The Eagle Update

Parent Edition – 9/27/26

Mission:

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

Vision:

Educational Excellence for ALL

Principal's Note

Simpson Families,

I hope that everyone had a fantastic Fall Break! You may not realize it, but there are only two school weeks until the last day of the first quarter. That's right, only 10 school days until that first set of grades is locked in the gradebook. So, now is a great time to jump on ParentVue and make sure your Eagle's grades look the way you expect. If they don't, it's not too late for your student to take corrective action. We are always trying to teach our students to be good self-advocates and speak up for what they need. One of the best ways to promote this behavior at home is by encouraging your student(s) to communicate with their teachers about what they can do to improve their grades. A simple email from a student to a teacher asking what can be done to improve classroom performance goes a long way toward showing that the student is engaged in the improvement process. As teachers, we love that! This is also a great learning opportunity for students when they realize they may be too late to make up *everything* they have missed. These time management and self-advocacy lessons are learned a little bit at a time through repetition. Thank you for your partnership with us in supporting your Eagle's growth at home. We are looking forward to starting the next leg of the journey tomorrow!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Special Event

Conference Week – CCSD Conference Week is coming up October 12-16. While accessing ParentVue, PBIS Rewards Family, and CTLS Parent may provide all the information that some parents need, there are still those that should plan to schedule a conference during Conference Week. Use This Link to sign up for a conference if needed. (Please only select one teacher per family.) Here are a few reasons that you should consider signing up for a conference:

- Your child has missing or incomplete assignments.
- Grades are below expectations (for example, below 80%) or have recently dropped.
- Your child is struggling to understand class content or needs extra support.
- School behaviors are leading to consequences for your child.
- Your Child is having a hard time keeping up with the workload or balancing responsibilities.
- You've noticed your child feels overwhelmed, stressed, or discouraged about school.
- You would like strategies to support learning at home.
- You have questions or concerns about your child's progress or classroom experience.
- You have concerns about how your child is doing socially in class.

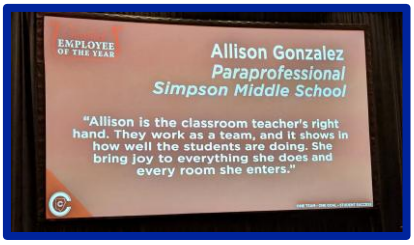
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Shout Outs

Our Custodial Team – This Friday, 10/2 is School Custodian Appreciation Day. We have an amazing team at Simpson who we will celebrate this week. Be sure to send them some extra love!

CEOTY – Congratulations again to Simpson's Classified Employee of the Year, Ms. Allison Mimbs, who was celebrated recently at the CCSD CEOTY Luncheon!







Beacon Scores – After the first round of Beacon Assessments for the year, we are so impressed with the number of students who scored in the highest bracket in ELA, math, or both! See below for the lists of Eagles scoring in the prepared range.

6th Grade 7th Grade 8th Grade

Nitro Ball Tourney – Shout out to Coach Aumann and Coach Robinson for coordinating last Friday's Nitro Ball Tournament. We will have several such tournaments throughout the year during which we will sell concessions to raise funds for CCSD's districtwide American Heart Association fundraiser. Kids have a blast and raise money for a great cause!











Instructional

PSAT 8/9 Assessment – PSAT 8/9 will be administered to all 8th-grade students on Wednesday, October 14. This assessment helps establish a baseline measure of college and career readiness as students prepare to enter high school. Students should bring their fully charged CCSD-issued device on testing day. Please review This Letter for additional information, including important details about how students can prepare for testing day.

Operational

Fall Picture Day – Fall Picture Day is Wednesday, October 7th. Picture forms will come home with students on Monday, 09/28, following Fall Break. Links are listed below for online prepay orders and a printable order form. Students will bring their order forms on Picture Day to give directly to the photographer.

- Online Prepay Order School Code- S115
- Printable Order Form



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Operational (Cont.)

(K–12) Screen Smart Families September Challenge – Screen Smart Families helps families look beyond screen time and focus on how students use technology to create, solve, connect, and learn. September's challenge focuses on digital balance and encourages students to consider how technology fits alongside learning, responsibilities, movement, hobbies, relationships, and rest. Each age-level challenge helps students build a more intentional routine and use technology in ways that support what matters most. Every participant will receive a sticker badge and certificate. Click Here for challenge details and directions.

Scoliosis Screenings – Last week, 6th and 8th grade students received a personalized letter regarding scoliosis screening at Simpson Middle School. If your child receives regular care from a family physician or pediatrician, scoliosis screening is often included as part of routine wellness visits, so an additional school-based screening may not be necessary. Please review the information, indicate your preference on the bottom portion of the letter, sign it, and have your student return the original letter to school as soon as possible. Any student who does not return the letter will be screened on October 13th.

PBIS Rewards Homeroom Challenge – We are currently running a homeroom contest for the most family engagement with PBIS, and your Eagle needs your help!

1) Install the PBIS Rewards Family App.
2) Use the app to scan the QR code on the invitation email you received (You may have to check your junk mail and search for PBIS).
3) See all the positive points your Eagle is earning for being Successful, Observant, Accountable, and Respectful!



Parent Climate Survey – Thank you parents for completing the annual GADOE Parent Survey. This is part of our annual accreditation process, and we value the data in your responses.

PTSA & Foundation

Biscuit Volunteers Needed – The Simpson Foundation is looking for a few helping hands on our Chick-fil-A Biscuit distribution mornings! We need **6 volunteers** each distribution day to help us pass out pre-ordered biscuits, sell biscuits to students that morning, and keep everything running quickly and smoothly! ⏰ **Time commitment: ONLY 30 minutes! 8:40–9:10 AM.** It's a quick and easy way to volunteer at Simpson and help support the Foundation! Sign Up Here!

Chick-fil-A Biscuits – This Wednesday, the Simpson Foundation will be distributing Chick-fil-A breakfast biscuits that were pre-ordered prior to break. This will occur going forward on the last school day of each month. Every CFA biscuit purchased helps Simpson Foundation fund staff & school grants, technology support, and school beautification projects! 100% of the money we raise goes right back into our students, staff, and school! Last year, we provided over $21,000 in grants 😇 — and our goal is to do it again this year! 🐔 Grab a biscuit. Support Simpson. Make a difference! Click Here to order ahead for next month!



Foundation Legacy Wall – Is your family's name on the Simpson 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!



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PTSA & Foundation (Cont.)

Foundation Contribution – All contributions to the Simpson Foundation matter. So, consider a small contribution if you are unable to buy an Eagle in our lobby!

PTSA Membership – See the PTSA Website for memberships and spirit wear today!

Community Events

Sprayberry Jr. Jackets Baseball – The Sprayberry Jr. Jackets Middle School Baseball Program is back this fall! Led by Coach Kelvin Jimenez, Coaches Rafael and Noe Almonte, and the Sprayberry Varsity Baseball Staff, the program is designed to develop players, build team chemistry, and create a strong connection to the Sprayberry High School Baseball Program. Players will have the opportunity to compete against middle schools across Paulding, Cherokee, and Fulton Counties while developing the skills and experience needed for the next level. And don't worry—participation will not interfere with current or future travel or rec baseball commitments. Official tryouts are coming up October 2nd. 👉 Sign Up for More Information!

Sprayberry Neighborhood Pantry – The Sprayberry Neighborhood Pantry distribution for this school year is the 2nd Monday of each month. The next date will be Monday, 10/19 from 4pm to 6pm. See This Flyer to register. You do not need to register again if you have ever visited the pantry in the past.

Old News



Sprayberry STEM Academy – See This Flyer or the Sprayberry STEM Academy Website for information on the Sprayberry STEM Academy.

Yearbook – It's time to purchase the 2026–2027 Simpson Yearbook! Order before October 1st to get the early bird price of $35. Click Here to order today!

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.

Upcoming Dates
• 10/2 – School Custodian Appreciation Day
• 10/7 – Fall Picture Day
• 10/7 – Sprayberry Block Party and Homecoming Parade
• 10/13 – Scoliosis Screening (6th & 8th grade students who have not opted out only)
• 10/14 – PSAT 8/9 (8th grade only)