

Dear Simonton Families,

The first day of school is quickly approaching and I want to welcome you all to the 2015-2016 school year. If this is your first year at Simonton, I would like to thank you for choosing our campus. I am very excited about the opportunities each new year presents. Since our school has been named a Leader in Me campus, I am especially optimistic about this year's potential.

I would like to share some important dates with you:

- **Meet the Teacher:** Tuesday, August 4th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
This is an opportunity for you and your child to meet your child's teacher in an informal setting.
- **Class lists** will be posted in the cafeteria. **These lists are final and schedule changes will not be made.**
- **First Day of School:** August 5th. Students may begin arriving at campus at 7:55, please do not send students prior to that time as we do not have adult supervision. The first bell will ring at 8:10 and class begins promptly at 8:15.
- **Wednesdays are early release days.** Students will be dismissed at 1:35 each Wednesday, with the exception of August 5th. **Our first day of school is a full day and not an early release.**
- **Kindergarten** students who are not transported by bus will be picked up outside their classroom at dismissal times. Please wait by the door outside the kindergarten hallway to pick-up your child. Parents who drive will need to pull into the parking area and walk over to the Kindergarten building to get their children. Please remember to always use the crosswalk. Kindergarten students may also be picked up by older siblings but this needs to be arranged in advance and communicated by a parent to the teacher. Bus riders will be escorted to the bus by school staff.
- **PTO** has generously agreed to provide popcorn during our Meet the Teacher Night. They are also recruiting new members in the cafeteria. We have many volunteer opportunities. Our first big event is coming soon and we need parents interested in helping out with our 2nd Annual Spooktacular.
- **Simonton is now on social media!** You can follow us on twitter: @simontonrocks or you can 'like' our page on facebook- search for SimontonStallions (one word).

Simonton is proud to be a Leader in Me school. We honor the individual genius of every child. We look forward to a positive year working in close cooperation with our families.

Sincerely,

Bradley Shepstead, Principal  
Simonton Elementary- Great Happens Here!