will not be good enough tomorrow. We must challenge ourselves to grow a little better every day. Thank you for having these conversations with your Eagle at home as we wrap up Quarter 1 and prepare to move into the next grading period!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

## Special Events

**Conference Week –** CCSD Conference Week is coming up October 12-16. While accessing ParentVue, PBIS Rewards Family, and CTLS Parent may provide all the information that some parents need, there are still those that should plan to schedule a conference during Conference Week. Use This Link to sign up for a conference if needed. (Please only select one teacher per family.) Here are a few reasons that you should consider signing up for a conference:

- Your child has missing or incomplete assignments.
- Grades are below expectations (for example, below 80%) or have recently dropped.
- Your child is struggling to understand class content or needs extra support.
- School behaviors are leading to consequences for your child.
- Your child is having a hard time keeping up with the workload or balancing responsibilities.
- You've noticed your child feels overwhelmed, stressed, or discouraged about school.
- You would like strategies to support learning at home.
- You have questions or concerns about your child's progress or classroom experience.
- You have concerns about how your child is doing socially in class.

**Veterans Day Breakfast –** Please join us for our Annual Veterans 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.

**RSVP Here**

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## Shout Outs







**Sources of Strength –** Shout out to our counselors, Ms. Randi Vaughn and Ms. Madison Patton, for leading this week's Sources of Strength student-leader training. These Eagles will be a great support system for their peers throughout the year!

**Our Custodial Team –** Last Friday, 10/2 was School Custodian Appreciation Day and we celebrated Ms. Bre Smith and her amazing team at Simpson! Ms. Bre, Ms. Rose, Ms. Zella, Mr. Mario, and Mr. Andre represent all that is great about our school. They are engaging, kind, student-centered, detail-oriented, and amazingly good at their jobs! We would not be The Best of the Best without them!



## Instructional

**Signs of Suicide –** State legislation has mandated this year that all middle and high school students have a one-hour training on suicide prevention. In Cobb schools, we are using a program called SOS Signs of Suicide for Students*, which discusses this difficult topic with students and encourages them to seek help if they are worried about themselves or a friend. Studies have shown that it effectively teaches students about depression and suicide while reducing the number of students' self-reported suicide attempts. Through the program, students will learn:

- That depression is treatable, so they are encouraged to seek help
- How to identify depression and potential suicide risk in themselves or a friend
- To ACT (Acknowledge, Care, and Tell a trusted adult) if concerned about themselves or a friend
- Who they can turn to at school for help

Students will watch age-appropriate video clips and participate in a guided discussion about depression, suicide, and what to do if they are concerned about themselves or a friend. At the end of class, students will complete an exit slip that asks whether they would like to talk to an adult about any concerns. School staff will support any student asking to talk. If you have questions about this program, please reach out to Principal Cory Stanley.

* This is the same program Simpson has already been using for several years.

**Digital Learning Day –** One week from tomorrow, Monday, October 12, is a Digital Learning Day for all CCSD students. 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. That day, our entire staff will be at Simpson collaboratively planning and preparing for conferences. So, both students and parents should feel free to reach out to teachers for questions and additional support. Parents, Digital Learning Days are a great time to check ParentVue to see if your student has any missing assignments!

**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.

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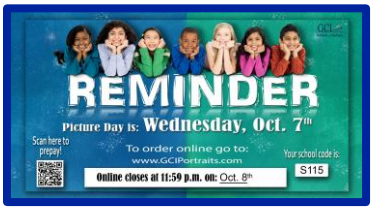
## Operational

**Miles for Mental Health 5k –** Our Sources of Strength Peer Leaders will host the 3rd Annual Miles for Mental Health 5K at Simpson on 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.




**Fall Picture Day –** Fall Picture Day is this Wednesday, October 7th. Links are listed below for online prepay orders and a printable order form. Students will bring their order forms on Picture Day to give directly to the photographer.

- Online Prepay Order School Code- S115
- Printable Order Form




**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 on October 13th.

**PBIS Rewards Homeroom Challenge –** We are currently running a homeroom contest for the most family engagement with PBIS, and your Eagle needs your help!

1) Install the PBIS Rewards Family App.
2) Use the app to scan the QR code on the invitation email you received (You may have to check your junk mail and search for PBIS).
3) See all the positive points your Eagle is earning for being Successful, Observant, Accountable, and Respectful!




**Parent Climate Survey –** Thank you parents for completing the annual GADOE Parent Survey. This is part of our annual accreditation process, and we value the data in your responses.

## PTSA & Foundation

**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. The deadline to order is this Friday, 10/9. Click Here to order!

**PTSA Membership –** See the PTSA Website for memberships and spirit wear today!

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## PTSA & Foundation (Cont.)

**Chick-fil-A Biscuits –** Last Wednesday, the Simpson Foundation distributed Chick-fil-A breakfast biscuits that were pre-ordered. This will occur going forward 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 into 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 bringing home second place in the West Conference at the Dauset Dirt Dash! Special shoutout to the gals and guys who reached the podium.





**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! Order before October 1st to get the early bird price of $35. Click Here to order today!

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| Upcoming Dates |
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| • 10/7 – Fall Picture Day<br>• 10/7 – Sprayberry Block Party and Homecoming Parade<br>• 10/12 – Digital Learning Day<br>• 10/12-16 – CCSD Conference Week (Dismissal @ 1:30)<br>• 10/13 – Scoliosis Screening (6th & 8th grade students who have not opted out only)<br>• 10/14 – PSAT 8/9 (8th grade only) |