

The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition - 2/5/23

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

This week we celebrate National School Counselors Appreciation Week. We have two tremendous counselors at McClure: Ms. Stacye Sledge, and Ms. Wendy Sherer. Together, they support our students, faculty, and families in myriad of ways, not limited to:

- One-on-one support
- Small group sessions
- Classroom lessons
- Helping conduct testing
- 5th 6th Grade Transition
- 8th 9th Grade Transition
- Coordinating Community Resources
- Supporting Families in Need
- Connecting Students with 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. Sherer this week!

Sincerely, Cory Stanley

Instructional

McClure Tutoring – Don't forget that there are additional support sessions available for your student through the McClure Tutoring Program. Students can attend the sessions of any teacher on their grade level, even if it is not "their teacher." Our teachers work in collaborative teams, and all are working on the same learning targets at the same time. Thank you for taking time to drop your Maverick off early or pick them up late so that they can participate in tutoring!

Operational

Outside Drinks – As adults, many of us start our days with a stop at a coffee shop for a tasty beverage. Our students love those treats as well. However, at McClure we only allow students to travel the building with water as spills become an issue. So, if a student walks in the building in the morning with a sweet treat, they must finish it or trash it prior to heading to class. Thank you for keeping this in mind when deciding what size beverage to buy your Maverick in the mornings!

Mission:

One Team, One Goal, Student Success

Vision:

A school of excellence where all students succeed

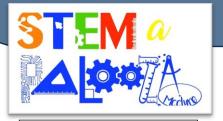
McClure Motto:

DARE to Be a Maverick!

2022-23 Theme:

We're not just lucky...
We're good!

Maverick - noun /'mav(a)rik/
A trendsetter who is not afraid to walk a new path. A Maverick leads others by encouraging excellence, enthusiasm, and ingenuity.



Save the Date! STEMapalooza is March 16th!

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Operational (Cont.)

American Heart Association – Last year, the Cobb County School District was the top district in the nation raising funds for the American Heart Association. 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. Plus, our school can earn money for P.E. equipment and your student can earn fun thank you gifts! Our program will run February 1-14, 2023. The first step is to REGISTER! Anyone raising \$10 or more will be eligible to participate in Fast Tracks Fun on February 14th. 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. All students are invited to register and join in the fundraising campaign online and earn individual thank-you gifts! Here's how to get started:

- Download the free American Heart Challenge app or register online Here.
- 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!

Harrison 9th **Grade** – Rising 9th grade Harrison families, Harrison counselors are hosting transition talks every Friday February-March 8:30-9:30AM. Click <u>This Flyer</u> for the TEAMS link.

8th **Grade Registration** – Please see <u>This Updated List</u> of important dates for your 8th grade student when it comes to high school registration.

PTSA

Susan Wing Scholarship – The McClure PTSA awards a \$1000 each year to a high school senior who attended McClure. Susan Wing, the first principal at McClure Middle School, established four pillars for how the staff would go about it's day to day work with students and with each other: Encouraging, Excellence, Enthusiasm, Ingenuity. Applicants should demonstrate these qualities as well! See This Flyer for details on how to apply. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2023.

Candy Grams – Candy grams will be sold Thursday, Friday, and Monday (February 10th) in the atrium for \$2. These freeze-dried candy treats will be distributed in homeroom on Valentine's Day!

Culver's Spirit Night – Thursday, 2/9 is Culver's Spirit Night from 5:00-8:00pm. A portion of all sales will be donated to McClure PTSA! Click Here to Volunteer!

STEMapalooza – Please Save the Date for this fun, free, family STEM event that is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, from 6-8 p.m. here at McClure. There will be many STEM activities led by our McClure teachers including making slime, lava lamps, balloon rocket races, and ice cream! There will be outside presentations by the Cobb K-9 Unit, Raptors from the Wings of SOAR Program, and Cobb Watershed's Snakes of Georgia. We'll have food available for purchase with cash or credit card. See the STEMapalooza Flyer for details!

Foundation

Birthday Wishes – Send a happy birthday message to your Maverick! Birthday messages are just \$25 and they're a great way to make your student or favorite faculty member feel special. Each message is displayed on McClure's digital marquee on the school's sign on the school day of your choice. Plus, each message fuels the mission of the McClure Foundation.

Pro tip: If your Maverick's birthday is during the summer, schedule a message in December! Purchase your message at the Foundation Store.



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Community Events

Due West Lego Night – On Friday, February 10, Due West Elementary's Foundation is hosting a Lego Building Contest. They will have a middle school division as well. See This Flyer for details on entry and prizes!

Junior Mustangs XC – The Junior Mustangs Cross Country Team will start their Spring Conditioning in March. All rising 6th - 8th graders are invited to join us. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, please visit www.jrmustangsxc.com

Allatoona Spring Girls Basketball Camp – See <u>This Flyer</u> for the first ever Allatoona Girls Basketball Skills Camp. Registration is open through March 1st and can be found <u>Here</u>.

GA Pistols Tryouts – The Ga. Pistols are a well-established basketball club for the Spring and Summer and our primary focus is player development and fundamentals. This focus has led to many AAU and YBOA State Championships and a few AAU National Championships. Over 350 of our players have gone on to play college basketball and some onto professional basketball. We work in harmony and in supports of high school basketball programs. See <u>This Flyer</u> for tryout details.

Upcoming Dates

- 2/6-2/10 School Counselor Appreciation Week
- 2/9-13 Candy Grams for sale before school for \$2
- 2/9 Culver's Spirit Night (5:00-8:00) Click Here to Volunteer!
- 2/10 Due West Lego Contest Night
- 3/16 STEMapalooza (6:00-8:00)





