



The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 2/4/24

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

I hope that you had a great weekend and that you were able to join us for the amazing performance(s) of Addams Family the Musical! It was great! This week we celebrate National School Counseling Week. We have two tremendous counselors at McClure: Ms. Stacye Sledge and Ms. Kristie Gordon. Together they support our students, faculty, and families in myriad of ways, not limited to:

- One-on-one support
- Small group sessions
- Classroom lessons
- New student induction
- Standardized testing
- 5th – 6th grade transition
- 8th – 9th grade transition
- Community resources
- Families in need
- Medical care

We are so thankful for our counselors and all they do for our community at McClure. Please join me in our celebration of Ms. Sledge and Ms. Gordon this week!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Shout Outs

Addams Family Cast & Crew – BRAVO! A huge shout out to the nearly 100 students who put on the amazing musical performance of *The Addams Family* last week and over the weekend! Students performed Wednesday for our fifth-grade neighbors from Bullard Elementary and then had shows Thursday night, Friday night, and two shows on Saturday. Putting on a show is a huge undertaking, and our students wowed the crowd in every performance. Also, we must celebrate our amazing staff team who lead the production of the show: Missy Burchette, Clare Crowe, Paul Gandolfo, Jenn Heyser, Nic Johnson, Kelsey Born, and Valerie Hodge. Kudos to all involved! BRAVO!



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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!

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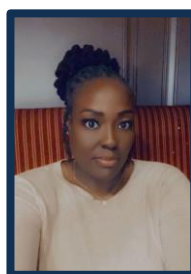
*A trendsetter who is not
afraid to walk a new
path. A Maverick leads
others by encouraging
excellence, enthusiasm,
and ingenuity.*



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Shout Outs (Cont.)

National School Counseling Week – This week we celebrate our amazing school counselors. Ms. Stacye Sledge and Ms. Kristie Gordon do amazing work for our students, our families, and our staff. Whether it is facilitating classroom lessons, meeting with student individually or in small groups, supporting families in need, providing parents with supports to help their children at home, meeting and greeting our new enrollees, or myriad other tasks they undertake each day, these ladies do an amazing job. We are lucky to have them at McClure! Please give them some extra love on this their special week!



Students of the Month – Shout out to our February Students of the Month! These students were selected by our math team and will be celebrate on Thursday, 2/29 at 8:00am in the McClure LLC. Look for a McClure Student of the Month yard sign in your neighborhood!

Katherine Anderson
Tanvika Karavalla
Cade Keller
Kaylin Roser
Bailey Brand

Jossiah Morris
Danielle Roberts
Brantley Weems
Sirleny Cifuentes
Journey Hoard



Girls Who Code – Shout out to 7th grade student Tanvika Karavalla, who placed 3rd in last Saturday's coding competition at Kennesaw Mountain High School!

Big CCSD Event!

American Heart Challenge – 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, [Register Online](#), or scan →
- Send texts or emails to friends and family to ask for donations.
- Watch the [Hands-Only CPR Video](#) and learn how to save a life.
- BONUS: Earn thank-you gifts for raising funds online!



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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

KMHS Rising 9th – Kennesaw Mountain High School invites our rising 9th grade students (members of the Class of 2028) and their families to join us for our Parent Meeting on Thursday, February 15, at 6:00 PM in the Susan Gunderman Theater. The meeting will provide important information about Kennesaw Mountain, the high school transition, and course registration. Clubs and athletic teams will have representatives in the cafeteria from 5:30 PM to 5:50 PM and immediately following the meeting. Please visit the [Curriculum and Scheduling Website](#) for more registration information. We look forward to meeting our future Mustangs on February 15th! See This Flyer for details.



Harrison Rising 9th – Harrison High School's 8th Grade Open house is scheduled for this Thursday, 2/8 at 6:00. Doors open at 5:00. See [This Flyer](#) for Details. Also, join the Harrison team each Friday morning in February and March from 8:30-9:30 am to have your questions answered. See [This Flyer](#) for details.



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.

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 [Coach Scott Hausdorf](#). See you on Valentine's Day! You will have fun, trust us.

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.

PTSA

Candy Grams – The PTSA will be selling Candy Grams in the school's atrium on Friday (2/9), Monday (2/12), and Tuesday (2/13) for \$1 each. Candy Grams will be delivered on Valentine's Day (2/14)!



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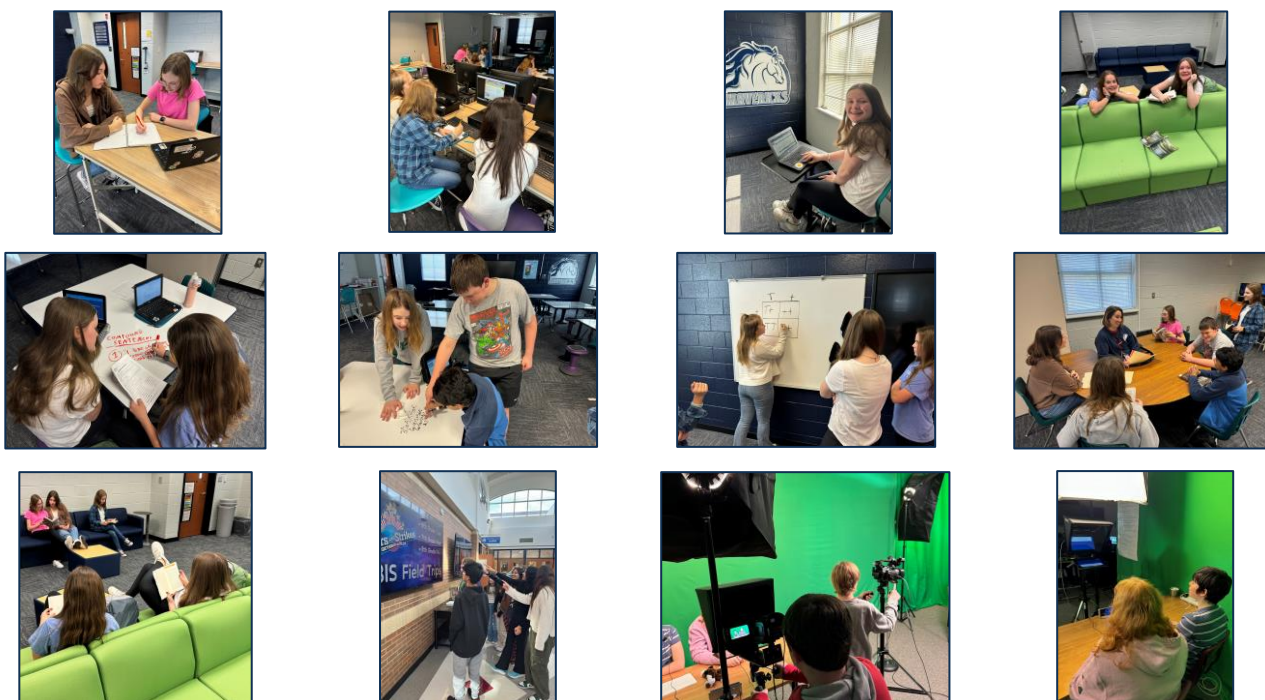
Parent Prep 101 – Parent Prep 101 is a webinar designed for 7th-11th grade parents and a WIN/WIN for you and your school. The ideal time to start the college prep process is in middle school before your student takes a high school level class. You will receive helpful information on what to expect over the next several years, a timeline to follow, and what your student can be doing now to prepare for that college application. You will learn about GaFutures, Grants, HOPE scholarships, Naviance, how to help your athlete get recruited, and when to take the ACT and SAT. You will feel more prepared and able to help your student find a college that is the right fit for them. The webinar price is \$65 and \$10 goes back to your school's PTSA. The price will include a private Facebook group for additional information and ongoing support. Once the registration form and payment is received*, a zoom ID link for your session will be sent to you. If you have any questions please text Trisha Caputo at 678-777-7141 or email at parentprep101@gmail.com. Register [Here](#).

*No refunds will be given once payment is received



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 [Partnered with the McClure Foundation](#)? 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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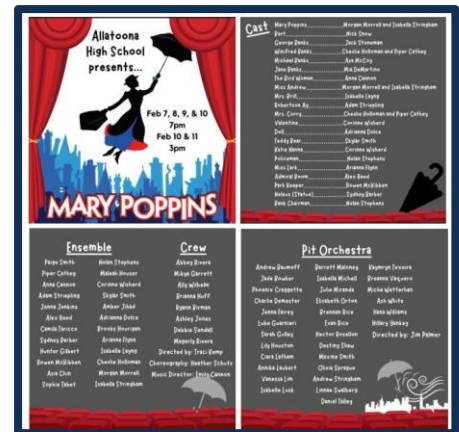
Community Events

Kennesaw Mountain Fest – Kennesaw Mountain High School and Cobb County School District are hosting [Kennesaw Mountainfest](#) on April 13th. It will be a family fun day with children's activities including a variety of inflatables, a petting zoo, face painting and kid's games. We are offering [Discounted Play All Day Wristbands Here](#) for the inflatables play area. There will also be 80-100 craft, product and service vendors.

There will be live musical entertainment performances from multiple CCSD school groups and professional groups all day. In the evening, we are excited to offer a concert featuring DEPARTURE, the nation's greatest JOURNEY tribute band. VIP tickets with table meal and beverage service are available. [Purchase DEPARTURE Tickets Here](#)



Allatoona Drama Presents *Mary Poppins* – The Allatoona High School Drama Department would like to invite everyone to join them for their performance of "Mary Poppins" next week, February 7th -11th at Allatoona High School. The shows will be on Wednesday Thursday, and Friday, 2/7, 2/8, and 2/9 at 7pm, Saturday 2/10 at 3pm and 7pm and a final matinee show on Sunday, 2/11 at 3pm. You can purchase tickets for all shows online [HERE](#). The role of Mary Poppins is double cast, with Morgan Morrell playing the role of Mary on Wednesday night, Friday night, and Saturday at 3pm, and Isabella Stringham playing the role of Mary Poppins on Thursday night, Saturday night, and Sunday at 3pm. The role of Winifred Banks is also double cast. Piper Cathy will be playing the role of Winifred Banks Wednesday night, Friday night, and Saturday at 3pm, and Chezlie Holloman will be playing the role of Winifred Banks Thursday night, Saturday night, and Sunday at 3pm.



GA Pistols Basketball – The Georgia Pistols AAU basketball team is having upcoming high school tryouts. See [This Flyer](#) for information.

West Cobb Library – See [This Flyer](#) for February teen programs at the West Cobb Library!

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

- 2/1-16 – American Heart Challenge
- 2/5-9 National School Counseling Week
- 2/5 – Girls Who Code Club @ 4:30 in the LLC
- 2/6 – Harrison High School 8th Grade Open House @ 6:00
- 2/7 – PTSA Executive Cabinet @ 9:30 in the PDR
- 2/7 – PTSA General Meeting @ 10:00 in the PDR
- 2/7-11 – Allatoona Dram Presents *Mary Poppins*
- 2/8 – NJHS @ 8:00am
- 2/8 – Culver's Spirit Night @ Culver's of Kennesaw (Due West Road)
- 2/14 – 7th Grade Student/Parent Battleship (Volleyball) in the Gym @ 8:00
- 2/15 – American Heart Association Fast Tracks in the Gym @ 8:00
- 2/15 – KMHS Rising 9th Grade Night @ 6:00