



# The Eagle Update

*Parent Edition – 8/3/25*

## Principal's Note

Simpson Families,

It is hard to believe, but the first day of the 2025-26 schoolyear is tomorrow! (Of course, there are those of us who have had a house full of students all summer that might have been thinking, "When is the schoolyear ever going to start?!") Either way, the Simpson Team is excited and ready for a new year. At Simpson, our goal is to be *The Best of the Best*. We want this to be true when it comes to our instruction, our behavior management, or student recognition, our relationships with students and parents, our communication, and our facilities. Accomplishing this throughout this schoolyear will take a continual partnership between our school and our families. Thank you for embracing this challenge along with us and joining in this partnership every day, beginning tomorrow. Let's choose to make this year amazing!

Sincerely,  
Cory Stanley

### **Mission:**

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

### **Vision:**

*Educational  
Excellence for ALL*

## Instructional

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Connections** – We hope that all of our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students select at least one music class for their 6<sup>th</sup> grade year. Throughout the first week of school, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will rotate through all connections courses, and learn about each. Then, following Saturday's Instrument Test Drive, student can choose which music classes they will commit to for the year. Their other connection class will be assigned at random and will rotate during their years at Simpson. Remember, music courses are a year-long commitment and the only time to join band, chorus, or orchestra at Simpson is at the start of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Don't miss this opportunity!

## Operational

**Drop-Offs** – Heads up that we do not interrupt instruction for drop-offs or deliveries at Simpson. This means that, if a student leaves an item like an assignment, an instrument, or a laptop at home and you bring it to school for them, we will not call into class to tell them to come pick it up. If a student knows that an item is coming, we leave it up to them to come up front between classes or with a pass to pick it up. Middle school is a great time for students to learn, "Oops, I left that at home. Maybe I will build a system to remember it next time." Of course, if the need is integral for student health, such as glasses or medication, we will assure the student is taken care of!

**Bell Schedule** – If you are curious about your Eagle's daily schedule, you can find it [Here](#).

**School Lunch Menus** – If you are ever curious what the daily lunch menu at Simpson looks like, you can find it [Here](#).

**College & Career Fairs** – CCSD is hosting two college and career fairs open to all CCSD families. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

# Simpson Eagles SOAR!

## Operational

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrument Test Drive** – During this first week of the school year our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will go through a rotation to learn about all our connections classes including band, chorus, and orchestra. We hope every 6<sup>th</sup> grade student to choose at least one of these music programs. Remember, students need NO previous musical experience to join one of these programs and the start of 6<sup>th</sup> grade is the ONLY opportunity to join one of these amazing groups at Simpson! Please go ahead and mark your calendar for Saturday, August 9. That day, from 9:00-11:30 will be our [Instrument Test Drive](#). Every 6<sup>th</sup> grade student and parent should plan to attend. The only exemption to this is those students who *know* their choice is going to be chorus and chorus only. Students who are even *thinking* about band or orchestra should be there!



**School Clubs** – Many student clubs and organizations will exist this year at Simpson. Over the month of August, we will be forming this year's groups and advertising them through our daily student broadcast and this newsletter. Clubs will begin meeting following Labor Day weekend. For an idea of what's coming, see [Last Year's Clubs](#).

**Student Lunch Money** – The CCSD Food and Nutrition Department has moved away from MyPaymentsPlus and will now be utilizing [MySchoolBucks](#). Please note: CCSD will still be using MyPaymentsPlus for all other transactions (field trip fees, fundraisers, etc). Only school meals will be moving to the [MySchoolBucks](#) platform. See the [Student Flyer](#) for details.

**Bus Route Finder** – The fastest and best way on and off our campus each day is on the bus. Use the [CCSD Bus Route Finder](#) to determine your Eagle's bus route and times.

**Student Laptop Update** – If your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Eagle waits until they return to school to update their CCSD student laptop, it will take a very long time to do so. Now is a good time to charge that device, power it up, get it on a network, and run updates. Instructions for updating can be found [Here](#).

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Laptop** – In order for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to receive a CCSD student laptop, parents must opt-in through [ParentVue](#). Please opt in ASAP if you have not already. See the [Opt-In Instructions](#) ([Spanish](#)) for details.

**Student Laptop Notes** – Just like any technology in your household, there should be a system for supervision and maintenance of the CCSD Student Laptop. See notes below for establishing your plan.

- **Network Access:** While on the CCSD network, students have restricted access to sites that they should not be accessing. However, on your home network, they can access whatever your network allows. The security of what they can and can't view comes from the network, not the laptop itself. This is something to consider when planning for when, where, and how they use their laptops at home.
- **Screen Time:** Just like TV or cellphones, too much screen time on the laptop is not good for young brains. For this reason, we recommend that you established an off time for the CCSD student laptop. At that time, the laptop should be stored somewhere visible and plugged in.
- **Charging:** The CCSD laptop is an integral learning tool for students throughout each day. For this reason, it should come to school fully charged each day. Thank you for determining a location in your household where this can occur each evening.

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## Operational (Cont.)

**School Supplies** – If your family did not pre-order supplies, see the [2025-26 Simpson Supply List](#) to help you prepare.

**Cell Phones** – At Simpson, our policy regarding personal electronic devices (cell phones, headphones, etc) is that students may have them, but they must be in their backpack. Students are only allowed to use these personal electronic devices with explicit teacher permission. The [Simpson Personal Electronics Protocol](#) will be followed for students who are using devices without teacher permission.

**Dress Code** – In preparation for the schoolyear it may be beneficial to review the [Simpson Dress Code](#).

## PTSA & Foundation

**PTSA Spirit Wear** – If you did not pick up any spirit wear or forgot to join the PTSA on Soaring Day, it is no problem. Memberships and spirit wear can be purchased electronically on the [PTSA Website](#)!

**Foundation Partnership** – Thank you to all our families that have donated to the Foundation. We have already raised just over \$2,500 on our way to our \$20,000 goal! Please consider donating as 100% of your donations stay at Simpson. What do these donations fund you ask?

- Staff Grants
- Instructional Support (Morning Study Hall Supervision)
- School Improvements & Innovations
- Technology Support Staff

We are hosting a grade level challenge. The grade level with the highest donation amount will receive an ice cream party! Currently, 6th grade is in the lead, but 7th grade is not far behind them! For more information and to make your donation click [Here](#).



## Community Events

**Back to School Health Services** – See [This Flyer](#) from Cobb Douglas Public Health for services offered to families as they prepare to return to school.

**Sprayberry Football** – See the [Sprayberry Football Calendar](#) and the [Football Fees](#) for updated information. Contact [Coach Mack](#) with questions.

**Lassiter Color Run** – The Lassiter Cross Country Team is proud to host its fourth annual color run starting at 9 AM rain or shine on Saturday, August 9, 2025. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

## Upcoming Dates

- 8/4 – First Day of School
- 8/9 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade [Instrument Test Drive](#) (9:00-11:30)
- 8/11 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Connections Schedule Begins

