



The Eagle Update

Parent Edition – 9/28/25

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 to show 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 might be too late in the game 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

Shout Outs

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

Foundation Grants – Did you know that part of the funds the Simpson Foundation raises goes towards school grants? Your donations are already at work! This year, the Foundation has been able to provide two class sets of headphones to Ms. Martinez and Ms. Echevarria. These headphones allow the students to record themselves speaking as they are learning the Spanish language. They have also been able to provide grants to Mrs. Cooper for TI80 calculators and Ms. Doss for snacks during Homework Club. Thanks, Simpson Foundation!



Mission:

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

Vision:

*Educational
Excellence for ALL*

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Instructional

CCSD Magnet Programs – Prior to Fall Break our 8th grade students viewed and heard a [CCSD Magnet Program Presentation](#) and a presentation on the STEM programs at both Lassiter and Sprayberry. Coming up in October, each of the CCSD Magnet Programs will have their own open houses, allowing you and your student to gather additional information. See [This Flyer](#) for details. Also, see the [Lassiter STEM Night Flyer](#) for information on their event coming up on Wednesday, October 8.

Iowa/CogAT Testing (7th Grade) – 7th Grade Parents, while it was not within our control at Simpson or even in the control of CCSD, we apologize for the delays with Iowa/CogAt Testing. At this time, both assessments have been postponed until our school district is sure the vendor's systems are properly working. As soon as we have rescheduled dates, we will let you know.

Operational

October Calendar – To keep up with all things Simpson in October, see the [October Calendar of Events](#).

Conference Week – CCSD Conference Week for elementary and middle school is the week of October 13-17. 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. Details on how to sign up for a conference will be in next Sunday's Eagle Update. 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.
- They are 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.

Old Operational News

Miles for Mental Health 5k – Simpson is excited to host our [2nd Annual Miles for Mental Health Run](#) this year. All students will participate in a 5K event (students may run or walk) held during connections classes on October 17th. However, if a student pays \$25 and registers for the event, they can get a T-shirt and record their participation. Over 400 people have already signed up to participate at other events hosted across the district, and you can register [Here](#)! We can't wait to host and celebrate mental health awareness with all our Simpson family! This event is sponsored by our Simpson Sources of Strength Peer Leaders.

Early Checkouts – If your child will be checking out early, please send in a note with them and include the time they will be picked up and why they are leaving early. Tell them to turn the note into the office before Homeroom and we will give them a pass to come up at the checkout time. We anticipate a lot of early checkouts before the break, so please send in your notes.

Student Checkout – Any adult checking out a student must be listed in [ParentVue](#) as [Release To & Contact Allowed](#) for the student. The adult must show a valid State ID or Driver's License as proof of identity. We do not accept electronic copies of ID.

Yearbook – Now is the time to order your Eagle's yearbook! The yearbook will get more expensive as the year goes on, so the best time to order is now! Simpson school #640. [Click Here](#) to order.



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Old Operational News (Cont.)

Yearbook Ads – Did you know that you can purchase up to a half-page yearbook ad to celebrate your 8th grade Eagle? Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate your Eagle's journey through middle school! See [This Flyer](#) for details.

Student Advisory Council – Congratulations to the selected members of the [2025-26 Simpson Student Advisory Council](#). Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 30 @ 8:00 in the Simpson Media Center.

Updating Contact Information – Did you know you can update your information in [ParentVue](#)? This allows you to adjust who can check your Eagle out of school, who can see educational records, and more. See [These How-to Steps](#) to update your Eagle's contact information ASAP!

Critical Apps – Reminder that there are three apps that all Simpson parents should access regularly:

- [CTLS Parent](#)
- [ParentVue](#)
- [PBIS Rewards Family](#)

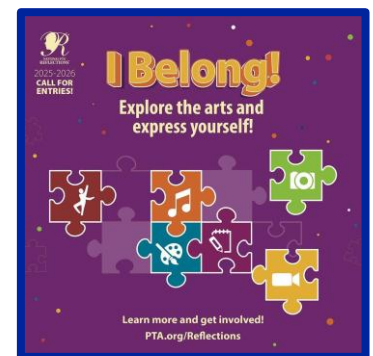
PTSA & Foundation

Foundation Shout Outs – Did you know that you can give your student a marquee shoutout? Visit [This Page](#) to set one up for your Eagle!

National PTA Reflections – ENTRY FORM IS NOW OPEN! Hey student artists, have you started working on your entry for National PTA's Reflections 2025-26? Entry is FREE. We hope many of our talented students will participate! The deadline for entries is October 24, 2025. This year's theme is "I Belong". Choose from six categories: Dance, Music, Film, Literature, Photography, and Visual Arts. You can submit an entry in all 6 categories (one entry per category). Enter [Here](#)!

Prizes:

- All participants will be celebrated at a Reflections Reception.
- All entries will receive a certificate of participation.
- Simpson PTSA will award 1st and 2nd place for each category in each grade.
- Winners in each category and in each grade will advance to County and move forward.



Community Events

Sprayberry Neighborhood Pantry – The Sprayberry Neighborhood Pantry distribution for this school year is the second Monday of each month. The next date will be Monday, 9/8 from 4pm to 6pm. See the flyer [Here](#) to register. You do not need to register again if you have ever visited the pantry in the past.

Blessed Trinity Model UN – Blessed Trinity is hosting a Middle School Model UN conference on November 15 from 9am to 4pm at Blessed Trinity. The conference is open to all middle schoolers, 6th-8th grade. Students do not need to have any prior experience in Model UN to participate. The goal of the conference is to introduce students to Model UN and the skills of diplomacy, debate, and critical thinking. Our high school team will lead and facilitate throughout the day and make sure that the middle schoolers are enjoying themselves. There is a \$15 registration fee per student without a shirt and a \$30 registration if they want a shirt. See the [Information Sheet](#), [Committee Details](#), and [Registration Form](#) for details.

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Upcoming Dates

- 9/30 – [Student Advisory Council](#) @ 8:00 in the Media Center
- 10/2 – School Custodian Appreciation Day
- 10/3 – PTSA Executive Cabinet Meeting @ 8:15
- 10/3 – PTSA BOD Meeting @ 10:30
- 10/13 – Digital Learning Day
- 10/15 – Fall Picture Day

