

# STAR NEWS

JULY 2023

Welcome Home!

Greetings Simpson Parents,

Thank you for making Simpson Elementary such an awesome place for our students to learn! **Our theme for the 2023-2024 school year is, "Welcome Home where Superstars Dream BIG, Sparkle MORE, and Shine BRIGHT!"** This theme was inspired by YOU, our family-oriented community which makes EVERYONE feel right at HOME! Your unwavering commitment of love shown to our teachers, administrators, and staff is what makes Simpson feel so special! Having this combined shared spirit of collaboration, enthusiasm, and supporting those in need, is what propels student achievement to even greater heights! I want you all to know that I VALUE each and every one of you! I love telling anyone who will listen, that our school is the MOST giving, caring, and thoughtful place to work! I look forward to you all coming HOME! Back to school orientation/meet your teacher day which will be held on **Thursday, July 27, 2023**. Please make sure that you view the [PTC link](#) via our school website to sign up for an appointment beginning on Monday, July 17th. Please see additional information regarding Meet Your Teacher Day (MYTD), school supplies, transportation, and PTA documents via our school website. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or our administrative team.

Ms. Brandy Bosak-Grades 1st, 3rd, & 5th

Ms. Jeanette Johnson-Grades K, 2nd, & 4th

Ms. Stephanie Wells-Special Needs & Connections

Proud to be your principal,

Dr. Connery





## CALENDAR DATES

**July 27**-Meet Your Teacher Day

**August 2**-First Day of School

**August 17** -PTA Spirit Night-Sushi Osawa

**August 22/24** - First PTA General Members Meeting (during Curriculum Night)

**August 22** - K-2 Curriculum Night 6:00 - 7:00 PM

**August 24** - 3-5 Curriculum Night 6:00-7:00 PM

## OPEN HOUSE - MEET YOUR TEACHER DAY



Simpson Elementary will have **Open House-Meet Your Teacher Day (MYTD)** for the 2023-24 school year on **Thursday, July 27th from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM**. We will allow families to have up to 15-minute intervals each in a classroom to meet their new teachers. Parents will have an opportunity to schedule an appointment time via our Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) link. It will go LIVE on Monday, July 17th on our school website. During MYTD, parents will have the opportunity to verify enrollment information, transportation, pick up pre-ordered school supplies, purchase agenda planners, and receive PTA information. If additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact the main office at 770-417-2400.



## SCHOOL HOURS

**Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM - 4:15 PM**

All visitors must sign-in at the welcome desk and please be prepared to provide some form of identification upon request.

**Staff Hours: Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM \***

*Hours will vary depending on morning staff meetings (Tuesday/Thursday -7 :45 AM - 3:45 PM).*

**Student Hours: Monday - Friday 8:50 AM - 3:20 PM**

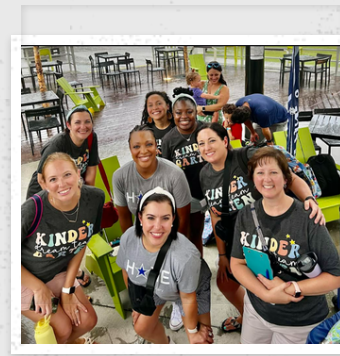
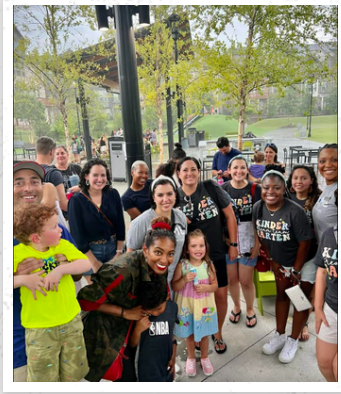
Students should arrive between 8:20 AM- 8:50 AM.



GCPS School Calendar 2023-24 .pdf

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## POPSICLES IN THE PARK, RAIN OR SHINE!!!

New Simpson Kindergarten students and their parents had an awesome opportunity to meet and greet their new teachers at The Town Center with **Popsicles in the Park!** The kindergarten team wanted to engage and connect with their new friends before the start of the school year.



This event took place last Tuesday, July 11th from 5:00 -7:00 PM on the town green. **Thank you very much to the following individuals who took time out of their summer schedule to come out and join us for this awesome event- Ms. Barrett, Ms. Bristow, Ms. Burgess, Ms. Giera, Ms. Reyes, Ms. Williams, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Wells and our PTA President, Ms. Mary Catherine Jennings. ~ Dr. Connery**



### What is PBIS:

PBIS is an evidence-based, data-driven framework proven to reduce disciplinary incidents, increase a school's sense of safety, improve school climate, and support improved academic outcomes for all students.

### Our Focus:

The purpose of PBIS is to establish a climate in which appropriate behavior is the norm by proactively teaching behavioral expectations and acknowledging students for following them. This is a much more positive approach than waiting for misbehavior to occur before responding.

### School Wide Practices

- follow school-wide expectations as documented in schoolwide matrices



- Provide Starbucks to students exhibiting positive behaviors that follow school-wide expectations
- Utilize Starbucks incentive system to reward students following PBIS norms
- Follow the PBIS [flowchart](#) with fidelity when responding to major and minor behaviors

### Classroom Practices

- Create and follow individual classroom matrix
- Utilize and deliver first 10-day lessons and revisit lessons as needed based on class needs
- Create a management system for storing individual student Starbucks
- [Tier I support and interventions](#) should be implemented at the classroom level by the teacher. These strategies and techniques are designed to facilitate a positive and orderly learning environment for all students.
- Document Tier I supports and interventions using the PBIS Leadership Improvement plan; [K-2](#) & [3-5](#)

### Norms

- Five-star behavior expectations: Respectful, Responsible, Ready, Safe, and Kind

**Brains are**



**not born...**

**Play-2-Learn**

**Have you Heard?**

52% of children are **NOT READY** to learn when they enter Kindergarten!



## PLAY2LEARN- HAVE YOU HEARD?

Simpson is excited to offer an opportunity for parents with children ages birth to five!

We are so blessed to have one of our veteran, retired, and former Simpson Kindergarten Teacher, Ms. Sharon Terry! Once again she will be our Play2Learn instructor during the 23-24 SY. Therefore, please help us spread the good news to all of your family and friends, who may have children in this age range to call the school for additional information.

Want to learn more about how to be your child's best teacher through PLAY? Simpson Elementary is now offering the GCPS from Birth-To-FIVE Program for you and your child!

- Learn how to find teachable moments in everyday life activities
- Learn how to engage your child in play
- Learn how to continue play activities at home and on the or anywhere
- Learn about your child's educational milestones
- Learn how to get your child ready for school



## SIMPSON SAFETY PLANS

GCPS will continue to follow strict guidelines as it relates to safety & security by visitors producing identification when inside the vestibule to check out students (as well as during visiting lunch hours). Also, ***lunch visitation will begin immediately after Labor Day.*** Teachers will utilize this time to put PBIS expectations in place for cafeteria-positive behavior.

In addition, we will continue to follow safety guidelines to minimize the risk of infection and/or spread of COVID-19. Therefore, *if anyone in your household becomes sick and has tested positive for COVID-19, please contact our school nurse, Amy Norris, and/or your grade level administrator, immediately.*

## NEED AFTERSCHOOL CARE?



23-24 flyer with QR code.pdf

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YMCA Afterschool 2023-2024 Parent Flyer - English.pdf

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YMCA Afterschool 2023-2024 Parent Flyer - Spanish.pdf

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<https://www.gcpsk12.org/SimpsonES>

Georgia Platinum Award 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2016 and 2019!

2010 Georgia School of Excellence!

2012 and 2018 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence!

Proud to be a  
**National PTA<sup>®</sup>**  
**School of**  
**Excellence**



**2021-2023**



**Simpson  
Elementary**

**PTA**



The PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Become a partner and [donate](#) today!

When you join the Parent Teacher Association at Simpson Elementary by giving your time, talent and resources, you join our collective efforts in promoting quality education, arts, and community involvement to build a healthy environment and safe neighborhood for all of our families. Because of the generous support from our parents, grandparents, teachers, staff and business partners we are able to offer many academic and social opportunities that may not otherwise be able to take place.

Did you know the Simpson PTA sponsors and coordinates over **30 programs** each school year through the generous support of our Simpson families and business partners? Every dollar raised goes directly to programs and events that benefit our Simpson Superstar students, staff, and facilities.

Visit our [website](#) today to :

- Become a [PTA member](#)
- [Donate](#) to our PTA programs
- Stay connected to upcoming events
- Contact us with your questions or volunteer interest

Join our [PTA Facebook page](#) as another way to stay connected.

*Looking forward to making this a great school year with you!*

## REFLECTIONS





2023-2024

**CALL FOR  
ENTRIES!**

**I am  
Hopeful  
Because...**

**Explore the arts and  
express yourself!**



**Learn more and get involved!  
[PTA.org/Reflections](https://PTA.org/Reflections)**

The [PTA Reflections Contest](#) is a fun opportunity for students to get creative and share their thoughts and feelings on a provided theme. This year's theme is *"I am hopeful because..."* Please click on the image to learn more. We are so excited to see what our Superstars create this year!

Stay tuned for registration information.

Please contact [reflections@simpsonespta.org](mailto:reflections@simpsonespta.org) with any questions.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**July 27** | Meet Your Teacher Day, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM - click [here](#) to schedule time with your teacher

**August 2** | First Day of School for All Students

**August 11** | Charleston Wrap Fundraiser Kicks Off

**August 16** | Class Coordinator Orientation 5:30 - 7:00 PM



**August 17** | Spirit Night

**August 18** | Class Coordinator Orientation 9:00 - 10:30 AM

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Keep your eye on the [PTA website](#) for updates and important dates.