



# The Eagle Update

Parent Edition – 4/26/26

## Principal's Note

Simpson Families,

I hope everyone had a great weekend. This week we continue with Milestones Testing. 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be completing ELA assessments and then 6<sup>th</sup> grade will begin their testing on Wednesday. See the [Milestones Calendar/Testing Schedule](#) to keep up with what each day will look like during testing. This past week, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders did a great job coming in ready to test, with their laptop charged, and their laptop power supply. Additionally, they worked really hard and stayed accountable (the A in SOAR) throughout the entirety of testing. I was so impressed with their perseverance and stamina to stay focused all the way through the end of each day's testing session. Our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students have fewer overall testing days than our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, but the days can still feel long in themselves. So, I will be encouraging our 6<sup>th</sup> graders this week to come in rested, prepared, and to remain tenacious in their pursuit of giving their absolute best performance on the Milestones. Thank you for encouraging your 6<sup>th</sup> graders this week and your 7<sup>th</sup> graders next week to strive to be **The Best of the Best!**

Sincerely,  
Cory Stanley

## Shout Outs

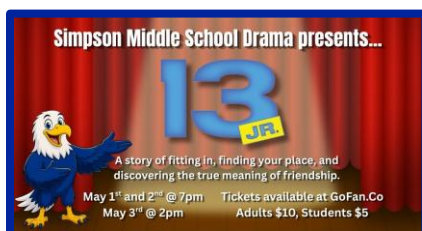
**Lunch Hero Day** – This Friday, 5/1, is National Lunch Hero Day. We will be celebrating Ms. Mary Wynne and her amazing team throughout the week. Help us send some extra love this week as well!

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards** – On Friday, we sent home invitations to any 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who will be recognized on Tuesday, 5/5 at 6:30 in the Tony Melton Theater @ Simpson for our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Night. We hope you can join us!

## Special Events

**Simpson Art Show** – Our yearly Simpson Art Show Fundraiser is underway and runs until Thursday, April 30th.

This year our art show is virtual only, so click [This Link](#) and support your local art program! Frames for student work are on sale, and both original student work and reproductions are available. See [This Flyer](#) for more information!



**Drama Production** – Come join us for a story of fitting in, finding your place, and discovering the true meaning of friendship in the upcoming Simpson Drama Club production of 13, Jr.! Tickets are available at [GoFan.co](#) and you can see the showtimes below.

| Friday, May 1 <sup>st</sup> | Saturday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Sunday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
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| 7:00pm                      | 7:00pm                        | 2:00pm                      |



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## 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 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.

## Instructional

**Class Placement 2026-27** – This Friday, 5/1, you will receive a message via CTLS Parent that outlines your Eagle’s course requests for next school year. This will not be their completed schedule as it will not have class periods or be in a particular order, but it will be the ELA, math, science, social studies, and reading courses they will be taking next year. At Simpson we utilize a specific set of data-based criteria to determine class placement in advanced content (AC) classrooms. See the [2026-27 AC Placement Matrix](#) for details.

## Operational

**DC Trip Meeting** – There is a mandatory meeting for all parents and students attending the upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade DC Trip this Tuesday, 4/28 at 6:30 in the Tony Melton Theater @ Simpson.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance** – Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance is Friday, 5/15 (6:30-8:30). Please see the notes below as you prepare for this upcoming event:

| School Attendance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Dress Code                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Miscellaneous                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Students must be in attendance at school the day of the dance to attend the dance.</li><li>Early Check Out – Students must stay at Simpson until at least 12:45 on the day of the dance to be considered present for the day.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ladies – Dresses must have straps.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Shoes – Choose comfort over fashion... it’s a dance!</li></ul></li><li>Gentlemen – Slacks and nice shirt required.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ties recommended.</li><li>Jackets optional.</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This event is for 8<sup>th</sup> grade Simpson students only.</li><li>This is an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance, not prom:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Everyone should look nice but don’t go crazy.</li><li>No limos.</li></ul></li></ul> |

**Pre-Dance Fellowship (Weather Permitting)** – Prior to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance starting at 6:30, we invite our families to park in our parking lot and gather with friends and neighbors for pre-dance pictures and fellowship (6:00-6:30). 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents are not allowed inside the dance, so this is your chance to capture your Eagle and their friends looking their best!

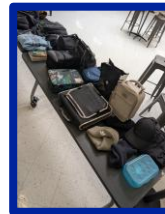
**Start of the Year Events** – See [This Flyer](#) for all 2026-27 school kickoff events for the Lassiter feeder pattern.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Vaccinations** – All rising 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to have one dose of the Tdap and meningococcal vaccines to attend school. Once your child has received the required vaccines, please send a copy of the completed Georgia Department of Public Health Certificate of Immunization Form 3231 to Simpson. It can be emailed [Here](#) or dropped off at the front office. Per Georgia law, a completed immunization record must be on file for your child by the first day of the 2026-2027 school year. Schedule those appointments with your pediatrician now or see [This Flyer](#) on back to school services from the Cobb & Douglas Department of Public Health.

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## Operational (Cont.)

**Lost & Found (LAST CALL)** – Reminder that all lost & found items will be donated at the end of the week. Please ask your Eagle to check in their grade level and throughout connections for their (your) items!



**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Picture** – Please see [This Flyer](#) for the 8<sup>th</sup> 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  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Picture!!!**

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Picture will be assembled by GCI Portraits.  
All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be included using individual portraits.  
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 due is open Aug 1, 2021 - May 1, 2022.
- **Later Payment** – After May 1<sup>st</sup> there is a \$10 late fee, and you would need to call GCI Portraits to pay over the phone.
- **Questions** – Call GCI at 770-426-3717.



Example University  
8<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

Our school's background design may be different.

## PTSA & Foundation

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Volunteers** – The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance is quickly approaching! 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade families are needed as chaperones / volunteers during the dance. 8<sup>th</sup> grade families are needed to help set up and clean up before and after the event. Everyone is needed to send in snacks & drinks! Please use [This Link](#) to sign up!

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Marquee Shout Outs** – The Foundation is excited to share a special opportunity to celebrate our amazing 8<sup>th</sup> 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](#).



**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!](#)

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## Community Events

**Sprayberry Volleyball** – See the [Jr. Jackets Volleyball Flyer](#) and the [Sprayberry Jackets Volleyball Flyer](#) for information on upcoming volleyball tryouts at Sprayberry.

**Sprayberry Football** – See the [Sprayberry Football Calendar](#), [Season Notes](#), [Player Code of Conduct](#), and [Registration Packet](#) for everything you need to know about Sprayberry Football.

**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.

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



## Old News

**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?](#)

**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!

## Upcoming Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4/27-30 – <a href="#">Simpson Art Show</a> (Virtual)</li> <li>4/27 – Testing Continues – See <a href="#">Schedule</a></li> <li>4/28 – DC Trip Meeting @ 6:30 in the Theater</li> <li>4/29 – Orchestra Concert (All Grades) @ LHS (6:30)</li> <li>5/1 – Deadline to order the <a href="#">8<sup>th</sup> Grade Group Photo</a></li> <li>5/1 – Lunch Hero Day</li> <li>5/1, 5/2, &amp; 5/3 – Drama Show</li> <li>5/4 – Chorus Concert (All Grades) @ LHS (6:30)</li> <li>5/5 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards in the Theater @ 6:30 (Invitation Only)</li> <li>5/6 – Band Concert (All Grades) @ LHS (6:30)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5/11-13 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade DC Trip</li> <li>5/12 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day</li> <li>5/13 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day</li> <li>5/14 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day</li> <li>5/15 – Pre-Dance Fellowship (6:00-6:30) (Weather Permitting)</li> <li>5/15 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance (6:30-8:30)</li> <li>5/18 – Early Release Day @ 1:30</li> <li>5/19 – Early Release Day @ 1:30</li> <li>5/20 – Early Release Day @ 1:30</li> </ul> |
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