



# The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 12/10/23

## Principal's Note

McClure Families,

It is hard to believe, but there is just over one week left in the first half of the 2023-24 school year. We have only five more full days and two early release days to make sure quarter two grades look the way we want them to look. When we roll over into the new year, student's grades from this quarter will be posted before the students ever return to campus. So, if something needs to be fixed, this is the week to do it! Parents, thank you for taking a moment to check [ParentVue](#) (AGAIN) to make sure things are looking good. If they are not, this is the week to contact teachers to see what can be done. We reference the DARE expectations at McClure continually throughout each school day. However, the D for Determined and the A for Accountable are the letters I personally speak about the most. Those students who are willing to work hard and persevere through challenges, and those students who assure the jobs assigned to them are done, even when an exciting holiday is approaching, are the students who are already on their way to being very successful adults. Thank you for your partnership with us as together we continue to foster these skills in all our Mavericks!

Sincerely,  
Cory Stanley

## Shout Outs

**Reflections Winners** – Congratulations to the following Mavericks who were recognized in this year's PTSA Reflections Contest. Their entries are now being sent on to the State PTA for judging. We will be celebrating these students on Monday, December 18 at 8:30 with a celebration breakfast!

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Bhuvana Kruthi Sonti – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Visual Arts
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Tanvika Karavalla – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Visual Arts & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Literature
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Eva Sotello – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Dance Choreography  
Ava Freeman – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Visual Arts

**Spelling Bee Champion** – Congratulations to 7th grader, Kara Dinh, 2023-2024 Spelling Bee Champion. Kara survived a McClure record-breaking 27 rounds with words such as dendrochronology, lanthanides, and retinitis pigmentosa. Kara's championship word was quinta. It was our longest spelling bee ever and the participants were so impressive. We are so proud of every single one of them. Congratulations again to Kara who will move on to the county competition which will be held at Kell High School on January 20th!

## Mission:

*One Team, One Goal,  
Student Success*

## Vision:

*A school of excellence  
where all students  
succeed*

## McClure Motto:

*DARE to Be a Maverick!*

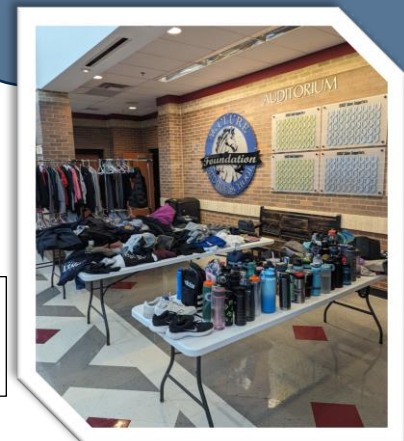
## 2023-24 Theme:

*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 encouraging  
excellence, enthusiasm,  
and ingenuity.*

The [Lost and Found](#) is in the lobby. Come check it out before it goes to charity!



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## Shout Outs (Cont.)

**Students of the Month** – Congratulations to the following December Students of the Month! We will be celebrating them this Wednesday, 12/13, at 8:00 in the LLC.

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| Sophia Greiner | Zola Amsterdam |
| Nick Glisson   | Ethan Young    |
| Aisha Patel    | John Skopitz   |
| Beau Paris     | Miles Herndon  |
| Ishan Chande   | Brekon Thomas  |
| Brinley Long   |                |

**District Honor Band** – Congratulations to the following students who were selected for the District Honor Band. There were almost 700 students who tried out from all middle schools in Cobb County and Marietta City Schools for only 150 spots, and these students earned a top spot!

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|----------------|----------------------|
| Emme Lavigne   | Layla Hardeman       |
| Maya Peleshock | Noah Londono         |
| Miriam Sich    | Caleb Weaver         |
| Peyton Suddath | Zoey Fru             |
| Prisha Gambhir | Christopher Hausdorf |

**All State Band** – Congratulations to the following Mavericks who have made it to the state level in their auditions for All-State Band.

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|--------------|----------------------|
| Emme Lavigne | Noah Londono         |
| Miriam Sich  | Christopher Hausdorf |

## Instructional

**McClure Tutoring** – Our core content area teams in each grade level are here to support our students before and after school.

See the [McClure Tutoring Schedule](#) for details. Thank you for the additional effort on your part to get students in early and pick them up late so that they can attend tutoring sessions.

## Operational

**Lost & Found** – At the end of the semester, we make a charitable donation with all items from the [Lost & Found](#). We have moved these items into the school entryway so that you can come get what you have paid for before it is given to a good cause. If you are coming in for a concert this next week, please check it out!

**Gift Card Drive** – Each year at McClure, we pool gift cards for our families in need. We find this is an easier way for families to get involved during a busy time of year than other options like a giving tree. See [This Flyer](#) for details and drop off cards for Publix, Kroger, Walmart, or Target at our front office through Friday, December 15. Thank you for helping McClure families in need this holiday season!

**Yearbook** – Finish the year strong by ordering your yearbook! The yearbook staff is working hard to make this book bigger and better than last year, and we know you are going to love the results. Order now and avoid the price increase that is coming in January! You can reserve your book by using [This Link](#).

**Girls Who Code** – The Girls who Code club will meet tomorrow, Monday, December 11th. Our next meeting will not be until after the winter break, and we will meet on January 8th at 4:30. Please plan to pick your students up by 5:30.

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## Operational (Cont.)

**December Calendar** – Keep up with all things McClure with the [McClure December Calendar](#).

**Parent Survey** – Each year, the GA Department of Education requires schools to participate in [GA Parent Survey](#). Data from this survey impacts our school climate rating, which is a part of CCRPI (Career and College Readiness Performance Index). Please take a moment to complete [This Year's Survey](#). We appreciate your time!

**Last Days Schedules** – The last two days of the semester are early release days. You can see the schedule for those days [Here](#).

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exam Schedule** – At the end of the semester there are several important summative assessments for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Please see the [8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exam Schedule](#) for details.

## PTSA

**Holiday Shopping** – The Trading Post school store will be selling holiday gifts for students to purchase for their families. Gifts range from \$1-8 each and gift wrapping will be provided. This is a great opportunity for students to do their holiday shopping while supporting the PTSA! The store will have extended hours all week. It will open at 8:15am (during study hall) and close at 9:10am Monday through Friday. The store is located in the media and music hallway. Students are encouraged to visit the store before going to homeroom.

**Holiday Celebration Snacks Needed** – McClure Middle School is organizing a Holiday Celebration on 12/19 and has asked us to provide snacks for EVERY student! We are so excited to support this fun event and we'd love your help making sure every student gets a sweet snack, a salty snack, and a soda. Please review the available slots on the [Sign-Up Genius](#). (We are asking for specific items - in years past, we offered too many choices and the lines were crazy long.) Donations need to be dropped off in the McClure Front Office by Wednesday, 12/13. Thank you!

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Shirts** - If you would like to purchase your 8th grade class shirt, please visit the [PTSA Memberhub](#). This is a special shirt designed for the 8th grade class of 2024. The cost is \$15.00. If you purchased a Bundle in the beginning of the school year your shirt was included. The deadline for ordering is December 15.

**Thank you** – Thank you to North Metro Church for providing another month of food for our weekend bags to families in need. Your generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated!

**Questions** – Email [mcclureptsa@gmail.com](mailto:mcclureptsa@gmail.com)

## Foundation

**Annual Engagement Drive** – The McClure Foundation would like to encourage all our Maverick families to participate in the Annual Engagement Drive! The Foundation provides funding for projects at McClure that go beyond what the district can offer, such as our updated S.T.E.M. Labs and new digital bulletin boards. Help us raise \$10,000 to purchase additional AV equipment. Families can support our incredible school by giving a \$25 or more with 3 ways to give:

- Buy a personalized lobby horseshoe
- Schedule a birthday message on the marquee
- Make a monetary donation

Check out [This Flyer](#) for more information and to donate online today!



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## Community Events

**HHS Football** – The head coach of Harrison High School Football, Josh Cassidy, will be visiting McClure on Wednesday, 12/13 to talk with any 8<sup>th</sup> grade student interested in playing football at Harrison. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

**Percy Jackson Event** – On December 20, the West Cobb Library will be hosting a Percy Jackson Launch Party. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

**Allatoona Lacrosse** – Allatoona has opened its youth lacrosse registration. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

**KMHS Cadet Guard** – The Kennesaw Mountain Band in forming a Cadet Guard. See [This Flyer](#) 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 [This Flyer](#) for details.

## Upcoming Dates

- 12/11 – Girls Who Code Club (4:15-5:15)
- 12/11 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Concert @ 6:30PM
- 12/12 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Concert @ 6:30
- 12/12 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Concert @ 7:15
- 12/13 – Student of the Month @ 8:00 in the LLC (S.S.)
- 12/13 – [Harrison High School Football Visit](#)
- 12/13 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Concert @ 6:30
- 12/14 – NJHS Meeting @ 8:00
- 12/14 – 7-1, 8-2, and Jazz Band Concert @ 6:30
- 12/15 – 7-2 & 8-1 Band Concert @ 6:30