

Hello, Simpson Parents!

March 27, 2019

I am thrilled to announce to you that **Simpson is the first middle school to earn Cobb County School District STEAM Certification!** I am very grateful for your support in this endeavor! We strongly believe students should be actively engaged in real world problem-solving activities that are based on the Georgia Standards of Excellence. Students need frequent access to technology and collaboration opportunities in order to be successful with 21st Century college programs and careers. Our Wednesday afternoon STEAM Block has been recognized as a model for other schools to follow in creating student-centered, hands-on activities that help students connect the standards from all of their academic and connections classes and apply that knowledge to real world topics. We could not have earned this certification for our school without ***your support of our PTSA and our Foundation, SEEF.*** Your contributions of time and money have directly led to a more enriched, engaging and meaningful education for your child as well as for all of our students. I thank you sincerely for being so generous!

I also have a few updates and reminders as we enter the last few weeks of school:

- **Quarter 3 grades were officially “posted”** to Student Vue and Parent Vue on Friday, March 22. We will print your child’s report card at the end of the school year which will display Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4 so you will have an end of the year copy on official CCSD paper. We will also provide your child’s Reading Inventory and Math Inventory score reports for the school year.
- **Free tutoring sessions will end this Thursday, March 28.** We thank you for your support with helping your children stay organized, be prepared for tests and quizzes, and stay on top of their assignments this school year! We plan to start **free tutoring for the 2019-2020 school year in September.**
- We are continuing our school wide efforts to **be as “green” as possible.** Starting in August, we will no longer sell bottles of water. We will be encouraging our students to bring tumblers, etc., with water from home that they can refill with our water fountains. We will be **adding filtered water dispensers** in each Commons and in the gym area over the next few months. In order to raise funds to purchase filtered water dispensers, we will hold a few pajama/hat days this spring. We will be grateful for any donations you can contribute to our effort to be “greener.” We will use this as an opportunity to model **prevention strategies** in addition to recycling to join our greater community effort to reduce plastic circulating in the waste management system.
- I hope you have had a chance to view the information on the new bus locator app provided by the Cobb County School District. For more information on how to download this app, please go to: <https://herecomesthebus.com>.

- We also have a new **Safety Hotline** developed by the CCSD Campus Police Department to provide additional opportunities for students, parents, and community members to report safety concerns to our staff. To view more information about our safety practices, please go to <http://www.cobbshield.com>. We sincerely thank you for your support of our safety measures!
- Please let us know if you have sent an **email to a Simpson staff member**, and you have not received a reply within 48 hours. Some of our incoming emails have been going to our SPAM folders. If you do not receive a reply, please send a note to the teacher or staff member through your child to check the SPAM folder. You can also call the front office and leave a message for the teacher or staff member to check the SPAM folder. We appreciate your patience and understanding when this situation does occur. We will respond to you promptly!

If there is ever anything I can do to be helpful to you or your child, please let me know.

I wish you and your family many happy memories to create together over Spring Break!

Warm Regards,

Ansley K. Daniel

Upcoming dates to remember:

Wednesday, March 27 – Zaxby’s Band Night

Thursday, April 18 – PTSA Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

Disney Parent meeting 7:00

Thursday, April 23 – Quarter 4 Progress Reports

Thursday, April 25 – Parent meeting for rising 8th graders for the Algebra and Algebra with Geometry classes for the 2019-2020 school year

Monday, April 29 – Friday, May 3 - Teacher Appreciation Week

Tuesday, May 14 – 7th grade Olympics

Wednesday, May 15 – 8th grade Olympics

Thursday, May 16 – 6th grade Olympics

Monday, May 20 - 8th grade Awards Night - 6:00

Tuesday, May 21 – Early Release 1:30; 6:45-9:30 8th grade Dance

Wednesday, May 22 – Early Release 1:30