# The Eagle Update

*Parent Edition – 11/1/26*

**Mission:**

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

**Vision:**

*Educational Excellence for ALL*

## Principal's Note

Simpson Families,

With only three weeks until our Thanksgiving Break, there is no time to waste ensuring that your Eagle is on the right track when it comes to academics and behavior for Quarter 2. We all know that once Thanksgiving arrives and the holiday season is underway, we adults get very busy planning for travel, cleaning, decorating, guests, meals, gifts, etc. Also, it seems like once we are past Thanksgiving, New Year's Eve is upon us in moments. Therefore, now is the time, before things get overly hectic, to log in to ParentVue and PBIS Rewards Family to assure both grades and positive behavior look the way you expect. If they do not, now is also the time to proactively communicate with teachers to get your Eagle back on track. Those of us with a few years under our belts know that it is *much* easier to keep things strong at the end of a semester when you started strong than it is to try to dig oneself out of a hole. So, parents, don't wait to be ***The Best of the Best*** in making sure your Eagle is on track to be celebrated this holiday season!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

## Special Events

**Thanksgiving Drive –** Simpson PTSA is partnering with the Sources of Strength Team and the Counseling Department to provide meal baskets for our Simpson families in need this Thanksgiving season. From 11/2-11/16, please send in non-perishable food items so that these families can enjoy a wonderful holiday meal together. They are also taking donations for Kroger Gift Cards to be used for the families to purchase fresh, perishable items. The Simpson community appreciates your support!







**Veterans Day Celebration –** Please share This Invitation 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

**Simpson Tutoring –** We offer help sessions to support students in the four core content areas in all grade levels at Simpson. See the Simpson Tutoring Schedule for details and thank you for getting your Eagle into Simpson early for the additional support they need. *Note:* Students can visit any teacher on their grade level for content area support, not only the teachers they see day-to-day in their classes.

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## Shout Outs




**Dr. Moody –** Shout out to Ms. Meagan Moody, who successfully defended her dissertation last week! Kudos to you, Dr. Moody!

**National School Psychologist Week –** Shout out to Ms. Melissa Helms, Simpson's outstanding school psychologist! We will be celebrating her this week!

## Operational

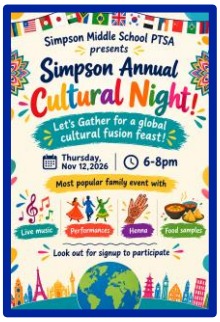
**Fall Pictures and Retakes –** School picture packages will be sent home this coming week. Picture retakes will take place on Thursday, 11/19. Students are eligible for retakes if they fit into the following categories:

- Students who were absent or did not get their photos taken on the original picture day.
- Students who are new to Simpson since picture day.
- Students who bought a package and are unhappy with the quality. Those in this category must return the entire package to the photographer on Retake Day.
- Students who want to purchase a package of the Retake Day picture. Order envelopes are available in the Front Office. (Online ordering is not available for Retake Day.)

**(K-12) Screen Smart Families November Challenge –** Screen Smart Families challenges help families think beyond screen time and focus on using technology in purposeful, positive ways. For November, choose someone who helps, teaches, encourages, or inspires others and create a digital project that shows your appreciation. Your project should explain how that person makes a difference, with expectations becoming more detailed by grade level. Submit the completed project using the Screen Smart Families turn-in link by the last day of November and receive a Gratitude in Action Creator sticker badge and certificate for participating. Click Here for more information.

## PTSA & Foundation

**Annual Cultural Night –** Our PTSA's amazing Annual Cultural Night is just over two weeks away. We will have music, food, and fun from around the world as we celebrate all the cultures represented at Simpson Middle School! Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 12 (6:00-8:00pm) so that your family can join us! Want to participate to represent your culture?! Sign Up Here!




**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!

**PTSA Membership Contest –** Shout out to Ms. Martin (6th Grade), Ms. Moody (7th Grade), and Ms. Noland (8th Grade) for winning this year's PTSA Membership Drive Contest! PTSA will be providing them a prize this week!

**Thanksgiving Drive Homeroom Contest –** The PTSA is providing a sweet treat for the homeroom with the most participation in the PTSA Thanksgiving Food Drive. Students should check in with homeroom prior to dropping off their donations in the atrium. See the PTSA Flyer for donation details.



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## Community Events

**Sprayberry Neighborhood Pantry –** The Sprayberry Neighborhood Pantry distribution for this school year is typically the 2nd Monday of each month. The next distribution is Monday, 11/9. See This Flyer to register. You do not need to register again if you have ever visited the pantry in the past.

**Cheerleader Shout Out –** Congratulations to the Lassiter Jr. Trojan Competition Cheer team, who won 1st place last weekend at the Championship at the Ranch. There are four Simpson Eagles on that team. Way to go!

**Trojans Mountain Biking –** We're celebrating a great finish for the Trojan Mountain Bike Team's 2026 season! The team enjoyed several podium finishes in the Georgia Cycling Peach State Championships at Kingston Downs this past weekend. Despite dusty conditions, the Trojans raced their way through miles of forest trails, finishing strong at the infamous Dragon's Tail. Proud of everyone's efforts this year and looking forward to the 2027 season next July! Special shout out to Simpson's Bella Monello, who came in third place overall!








**Must Toy Shop –** The Must Toy Shop is serving families in Cobb and Cherokee this holiday season. See This Flyer for registration information for families in need of support.

**Spirit Bag Fundraiser –** Order a tote bag with our school's brand and support Sprayberry's Girls Basketball Program. See This Flyer for details!

## 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

- 11/2-6 – National School Psychologist Week
- 11/3 – Election Day (No School)
- 11/12 – Thanksgiving Lunch in the Cafeteria
- 11/12 – PTSA Cultural Night (6:00-8:00)