

The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 1/28/24

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

It is hard to believe, but this coming Friday is already the halfway point of the third quarter of the school year. That means it is time to check <u>ParentVue</u> and assure that there are no surprise grades at this point in the grading period. Every 4.5 weeks, we take time to recognize our students automatically for doing what we expect them to do every day at McClure. This is done by awarding students blocks of points in PBIS Rewards. Students receive the following points for just doing what they are supposed to do:

- All As 30 Points
- As & Bs 20 Points
- Cs or Better 10 Points
- Perfect Attendance 10 Points
- No Minor Referrals 10 Points
- No Missing Assignments 10 Points

Thank you for taking time to have a conversation with your student about how many points they will be earning this Friday!

Sincerely, Cory Stanley

Big CCSD Event!

Grade Check – Last year, for the second year in a row, the Cobb County School District was the top district in the nation raising funds for the American Heart Association, and McClure was the #1 middle school! We want to continue those winning ways again this year! By participating in the American Heart Challenge, you have the opportunity to raise awareness and funds for congenital heart defects, CPR training, mental well-being and more as we work to end heart disease and stroke. Along the way you'll meet some of the kids you're helping while learning about mind and body health. Plus, our school can earn money for P.E. equipment and your student can earn fun thank you gifts! Our program will run February 1-16, 2024. The first step is to REGISTER! Anyone raising \$10 or more will be eligible to participate in Fast Tracks fun on February 15th from 8:00-8:50am. Plus, the top fundraising homerooms in each grade level will earn points for their McClure Olympic Country. The minimum to participate in our event is \$10. Students can either donate or raise the \$10 online. Here's how to get started:

- Download the free American Heart Challenge app, <u>Register Online</u>, or scan the QR Code →
- Send texts or emails to friends and family to ask for donations.
- Watch the <u>Hands-Only CPR Video</u> and learn how to save a life.
- BONUS: Earn thank-you gifts for raising funds online!

Mission:

One Team, One Goal, Student Success

Vision:

A school of excellence where all students succeed

McClure Motto: DARE to Be a Maverick!

2023-24 Theme: Best in the West!

Maverick - noun /'mav(ə)rik/

A trendsetter who is not afraid to walk a new path. A Maverick leads others by <u>encouraging</u> <u>excellence</u>, <u>enthusiasm</u>, and <u>ingenuity</u>.



DARE to Be a Maverick!

Operational

- 7th Grade Battleship How would you like to spend a morning with your 7th Grade student(s) playing one of McClure's best PE games? Well, you can! Here's an opportunity for you to perform two amazing feats all in one morning: 1) Play Battleship with/against your student, 2) Donate \$2.00 to the American Heart Association. We are doing some great things at McClure to participate in National Heart Month, and Parent/Student Battleship is one of them. So, join us Wednesday, February 14th from 8:00 to 8:50 am in the gym for "BE SMART BATTLE 2 A HEALTHY HEART". We ask that you wear some type of athletic shoes to participate and bring \$2.00 (to be donated to the American Heart Association). If you should have any questions, feel free to reach out to <u>Coach Scott Hausdorf</u>. See you on Valentine's Day! You will have fun, trust us.
- **PBIS Carnival** At the end of this semester, McClure will be hosting a PBIS Carnival for our students who demonstrate positive behavior during the second semester of the school year. There will be a rock-climbing wall, inflatables, a dunk tank, and many other activities for our students. The PBIS Carnival will not cost students any dollars to attend, thanks to Apex Games; however, it will cost them 400 PBIS Rewards Points. They have all of January, February, March, April, and May to collect these points, but now is the time to start saving! How many points does your Maverick have? You can find out in the PBIS Rewards Family App (Available on the App Store or Google Play). Contact our front office if you need assistance!

February Calendar – See the February Calendar of Events for all things going on at McClure next month!

- Olympic T-Shirt Design Olympic T-shirt design contest is here! Any student interested in creating a design for this year's Olympic shirt should pick up an information sheet from Mrs. Heyser or Coach Smith. All entries MUST be turned in to Mrs. Heyser or Coach Smith by Wednesday, February 14th! No entries will be taken after this date.
- Girls Who Code The Girls who Code club will resume on Monday, February 5th at 4:30 pm in the LLC. Parents, please plan to pick your students up by 5:20pm.
- Outside Food & Drinks In order to assure that our building remains clean and beautiful, this is a reminder that outside food and beverages are not allowed in the hallways and classrooms at McClure (except for special events). On regular school days, if a student walks in with Starbucks or Chick-fil-A, they must either finish it at the door or throw it away. So, don't go out of your way to run through the drive-thru right before school!
- Attendance Corner Please provide documentation anytime a student misses class time due to checking in late, checking out early, or absent all day. If your student is absent due to doctor or dental appointment, please provide documentation from the doctor to excuse the absence. All attendance notes must be received within 3 days of absence. Send communication to McclureMSSupport@cobbk12.org.
- Addams Family Tickets on Sale Now So many questions to be answered but only if you attend one of our shows: Thursday, February 1 through Saturday, February 3. Find out if true love wins out for Wednesday and Lucas. Will Fester finally connect with the love of his life? Will Morticia forgive Gomez for his treachery and deceit? Whose Grandma is she anyway? Will Mal give up his uptight ways? Will Alice finally take charge? You know you need answers! Order Your Tickets Now!
- Yearbook Have you ordered your yearbook yet? Don't miss this opportunity we always sell out of books! Order Here!



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Operational (Cont.)

Family Needs Assessment – Our School Social Worker, Ms. Tyeisha Williams, does an amazing job supporting families in our community. However, we do not always know when there are community needs. She would appreciate your taking time to complete <u>This Survey</u> to share concerns you may have in your household. Also, if you know of families that have needs she might assist with, please feel free to <u>Email Her</u> directly. Thank you!

PTSA

School Store – The Trading Post school store will continue to be open Tuesdays and Fridays. Isometric notebooks for Technology (\$6) and sketch books for art class (\$4) are available for purchase. We also have great deals on school supplies! The store also will be selling Valentine's Day items for \$1-\$5 beginning this week. Come check out our new items!

Questions – Email mcclureptsa@gmail.com

Foundation

Foundation Impact – The McClure Foundation works in continual partnership with McClure to support innovation and instruction. The foundation has renovated two learning spaces (now known as STEM Lab 6 & STEM Lab 7), they have added digital bulletin boards to our lobby, and they have upgraded all the equipment for our student-run broadcast. See pictures of these projects below:



Their next project is replacing and upgrading the soundboard in the McClure Theater. This update will be occurring over February Break. Have you <u>Partnered with the McClure Foundation</u>? Do not miss an opportunity to be a part of ongoing improvement at McClure and assure McClure's facilities continue to be *Best in the West!*

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Community Events

Harrison Lacrosse – See This Flyer on an upcoming Harrison LAX fundraising event!

West Cobb Library – See This Flyer for February teen programs at the West Cobb Library!

- Jr. Mustangs Swim & Dive The swimming and diving season is just about to begin for the Jr. Mustangs. There is no experience necessary to participate. See <u>This Flyer</u> for details.
- After School Program Did you know that Kennesaw Parks & Recreation transports students every day directly from McClure to the Ben Robertson Community Center for their after-school program? This is a great service that includes tutoring support for academics as well as recreation for students. See <u>This Flyer</u> for details.

Upcoming Dates

- 2/1-16 American Heart Challenge
- 2/1 School Musical @ 7:00pm
- 2/2 3rd Quarter Midpoint
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- 2/3 School Musical @ 2:00pm & 7:00pm
- 2/5 Girls Who Code Club @ 4:30 in the LLC
- 2/15 American Heart Association Fast Tracks in the Gym @ 8:00