

# Simpson Middle School Newsletter

## Dear Simpson Eagle Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful break full of rich traditions, good time, delicious food, and lots of family fun! As we approach the end of Quarter 2, please be sure to continue to monitor student attendance, behavior, and grades. Each student has a behavior card attached to their agendas – be sure to check it weekly. Likewise, be sure to log into ParentVue to check grades. Students still have time to bring up their grades if needed; and if students are doing exceptionally well, now is a good time to pick up an additional holiday gift 😊

*Dr. LaEla Mitchell*



### Principal Coffee & Chat

We are excited to host our first face to face Principal Coffee and Chat on Tuesday, December 13th, at 8:30am. We hope to see you there!



### Simpson Before School Tutoring has started from 8:00a-8:50a.

See the attached schedule for days of the week & subjects covered.



**The Simpson "Under the Sea" Bookfair** is Tuesday, November 29 to Tuesday, December 6 From 8:30am to 4:15pm every day.



**FRESH AIR FRIDAY SNACK SALES** - Orchestra Teachers will be selling Gatorade for \$2 and Snacks for \$1.00 to raise funds for the American String Teacher Association Conference during Fresh Air Friday Eagle Time on the following dates: December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and December 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who has participated!!

### Don't forget to order your 2022 – 2023 Yearbook

[www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com)

School Order Number: **640**

\$35 July 28 - Sept. 30 (name stamp)

\$40 Oct. 1 - Feb. 17 (name stamp)

\$45 Feb. 18 - Mar. 17 (name stamp)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only"

Purchase a personal 1/8 page color ad for only \$25

## Upcoming Events

11/29-12/6 – Fall Book Fair

12/1 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade DC Trip Meeting 6pm

12/12-12/16 – Spirit week

12/13 – Principal Chat

12/15 & 12/16 – Early Release at 1:30pm

12/19-1/4 – Winter Holiday Break No School

1/5 – Students Return to School

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## PTSA SPIRIT NIGHT

Scoville Hot Chicken  
December 6<sup>th</sup> from 5p-9p  
2960 Sandy Plains Rd. Marietta  
(in the Kroger Shopping Center)

Make sure to say you are with "Simpson"  
so that a portion of the proceeds will come  
back to our PTSA!!

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Student Attendance and Absence Notes

Cobb County Policy requires parents to send in written communication to the school within Three (3) days of your child returning to school after being absent.

The Student Attendance System sends a message via CTLS Parent that a student was marked absent for a class period or the entire day regardless of the reason for the absence even if we have received a note or an event list as to why the student was not here.

You can send the communication to the Attendance Clerk in one of three ways for student absences:

1. Handwritten notes should be dropped off at the front office for the attendance clerk by the student when they return to school before going to Homeroom.
2. In lieu of a handwritten note you can email the attendance clerk Trina Rivera at [trina.rivera@cobbk12.org](mailto:trina.rivera@cobbk12.org) with your child's full name, grade level, homeroom teacher, dates missed and the reason for the absence.
3. You can send a reply message to the attendance clerk from the absence notification received in CTLS Parent.

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## Student Attendance Notes (cont.)

- You do not need to **CALL** the school to report your child's absence unless they have tested positive for Covid. **We do not take absence notes via phone calls. Absence notifications must be in writing via one of the three choices above.**
- If your child leaves from the clinic and is absent for subsequent days, you will need to send a note in when they return for the additional days. The attendance clerk only codes the day the student was checked out from the clinic and will need a note to correctly code any additional days missed.
- The Attendance Clerk will receive a list of students who miss classes due to Simpson school events such as: field trips, speech class, quarantine due to school close contact, etc. and will code the absence accordingly.
- Absence Notes may take up to 72 hours to be coded in the attendance system and show with a reason code in ParentVue.
- If there is still a discrepancy in your child's attendance after the clerk has had time to code the notes you can email her the details including students full name, grade level, date, class periods to check and reason for the absence so she can adjust the coding.

Click [Here](#) to view the Cobb County District JB-R Policies for Student Attendance.

## **PTSA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Motivation Mondays:** PTSA Health and Wellness chair Shonda creates affirmative messages to support our students and families' wellbeing. Visit [www.simpsonptsa.org/health\\_wellness](http://www.simpsonptsa.org/health_wellness) for more information. See the attachment for this week's message.

**Staff Giving Tree donations through December 11th** This season we are especially thankful for all we have and want to give a little extra to the hardworking Simpson Teachers and Staff who do so much for our students! Please help PTSA fill our Teacher and Staff Giving Tree with \$10 gift cards to show our appreciation. The donation link will close at midnight on December 11 to allow time to purchase cards. We can accept gift cards through December 12. **Click to donate**

**Save The Date** for these fun community/family events **STEAMapalooza - January 26th** and **International Night - March 29th**. More details to be shared in the coming months.

### **Simpson Silent Auction for STEAMAPALOOZA January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

We are actively seeking donations and would appreciate your help! Unused gift cards, sporting event tickets, time at vacation homes, experiences, products, etc. **This is a great opportunity to advertise your**

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**businesses.** All donations are tax deductible. Proceeds from the event will benefit the many important programs and services provided for our students, teachers, and families by the Simpson Middle School PTSA. Please email [silentauktion@simpsonptsa.org](mailto:silentauktion@simpsonptsa.org) If you can help or have any questions.

**See the attached flyer for details.**

**Connect with Simpson PTSA** to stay informed about activities, initiatives, spirit nights, volunteer opportunities, etc.

-> **Follow** us on [Facebook](#)

-> Sign up for **Remind text messages** (Text your child's grade code to 81010 Grade Codes:  
6th Grade - @29eagle, 7th Grade - @28eagle, 8th Grade - @27eagle

-> Visit the **PTSA website** [www.simpsonptsa.org](http://www.simpsonptsa.org)

-> Receive the **monthly PTSA newsletter**

-> **Email** [president@simpsonptsa.org](mailto:president@simpsonptsa.org)

## **Ask Dr. Mitchell!**

[askdrmitchell@simpsonptsa.org](mailto:askdrmitchell@simpsonptsa.org)

PTSA has partnered with Simpson to provide another avenue for you to ask questions and find answers for questions that may come up throughout the year. Through our newsletters and websites, we will post questions and the answers so that everyone may benefit.

## **Question of the Week:** What is Simpson Middle School's Strategic Plan?

All CCSD schools use a common strategic planning template and align their plans to meet long-range goals set by the Board of Education, as well as district priorities. Our strategic plan for the 2022 – 2023 school year focuses on using data from the MI & RI assessments given each quarter to guide individual and schoolwide intervention and enrichment programs. Additionally, our plan includes a goal of having more of our students demonstrating proficient or advanced performance on the MI & RI assessments at the end of the year. The Simpson Strategic Plan can be found on our school website.



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