



The Eagle Update

Parent Edition – 4/19/26

Principal's Note

Simpson Families,

I hope that everyone had a great weekend and that students are recharged for the beginning of testing season. That's right, coming up this week, we begin Milestones testing in our 8th grade. See the [Milestones Calendar](#) to prepare and keep up with what each day will look like during testing. During the next few weeks, students in all grade levels will have the opportunity to show off all that they have learned throughout this school year. At Simpson, we talk often about our SOAR-ing expectations. During Milestones testing, the S in SOAR becomes very important. Operationally, the schedule for the school day is often different for students because of testing occurring somewhere in the building. So, students must remain determined to be *successful*, even though their routines may have been altered. Instructionally, often times grit, perseverance, and tenacity are the difference between a good performance and a great one. Therefore, when testing, students must remain focused, give a full effort, go back and double check their answers, and not settle for less than their best in order to be as *successful* as they can possibly be. We will be relaying this message to our students each day of Milestones and we hope you will do the same at home! Have a great remainder of your Sunday!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Shout Outs

Front Office Team – This Thursday is National Administrative Professionals Day, and we will be celebrating Ms. Amy Inglee, Ms. Mary Tallman, Ms. Trina Rivera, Ms. Kelly Tamayo, and Ms. Emily Cargill. You know that when you walk in the door at Simpson, it feels welcoming and kind, and you *know* that our team is going to take care of you with a smile all day, every day. We appreciate all that they do, and how welcomed and supported people feel when visiting our building because of the joy our team brings to Simpson daily. They are an amazing group and a huge part of why we are *The Best of the Best!* Help us celebrate them this week!

Reflections Winners – We had two additional Eagles, who were state winners in photography in the PTSA Reflections Contest. Awesome job gentlemen!



Arinjoy Sarkar – 3rd Place



Noah Schaefer-Rodriguez – 1st Place

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Shout Outs (Cont.)

Simpson Volunteers – This coming week is also Public School Volunteer Week. We are so thankful for the Simpson parents, family members, and community members who continually donate their time and energy to support events and operations at Simpson. We are so appreciative and will be celebrating you this week. Thank you!

Teacher Appreciation Week – Thank you to our amazing PTSA and for arranging a spectacular week for our teachers and staff last week during Teacher Appreciation Week. The Simpson Team is absolutely amazing and our PTSA certainly made them feel that way. Thanks, PTSA!

8th Grade Shirt – Congratulations to Megan Kurniawan, whose design was selected for this year's 8th grade T-shirt!

Milestones Testing

Milestones Calendar – Thank you for assuring that your Eagle is at Simpson on time for their testing days. See [This Calendar](#) to plan in advance.

Milestones Letter – Prior to Milestones testing, parents are required to be informed of what the assessment involves. See [This Letter](#) for details.

Milestones Nut & Bolts – Taking GA Milestones Assessments seriously helps students, teachers, and families better understand progress and identify areas of strength and support. Students must come to school each day with a fully charged laptop, so they are ready to test without delays or disruptions. Cell phones, smart watches, and Meta glasses are not allowed during testing, as these devices can compromise test security and will result in testing irregularities. We will be keeping all student backpacks and belongings outside of testing rooms in a supervised location until testing is completed each day.

Milestones Value – If you are curious as to why the Milestones Assessments are valuable to our school and our community, please see Principal Stanley's video titled [Why are the Milestones Important?](#)

Operational

8th Grade Class Picture – Please see [This Flyer](#) for the 8th grade panoramic photo ordering information. The deadline to order is Friday, 5/1, and the cost is \$16.00. This is a prepaid order only through GCI Portraits. Login to [GCI Portraits](#) and select the prepay tab at the bottom. Then, enter code SP115 to order.

Morning Beverages – Please keep in mind that when students arrive to Simpson in the morning with a pink drink, a coffee drink, or a smoothie, they must take a seat in the cafeteria and finish the beverage by 9:05. (We only allow our Eagles to carry water throughout the building for cleanliness reasons.) If students can't finish by 9:05, they have to throw the beverage away to make it to homeroom on time. We don't want you throwing your money away, so consider this prior to making that morning beverage purchase!

**Simpson Middle School
8th Grade Class Picture!!!**

Our 8th Grade Class Picture will be assembled by GCI Portraits. All 8th grade students will be included using individual pictures from fall, retakes, or spring pictures.

You may purchase a 10" x 20" panoramic photo for \$16.00. Laminate your picture for \$5.00 more.

- **Prepay online** – Go to www.gciportraits.com select the prepay tab at the bottom and enter SP115. Online payment starts open April 29th – May 1st.
- **Late Payments** – After May 1st there is a \$10 late fee, and you would need to call GCI Portraits to pay over the phone.
- **Questions** – Call GCI at 770-428-3717.



Example Dimensions:
20" x 20" 8th Grade Class

Our school's background design may be different.

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PTSA & Foundation

8th Grade Marquee Shout Outs – The Foundation is excited to share a special opportunity to celebrate our amazing 8th graders as they prepare for the next chapter. We are now offering Congratulations Marquee Signs to honor your student and the high school they will be attending! This is a fun and meaningful way to recognize their hard work and achievements. Details:

- Cost: \$20 per sign
- Message: Customized with your student's future high school and first name, last Initial.

To order your marquee sign, please visit [This Site](#).



8th Grade Yard Signs – 8th graders can now purchase their 8th grade yard signs! All sales are through Lisa Cutler, a previous Simpson parent. The deadline to order is this coming Saturday, 4/25. Use [This Google Form](#) to place your order today!

2026-27 School Supplies – It is never too early to get a head start on next school year. PTSA makes being ready to start the year easy by allowing you to pre-order supplies and pick them up at Simpson prior to the first day of school. Order your school supplies for the 2026-27 school year [Here](#)!

Community Events

Lassiter Girls Soccer Summer Camps – Lassiter Girls Varsity Soccer hosts two soccer camps in the summer. The dates are June 15-18 and July 13-16. See the [Registration Page](#) for details.

Cobb Creates Showcase – Join us from 10:00am-3:00pm on April 25th at the Cobb Civic Center as we celebrate and showcase student creativity across visual arts, performing arts, music, and digital media. [Cobb Creates](#) highlights the talent and innovation of Cobb Schools students while creating opportunities to inspire, engage, and connect the community through the arts.

Earth Day Tree Contest – Cobb EMC and Wattson the Red-Tailed Hawk are presenting an Earth Day Tree Planting Contest. The entry deadline is tomorrow, Monday, April 20, 2026. See [This Flyer](#) for details.



Georgia Pistols Basketball – We have at least one spot on our Varsity Girls Team. We are also looking for a strong point guard for our 9th Grade Girls Team, which is a very good group. We also have a Purple JV Team, which is a developmental team. We are a strong, experienced coaching staff getting them ready for the next level. We work in harmony and in support of high school programs. [Coach Feagin](#), 404-966-8469, www.georgiapistolsbasketball.org

Lassiter Football Summer Workouts – See [This Flyer](#) for information on summer workouts for your 6th or 7th grade students.

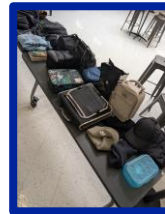
Old News

Carpool Dropoff – Parents, please remember that your Eagle is healthy, young, and very mobile, and are therefore able to walk the entire length of the sidewalk to get to the front entrance in the morning. Thank you for pulling forward past the entrance to drop off your Eagle in the same manner utilized during afternoon pickup. Also, please never allow your Eagle to cut through the parking lot or across the traffic during morning drop-off. The few moments you save are not worth the safety risk!

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Old News (Cont.)

Lost & Found – Now that the weather has warmed, our lost and found is overflowing as hoodies and jackets come off and gotten left behind. All lost & found items will be donated at the end of the month. Please ask your Eagle to check in their grade level and throughout connections for their (your) items!



Upcoming Dates

- 4/21 – Testing Begins – See [Schedule](#)
- 4/25 – Deadline to order [8th Grade Yard Signs](#)
- 4/29 – Orchestra Concert (All Grades) @ LHS (6:30)
- 5/1 – Deadline to order the [8th Grade Group Photo](#)
- 5/1, 5/2, & 5/3 – Drama Show
- 5/4 – Chorus Concert (All Grades) @ LHS (6:30)
- 5/5 – 8th Grade Awards in the Theater @ 6:30 (Invitation Only)
- 5/6 – Band Concert (All Grades) @ LHS (6:30)
- 5/12 – 6th Grade Field Day
- 5/13 – 7th Grade Field Day
- 5/14 – 8th Grade Field Day
- 5/15 – 8th Grade Dance (6:30-8:30)

