



The Eagle Update

Parent Edition – 8/9/26

Principal's Note

Simpson Families,

Thank you for an excellent first week of school! Our Eagles clearly came into our doors last Monday ready to take care of business, and for that we send our appreciation to our families for preparing them. During the first week, we spent a lot of time assuring every student understands what it means to SOAR at Simpson. Whether it is in the classroom, the restrooms, the cafeteria, walking in the hallway, or on the bus, we want all students to know exactly what it looks like to be Successful, Observant, Accountable, and Respectful. We will continue teaching these expectations throughout the month of August as the foundation for the remainder of the year. The challenge I offered to our students, and that I hope you will relay at home, is that, no matter how great we are, we must all be continually seeking to grow. We need to strive to be a little better today than we were yesterday, and a little better tomorrow than we are today. Thank you for continuing to challenge your Eagle as we enter week two in the same way our team will challenge them at school, to be *The Best of the Best!*

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Mission:

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

Vision:

*Educational
Excellence for ALL*

Headline News

Three Parent Apps – At Simpson, we ask each parent to keep up with three apps that involve your student, their learning, and their behavior. Please see the notes on each below and reach out to our front office with questions.

Educational App	What is it used for?	Why is it important?
<u>CTLS Parent</u>	Communication regarding what is ongoing for your Eagle at Simpson. This can be from teachers or the front office and is home for Sunday's weekly Eagle Update.	Staying up to date with CTLS Parent will assure that you know what is going on at Simpson, what is coming up, and what deadlines must be met.
<u>ParentVue</u>	Checking student class grades and student attendance. This app also allows you to change address, contact information, emergency contacts, and educational rights. Lastly, this app is used to approve field trips and to opt in for the CCSD student laptop.	Keeping up with student grades and attendance allows you to support your Eagle throughout each quarter. Also, students may not attend a field trip or receive a CCSD laptop without electronic permission.
<u>PBIS Rewards Family</u> A letter with a scannable QR code will be coming out this coming week. (Be sure to check your spam!)	Monitoring how many points your Eagle is earning for SOAR-ing (Successful, Observant, Accountable, Respectful). This app also allows you to monitor any minor behavior referrals/infractions.	Celebrating your student's positive points is a great way to reinforce the school's message at home. Also, knowing what your Eagle's behavior looks like at Simpson will help you intervene before infractions become disciplinary concerns.

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Instructional

Digital Learning Day – One week from tomorrow, Monday, August 17, is a Digital Learning Day for all CCSD students. This means that they DO NOT report to school but DO have schoolwork. Students should access CTLs for each class to see the work outlined for them. This will primarily be a review of previous material or a preview of what is upcoming. Students will also each be completing a bus safety lesson. That day, our entire staff will be at Simpson collaboratively planning. So, both students and parents should feel free to reach out to teachers for questions and additional support. Parents, Digital Learning Days are a great time to check [ParentVue](#) to see if your student has any missing assignments!

Operational

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.

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 establish 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.

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 soon. See the [Simpson Club List](#) for details.

Early Student Checkout – If you need to check out your student early for an appointment, you should send a note in the morning. The notes should contain:

- The reason for the early dismissal
- The time for pickup
- Who is picking them up

Have your Eagle bring the note to the Front Office when they arrive at school and we will give them a pass to dismiss at the designated time. All people checking out a student must show a valid government issued photo identification and have "Release To" and "Contact Allowed" rights set up in ParentVue. For the safety of your student, CCSD does not accept digital or phone picture IDs for student checkouts. 3:45pm is the deadline to check a student out early.

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Front Office Volunteers Needed - Do you have an extra two hours every other week? We are looking for volunteers to help in the Simpson Office Front Desk to check students in and out as well as answering the phone and greeting visitors. Shifts are two hours on one day, every other week. We will be having a 1-hour training meeting on August 25th at 10:00am and on August 26th at 12:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering email our Front Office Clerk at: emily.cargill@cobbk12.org

Office 365 Storage – Student OneDrive accounts have a storage limit of 5 GB. Students in 7th and 8th Grade may have reached their storage limit, which can prevent them from saving new files or making changes to existing files. Please review the information provided [Here](#) for guidance on managing and organizing files to free up storage space.

PTSA & Foundation

Foundation Legacy Wall – We're excited to announce a new addition to Simpson—the 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 – Don't worry if you were unable at SOARing Day to join the PTSA. See the [PTSA Website](#) for memberships and spirit wear today!

Community Events

Sprayberry XC – See [This Flyer](#) for information about the Sprayberry Jr. Jackets Cross Country Club.

Sprayberry Football – See the flyers below for information on the upcoming football season at Sprayberry.

[2026 Recruiting Flyer](#)

[Lineman Flyer](#)

[Middle School Schedule](#)

[Autograph Signing](#)

Old News

Student & Family Handbook – The [Simpson Student & Family Handbook](#) provides information on all things Simpson. Other than the weekly Eagle Update, this is a great place to look for answers when questions come up.

School Hours – Our front doors open each day at 8:00. From 8:00-8:50 we offer a supervised, silent study hall in our cafeteria. At 8:50 our buses begin unloading and students are released from study hall to homeroom. To avoid being marked tardy to school students must be in homeroom at 9:10, which is the time our school day begins with our morning broadcast. We dismiss all students simultaneously at 4:15.

Breakfast Ending – Due to low participation rates, Simpson will no longer offer a breakfast program this school year. If you or someone you know relies on school breakfast, please reach out directly [Principal Cory Stanley](#) for assistance.

Morning Food & Beverage – We encourage students to carry a water bottle throughout the day and have several bottle filling stations throughout our building. Water is the only beverage students are permitted to carry from class to class. So, when students arrive at Simpson with a pink drink, a coffee drink, a smoothie, or breakfast in hand, they must take a seat in the cafeteria and finish it by 9:05. If students can't finish by 9:05, they have to toss it in order to make it to homeroom on time. We don't want you throwing your money away, so consider this timing prior to making that morning purchase at Dunkin'!

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Old News (Cont.)

Office Hours – Our front office is open each day, Monday-Friday, from 8:15 to 4:45.

Carpool Dropoff – Parents, please remember that your Eagle is healthy, young, and very mobile, and is 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!

Carpool Pickup – Unlike elementary school, we do not need to know how your student is getting home each day. We trust them to head either to the bus or the carpool lane during dismissal as you have arranged. Our structure for carpool is that all cars pull forward as far as possible and students walk to you. Please do not stop at your student, leaving space available in front of your car. Your Eagle is young, healthy, and very mobile. They will be fine walking the length of the sidewalk.

Bus Routes – Need information on your Eagle's bus route? Use the [Bus Route Finder](#) and [Track My Bus App](#). When your student gets off the bus at Simpson tomorrow morning, they will be given a card that has their bus number, their driver's name, and their bus parking lane. The lane is the most important information for them to know at dismissal as buses do break down and drivers sometimes have subs. The bus that takes them home however will always be in the same lane.

Academic Honesty & AI Policy – Please see the [Simpson Academic Honesty & AI Policy](#) for the steps we are taking to assure students are engaging in their own work and embracing the challenge to do hard things on their own.

6th Grade Overview – Did you know we hosted a Rising 6th Grade Parent Night in the spring? If you weren't able to attend, you can see the [Rising 6th Grade Parent Video](#) for details. You may also want to see [A Day in the Life of a Simpson Eagle](#).

Lunch Funds – CCSD utilizes [My School Bucks](#) for families to pay for student lunches. Now, would be a good time to goad ahead and load up your Eagle's account. Details on school lunches can be found on the [CCSD Food & Nutrition Services Website](#).

Dress Code – At Simpson, we believe we have a very fair and reasonable dress code. As you are completing your back to school shopping, we thought you may want access to the [Simpson Dress Code](#) to ensure your Eagle comes to school each day dressed to learn.

Upcoming Dates

- 8/16 – Virtual Open House Published
- 8/18 – ELA Beacon Assessment
- 8/19 – Simpson Foundation Meeting @ 8:00
- 8/24 – Math Beacon Assessment

