



The Eagle Update

Parent Edition – 5/3/26

Principal's Note

Simpson Families,

It is hard to believe, but there are less than three weeks left in the school year. Over the next several days, there will be many things going on at Simpson to conclude the 2025-26 school year successfully: Milestones Testing, 8th Grade Washington DC Trip, Simpson Field Days, the 8th Grade Picnic, 8th Grade Awards, and the 8th Grade Walk on the last day of school. It is a celebratory time of year with all that is happening as we as a Simpson staff enjoy our last days with each of our students, especially our 8th grade class. During the next three weeks, please don't forget that we will still have teaching and learning occurring every day at school, and that we are compiling grades to conclude the 4th quarter of the school year. Please continue to monitor [ParentVue](#) so that your student does not miss out on year-end activities because they are being pulled to complete class work. As always, we appreciate your partnership and your support at home of everything we are working on at Simpson. The collaboration in our team approach is what makes the Simpson community **The Best of the Best!** Thank you!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Mission:

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

Vision:

*Educational
Excellence for ALL*

Shout Outs

Orchestra Performers – Congratulations to Ms. Dana Tindall, Ms. Susan Abell and the 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Simpson Orchestras for outstanding performances this past Wednesday at the Lassiter Concert Hall! Also, a shout out to all our Simpson Team members who came out to support our Eagles. Lastly, shout out to our band students who joined our 8th Grade Orchestra to put on a full orchestral performance! Bravo to all!

Nurse Kennedy – This Wednesday, 5/6, is National School Nurse Day. We've got a great one at Simpson in Mr. Mike Kennedy. He works with students all day every day to assure our Eagles are healthy and safe at school. Help us celebrate him this week!

School Interpreters – You may not know, but Simpson is home to a specialized program for students that are deaf and hard of hearing, which is led by our teacher Ms. Amber White. Part of this team are three fabulous ASL interpreters: Ms. Katrina Butler, Ms. Lindsay Dolatowski, and Ms. Leslie Swinea. This Wednesday is also National Interpreter Day. So, help us give our amazing team some extra love this week as well!

Simpson Drama – Bravo to the cast and crew of this year's Simpson Drama Team Production: 13, Jr.! The shows this weekend were so impressive, and immensely entertaining! Also, special shout out to Ms. Meagan Moody, who leads our drama team and Mr. Ryan Pelligrino and Kirstin Cagle, who have also supported the production this year. Encore!



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Instructional

French 1 – 8th Grade students have the opportunity to build a strong foundation in a new language with CVA French 1! This engaging 100% online course introduces students to basic French vocabulary, grammar, conversation, and culture. Through interactive lessons and flexible learning, students will build confidence in speaking, reading, writing, and listening in French during the regular school day. Complete [This Form](#) for consideration for French 1 class placement for the 2026-27 school year. See the placement criteria below.

- ≥ 85% average in ELA 7 or AC ELA 7
- ≥ 85th %ile on 7th Grade IOWA ELA
- “Prepared” on Spring 2026 ELA Beacon

Cobb Course Refresher – The Cobb Course Refresher provides students with an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of course content by reviewing digital lessons. Students who register for the Cobb Course Refresher may *review* content for courses taken during the 2025-2026 school year or *preview* courses they will take during the 2026-2027 school year. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

Class Placement 2026-27 – Last Friday, 5/1, you received a message via CTLS Parent that outlined your Eagle’s course requests for next school year. This was not their completed schedule as it did not have class periods, but it was 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.

Milestones Testing

Milestones Calendar – Milestones testing continues this week for your 7th grade student. 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.

Operational

Simpson Field Days – Our annual Field Days are coming May 12-14. See the schedule [Here](#). Field Day is an all-day student only event. Students should dress in their [Team Colors](#), wear tennis shoes, put on sunscreen, and bring a water bottle. We will also be selling snacks and drinks. Students will not need their book bag or their laptop on their Field Day but are welcomed to bring a tote or string bag if needed.

Yearbooks for Sale – There are a limited number of extra yearbooks available for purchase. They will go on sale Thursday, May 14th. Cost is \$50 (EXACT CASH ONLY). The money needs to be brought directly to the Bookkeeper in the Front Office to have the student’s name placed on the list to receive a yearbook.

New Bus App – CCSD is switching to Edulog Parent Portal for bus tracking and transportation information. This means that the Here Comes the Bus App will no longer be in service. See the documents below for details and instructions on how to set up your account.

- [Informational Letter](#)
- [Edulog FAQs](#)
- [Edulog Flyer](#)
- [Edulog Installation Guide](#) ([Spanish](#))

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Operational (Cont.)

Clinic Medication – All student medication in the clinic will be destroyed at the end of the school year. Any parent whose Eagle has medication in our clinic received instructions on medication pick up this past Friday. If you have questions on when or how to retrieve your Eagle's medication, please contact our School Nurse, [Mike Kennedy](#).

8th Grade Dance – Our 8th 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
- Students must be in attendance at school the day of the dance to attend the dance. - 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.	- Ladies – Dresses must have straps. - Shoes – Choose comfort over fashion... it's a dance! - Gentlemen – Slacks and nice shirt required. - Ties recommended. - Jackets optional.	- This event is for 8th grade Simpson students only. - This is an 8th Grade Dance, not prom: - Everyone should look nice but don't go crazy. - No limos.

Pre-Dance Fellowship (Weather Permitting) – Prior to the 8th 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). 8th 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.

7th Grade Vaccinations – All rising 7th 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.

PTSA & Foundation

8th Grade Dance Volunteers – The 8th Grade Dance is quickly approaching! 6th & 7th grade families are needed as chaperones / volunteers during the dance. 8th 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!

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](#).



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PTSA & Foundation (Cont.)

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 LAX & Flag Football Camp – Lassiter is hosting a K-8 lacrosse and flag football camp for boys and girls June 8-11. See [This Flyer](#) or [This Website](#) for details.

Sprayberry Neighborhood Pantry – The next Sprayberry Neighborhood Pantry distribution for this school year is Monday, May 11. Use [This Form](#) to register. You do not need to register again if you have ever visited the pantry in the past.

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 6th or 7th grade students



Old News

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!

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!

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Upcoming Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5/4 – Chorus Concert (All Grades) @ LHS (6:30)• 5/5 – 8th Grade Awards in the Theater @ 6:30 (Invitation Only)• 5/6 – National School Nurse Day• 5/6 – National Interpreter Day• 5/6 – Band Concert (All Grades) @ LHS (6:30)• 5/11-13 – 8th Grade trip to DC• 5/12 – 6th Grade Field Day (Schedule, Team Colors)• 5/13 – 7th Grade Field Day (Schedule, Team Colors) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5/14 – Yearbook Sale• 5/14 – 8th Grade Field Day (Schedule, Team Colors)• 5/15 – Pre-Dance Fellowship (6:00-6:30)• 5/15 – 8th Grade Dance (6:30-8:30)• 5/18 – Early Release Day (Schedule)• 5/19 – Early Release Day (Schedule)• 5/20 – Early Release Day (Schedule)• 5/29 – Cobb Course Refresher Registration Ends |
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