

The Eagle Weekly

What Families Need To Know Right Now!

Week of January 18, 2010

Simpson Middle School

PTSA

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Dates to Remember:

Wednesday	January 20		8 th Grade Writing Assessment
Thursday	January 21	7:00 p.m.	6 th Grade Band Winter Concert
		6:00 p.m.	Math University
			Domino's Night
		6:45 p.m.	Eagle Chat
Monday – Friday	January 25 – 29		Student-Led Conferences w/Teachers
			Media Center Book Fair
Monday – Wednesday	February 8 – 10		Valentine Flower Sales
Tuesday	February 16	6:30 p.m.	PTSA Meeting & Program on Cyber Bullying (See information below)

From Mr. Bristow Simpson Middle School was awarded the **Silver Award** based on student achievement this past spring on the CRCT. Simpson is one of thirty-six schools in Cobb County recognized for student achievement by the Georgia Department of Education and the Governor's Office of Student Achievement.

Math University will begin again this Thursday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.. This is for both sixth grade and seventh grade math.

Eagle Chat The first Evening Eagle Chat will be this Thursday at 6:45 p.m. in the Media Center. We will have it at this time so parents attending the 6th grade band concert may attend.

PTSA Domino's Night is this Thursday, the 21st. Order your pizza for pickup or delivery. Fill out the form below and turn it in when you pay. Simpson PTSA will receive a portion of the night's profits. Enjoy your pizza!!



Student conferences begin Monday of next week.

Sixth and Seventh Grade Conferences

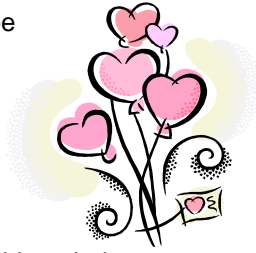
Parents please note that conferences are twenty minutes in length and you will meet with only one of your student's teachers. These conferences will be student lead with the teacher present. While we know you may want to meet with all of your student's teachers, this will not be possible. You will receive feedback from all the teachers during the conference so that you will know how your student is doing in each of their classes.

Eighth Grade Conferences

Parents please note that conferences are twenty minutes in length and you will meet with only one of your student's teachers. These conferences will be teacher lead and we ask that your student be present.

We want to remind everyone to please check their schedules to make sure that both you and your students can attend. In addition, we will be offering after school activities next week between 2:15 and 4:30 p.m. If your student will be attending this program any day next week, please make sure you return a signed permission form to homeroom teachers by this Friday, January 22, 2010. This form will be used to account for students staying in the building after the dismissal time of 2:15 p.m.

Valentine's Day Flower Delivery Students and/or parents may purchase a carnation (\$1 each) to be delivered to students and/or teachers for Valentine's Day. Flowers + a message will be delivered the morning of Friday, February 12. Students can purchase flowers and write out their message Monday 2/8, Tuesday 2/9 and Wednesday 2/10 in the atrium before school or at lunch. Parents wishing to purchase flowers for their student(s) may fill out the form below, enclose it in an envelope with payment and send it to school. It should be placed in the gold PTSA mailbox in the front office. Checks should be made out to Simpson PTSA.



Parent volunteers are needed to sell flowers 2/8 - 2/10 and deliver them on Friday morning. If you are able to help, contact Janet Bentley at mjbentley5@comcast.net

Boost Your Business! If you or a loved one would like to advertise their business in the Simpson's Got Talent show program for a nominal fee in support of the school social work needy family fund which helps our students during emergencies, the cost is \$10 for a business card sized ad, \$25 for ½ page and \$50 for a full page ad which hundreds of local people will see on the night of the 4th annual night of entertainment on Feb. 26th at 6:30! Call 7971-4836 bethany.miller@cobbk12.org



- Simpson PTSA is looking for some people who would be willing to serve on our Nominating Committee. The committee will be formed and function for a couple months in order to come up with a suggested slate of officers for our PTSA for next year. If you would like to volunteer to be on this committee or have a suggestion of someone who you think would do well, please contact Marina Morris at marina.morris@comcast.net.
- Office Volunteers are needed to work two 2 hour shifts each month. If you are interested, contact Janet Bentley at mjbentley5@comcast.net.

Don't Miss the.....

4th Annual Spaghetti Dinner, Auction, and Raffle Friday, March 5



A fun-filled evening for our Simpson community. Enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner served by our very own Simpson Teachers! View all of our exciting Auction and Raffle items!

Support this event to complete the funding of our project to furnish all Simpson classrooms as 21st century classrooms with student / teacher interactive writing devices, surround sound and projectors.

Do you have any items or services to donate to the Auction / Raffle?

We are a tax exempt #20-4643783, non profit organization, all donations are tax deductible. Contact Kristi Stevens at kristi.stevens@comcast.net.



***The Second Annual Simpson Shuffle and Health Fair
are coming!***

Friday, March 26th, after school

Do you have an interest in health and wellness? Have ideas about Health Fair participants? Running/walking enthusiast? *Relay for Life* team member? Health care professional?

We need your help to plan this fun event!

Please email adinalambert@aol.com or call 770-518-0676.

Last year, the races took place in the Northampton neighborhood, with two distance options: 5K (3.1 miles) or 2K (1.2 miles).

The event will help promote health and fitness for our school and community while raising funds for the American Cancer Society's ***Relay for Life!***



Community Announcements

Local Marietta Tax Preparation service owned and operated by Simpson parent will donate \$30 to Simpson PTA for any new client coming from Simpson Middle School. Free electronic filing of Federal and State of Georgia returns included in preparation fee. Mention Simpson when you call. The Advocate Xpress 770-590-7579. Ask for Nicole. Hours are flexible.



*Knights of Columbus
Council 10362
Transfiguration Catholic Church*

**The Knights of Columbus Free
Throw Championship**



Where: Transfiguration Gym
1815 Blackwell Road N.E.
Marietta, GA. 30066

When: Saturday, January 23, 2010
1- 4 pm

Who: All boys & girls ages 10-14
Compete against only those within
your same age group and gender
Proof of age (as of Jan. 1, 2010)
required during registration
There is No cost to participate

Trophies will be awarded to winners of each
age category (10 total)
Each contestant will receive a "Certificate of
Participation"

Ongoing Announcements



Didn't get what you really wanted this holiday season? *Eagles in the Kitchen* cookbooks are available in the Spirit Store for \$12. Order forms are at the bottom of the newsletter. The cookbooks have over 200 recipes in them and will be a great addition to anyone's kitchen! Proceeds from the cookbook sale will help the PTSA make their budget numbers.

- Smoothies are for sale on Tuesday mornings and Chick Fil-A Biscuits are available on Thursdays.
 - The Simpson Professional Counselors will be offering a workshop for parents on cyber bullying at Simpson on February 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Simpson Theater.
 - A reminder that the following rules for cars picking up and dropping off students at Simpson are in effect. Your cooperation with these is appreciated.
1. No cars are to enter the bus area during the hours of 8:20 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
 2. Traffic flow is a one way pattern.
 3. There should be no cars cutting through parking lanes for drop off or pick up.
 4. Safety cones will be placed at the end the parking lanes to ensure one way traffic flow.
 5. Students must use the crosswalk or areas supervised by staff members to cross.
 6. Students should not be picked up on Trickum Road
 7. Please follow staff prompts regarding pulling forward to help keep the traffic moving.
 8. Please do not leave your car unattended in the car lane. If needed please park your car in a parking space and then retrieve your student.



Previous week's newsletters can be found at the Simpson website – www.cobbk12.org/Simpson

Have something you'd like included in the Eagle Weekly? Please send news and announcements to: Eagle Weekly editor c/o simpsonseaglenews@gmail.com by noon each Monday.

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Valentine Flower form
Domino's Order Form
Cookbook order form

Conference Week After School Activity Permission Form

Dear Parents:

In an effort to support parents during Conference Week, January 25-29, we will offer after school activities for SIMPSON STUDENTS ONLY, from 2:15-4:15 on Monday 25th – Thursday 28th. As your child is strongly encouraged to attend his/her conference, we are offering this opportunity for Connections type activities. By allowing students to stay at school until the conference time, we hope to help minimize parents' time away from work by not having to pick up your child prior to coming for your conference.

There are a few important things to know:

1. **It is important that you understand that the normal school day is over at 2:15 for this week and buses will run at this time. Bus service is not offered after the 2:15 dismissal. This means that someone will need to pick up your child at or before 4:15 if they stay for these activities.**

2. Students MUST have parent permission to stay. Roll will be taken each day to facilitate our staff in accounting for those students who are participating in activities.

3. Students who misbehave during this time will be sent home. A zero tolerance policy will be in place.

4. ONLY SIMPSON STUDENTS MAY STAY. We cannot offer child care for siblings or non-Simpson students.

5. Students may bring individual snacks to have during the afternoon activities sessions.



Please complete the form below and return it to your child's HOMEROOM teacher no later than Friday, January 22, 2010.

Student Name: _____

Homeroom: _____ Grade: _____

Dates planning to stay: (✓ those that apply)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Parent Signature

Date



Happy Valentine's Day!

TO: _____

GRADE: _____

HOMEROOM: _____

MESSAGE:



Attention Simpson Community:
We want Simpson PTSA to get 20% of our night's proceeds!
Thursday, January 21, 2010

Fill out this form and give it to your delivery person or turn it
into the store when you pick up your pizza.

Student Name _____

Homeroom Teacher's Name _____

Order Total _____

Eagles in the Kitchen Cookbook Order Form

Name _____

Child's Name _____

Child's Homeroom Teacher _____

Number of Cookbooks (\$12 each) _____

Payment: _____ *Cash*
_____ *Check (Make payable to Simpson PTSA)* _____ *Check Number*

*Deposit form and payment in the gold PTSA mailbox in the front office.
Cookbook(s) will be delivered to students via their homeroom.*