

# Simpson Middle School Newsletter

## Dear Simpson Eagle Families,

As we enter into this season of thankfulness and gratitude, I can't help but reflect on the beauty that is Simpson Middle School. I am so grateful for the beautiful smiles, funny stories, hugs, and special handshakes that I am blessed with each and every time the students enter these halls. Your children truly are blessings from above and I am honored to be in their company. I am equally thankful for the laughter, encouragement, cooperation, and hard work of such a dedicated staff. I have yet to meet a Simpson staff member who hasn't demonstrated loving compassion and commitment to your children. So, thank you to the entire Simpson Community for giving us so many things to be thankful for this season!

Gratefully,

*Dr. LaEla Mitchell*



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

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



**Lost & Found – Remind your child to check lost and found for missing items.** Lost and found is located in each grade level commons and outside the Gyms. There are A LOT of lunch boxes, jackets, shoes, notebooks, etc. in the bins. All of the lost and found items not picked up by 11-18-22 will be donated over the Thanksgiving break.

**Valuable items** such as phones, ear pods, jewelry, wallets, etc. are turned into the front office at the end of each day. Have your child check with their teachers and come to the office if they have lost valuable items.



**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: November 18<sup>th</sup>, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and December 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who participated last week!!

### 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

11/16 – 6/7/8 Orchestra Concert @ Lassiter  
6:30pm

11/21-25 – Thanksgiving Break – No School

11/29-12/6 – Fall Book Fair

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## PTSA SPIRIT NIGHT

Bad Daddy's Burger Bar  
Thursday, Nov 17 from 5p-9p  
3460 Sandy Plains Rd. Marietta

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.

**"Simpson Families in Need" donations through November 30th** PTSA is collecting donations to provide gift cards to support our most in need families at Simpson. Last year your kindness supported 10 families each with a \$100 Walmart Gift Card. **Click to donate**

**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**

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**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 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 [silentauction@simpsonptsa.org](mailto:silentauction@simpsonptsa.org) If you can help or have any questions.

**See the attached flyer for details.**

**PTSA Award** Simpson PTSA was recently **awarded the Early Bird Certificate** by Georgia PTA. This award is given to units who had 200 members or more by the last business day of September. Your membership fees and donations fund the budget for activities and supplies. There is still time to become a PTSA member this year! Click here to complete your 2022-2023 PTSA membership now [www.simpsonptsa.org](http://www.simpsonptsa.org)

**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)



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