



The Eagle Weekly

What Parents Need To Know Right Now!

August 21, 2007

Simpson Middle School

PTSA

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Dates to Remember

Tuesday, August 21: 7th and 8th grade Open House, PTSA General Meeting 7:00p.m.

Tuesday, August 21: Dance Team Try outs 4:15-5:00p.m.

Wednesday, August 22: Dance Team Try outs 4:15-5:00p.m.

Friday, August 24: Dance Team Try outs 4:15-5:00p.m.

Tuesday, August 28: 6th grade Music Department Meetings 7:00p.m.

Wednesday, August 29: Foundation Meeting 8:00a.m.

Character Word for the Week: Respect for others—Concern for and motivation to act for the welfare of others.

Letter from Our Principal, Mrs. Jordan:

Dear Simpson Parent,

I hope your summer has been enjoyable, and you have had lots of time for family and fun. The staff at Simpson is very excited about a new school year. I know your student is going to have a tremendous year because our teachers will be here to support students in every way.

Mark your calendar!! We will be celebrating our 20th Anniversary of Simpson Middle School on November 11, 2007. This will be a Sunday afternoon. I hope all of you can join us in a walk through the history of Simpson Middle School.

You probably have already heard that Simpson again made the AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) required by No Child Left Behind Act. We are so proud of all our students and faculty who worked diligently this school year. To see the detailed AYP report, please go to [Georgia Department of Education website](#).

This year our administrative team has changed. Ms. Odom, our Administrative Assistant last year, has been promoted to Assistant Principal. In addition to Ms. Odom, I am happy to introduce to you the other member of our Administrative Team, Mrs. Dana Carlton. Mrs. Carlton previously served Cobb County Schools as an Area Lead Teacher, an Instructional Lead Teacher and classroom teacher in Area 5. Also, Mrs. Carlton has taught 5th grade. Mrs. Carlton has obtained a B.S. in Middle Grades Education from Georgia Southern University, a M.A. and Ed.S. in Administration and Supervision from the State University of West Georgia. We welcome Ms. Carlton to Simpson.

Another news item--Simpson's Band has been selected to perform at the "8th Annual Southeastern United States Middle School Concert Band Clinic" at Troy State University in Alabama. The band will perform for a crowd of middle school musicians and band directors from across the southeast. This is a huge honor for our band, school and community. We are so proud of our students! You can tell how proud I am to be the principal at such a wonderful school in such a wonderful community. You support us in every way. We are delighted to work with your students, and look forward to another successful school year.

SIMPSON EAGLES ARE THE BEST!!

Sharon Jordan, Principal

Dance Team Try outs Start Today!!!: Guys and Gals are invited to audition for the Simpson Dance Team...Hip-Hop, Jazz, and more! Get an application from Ms. Knapp or in the office and come to **tryouts each day on Tues. 8/21, Weds. 8/22, and Friday 8/24 from 4:15-5:30.**

Did you know there is a Spirit Store at Simpson? We are located on the 8th grade hall next to the workroom and we're stocked with all the school supplies and spirit wear that any Simpson Eagle might need. We've got binders, notebook paper, rulers, expandable files, mechanical pencils, refill lead, reeds for instruments, and on and on....all at great prices, too We have Simpson t-shirts, hoodies and, new this fall, soffe shorts for girls. We are open M - F mornings from 8:45 - 9:15. If you have any questions or suggestions contact Karen Guzman at guzmansouth@comcast.net.

Where do I put those PTSA Membership Forms? Parents, tell your kids there is a white mailbox in the front office where they can put PTSA membership forms. (Need a form? Visit the website or pick up one up at school) They can drop it off first thing in the morning on the way to homeroom. Remember we are a PTSA so students get a card too!

Volunteers Needed for Hearing and Vision Screening Volunteers are needed by the wellness committee to help with our hearing and vision screening. Volunteers receive training at Palmer Middle School on September 5th or 6th and the screening is done at Simpson on September 25th and 26th. If you can help, contact Melinda Chaney at toughmom@hotmail.com. If you have trained for this previously, let Melinda know—you may not need to attend the trainings.

Please Help Stock the Clinic The clinic is in need of Band-aids (all sizes), tissue boxes, plastic baggies (all sizes), disposable 3oz. or 5oz. cups, and latex free disposable gloves. Any donations are appreciated by Nurse Pat in the clinic and all of the Simpson students who may need the clinic this year. Thanks so much!!

Have the Teachers' (and Principal's, and Counselors') blogs emailed directly to you! We would like to invite all of you to visit the blogs of each teacher. All you need to do is go to the Simpson Website www.cobbk12.org/~simpson/ and click on "Teachers Blogs." This will open a new world for you. You will be able to visit with each of your student's teachers and you will learn what is happening in each class. This will enable you to become a part of your child's learning process. Please take the time to visit each teacher's blog on a regular basis. **When visiting the blog, there is a box to the left of the text where you can enter your e-mail address. Doing this will allow each blog entry to be e-mailed directly to you!** You can also have Mrs. Jordan's, Mrs. Odom's, Mrs. Carlton's, the counselors', and the Connections teachers' blogs e-mailed to you. Don't forget to take a minute to enter your email address at each blog—it is a great way to stay connected!

A reminder to Get Involved! Clubs and Activities for Students--Extracurricular Activities

How can students get involved in their new school? Simpson offers various clubs and activities for the numerous interests of our students. **(Clubs that were left out last week are in BOLD and underlined.)** Some of these include:

Academic Bowl Team	Adopt a Stream Club	Art Club
Before-School Chorus	Builders Club	Chess Club
Dance Team	Eagle News TV Crew	Environmental Committee
French Club	Intramural Sports	Lego Lifters
Math Counts Club	Peer Mediators	Robotics Team
Science Olympiad	<u>Spanish Club</u>	Student Advisory Board
Student Forum	<u>Support the Troops Club</u>	Yearbook Staff

Sign-up/recruitment for many of these groups occurs during the first few weeks of school, so don't miss the opportunity to join the fun. Look for more information on the school website, on posters throughout the school and listen carefully during morning announcements.

Duty Free Lunch—dates to be announced soon! We would like to be able to give the teachers two lunch periods every month that are duty free. (They already had one last Friday!) This is a great gift from the PTSA, but we cannot do this without parent volunteers. If you are willing to help please contact Cheryl Kubin jkubin@bellsouth.net. Maybe you can only help once or maybe once or twice a month—we'll take it!

Do you have a decorator's eye? We are looking to give our lobby and front office areas a face lift. If you have furniture and/or connections, or maybe just have a good eye for decorating and a vision for the lobby and are willing to help give these areas a makeover please contact Beth Murphy at 770-552-1767.