



The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 3/24/24

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

Across all schools in Cobb, and across America, March is the most challenging month for in-school behavior. It's springtime and students are ready to get outside and enjoy the warm weather! Can you blame them? So, as you can imagine, sitting in a classroom is not the ideal setting for an 11, 12, 13, or 14 year-old this time of year and impulsive behaviors tend to arise. At McClure, knowing this is the case, we planned ahead to deliver a weekly incentive for each grade level that maintained minimal behavior infractions. Students love PJ days and hat days, so we let them earn those each week their grade levels were successful. But, students go to school to learn math, science, social studies, ELA, etc; why all this talk about behavior? Because the better students behave the better everyone learns, and the more time teachers can spend providing instruction. You can't have one without the other. So, how is it working? This month, our student discipline is down almost 60% from last year, meaning student learning has been maximized in March. Fantastic! This week, we are offering an extended outdoor lunch and free time outside as an incentive to keep this trend going. Thank you for redelivering this message at home and for all you do to support your Maverick's positive behavior. Have a great last week prior to Spring Break!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Shout Outs

Band LGPE – Congratulations to both 7th grade bands and both 8th grade bands! All four groups did amazingly well at LGPE, with superior ratings across the board. Shout out to Ms. Rider and Ms. McCardel for all the work preparing these amazing ensembles. Bravo!

Special Event

Solar Eclipse – Monday April 8 will be a total solar eclipse. For this reason, CCSD will be conducting an early release day. See the schedule for that day [Here](#).

Instructional

Student Laptops – Accessing the curriculum in today's day and age means that your Maverick needs to have their charged student laptop and power cord every day. Both of these items will be integral to success on the upcoming Milestones Assessments as well. If your student has misplaced their charging cord, a replacement can be purchased [Here](#).

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.*



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Operational

April Calendar – Keep up with all things McClure next month with the [McClure April Calendar of Events](#).

Volunteers – We love our volunteers. McClure is hosting a [Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast](#) on Friday, April 19 @ 9:30 in the McClure LLC. RSVP [Here](#). We hope you can join us!

Q3 Honor Roll – Our Honor Roll celebrations for the third quarter will be Wednesday, 4/10 at the following times in the McClure Theater:

- 8th Grade – 10:00 am
- 7th Grade – 1:00 pm
- 6th Grade – 3:00 pm

Lunch Swap – The McClure Café will be swapping the menu on Monday and Friday of next week. This will allow us to facilitate our Friday outdoor lunch more easily. The menu can be seen [Here](#). So, Monday will be a hamburger day and Friday will be chicken tenders.

NJHS Application – McClure Middle School hosts a chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Current McClure 6th and 7th grade students may apply for acceptance into next year's chapter. See [This Flyer](#) for application details.

Yearbook Sales Ending Soon – There are still yearbooks available for this year, but the number is limited! The [Yearbook Order Center](#) is open but will close soon. Place your order before it is too late. Any books not preordered will be available on distribution day for \$50 (however, we cannot guarantee that there will be books available at that time).

8th Grade Battleship – Our 6th grade parents have done it and our 7th grade parents also thrived! 8th grade parents, it's your turn to participate in student-parent battleship! No, it's not the boardgame. It's a 4-way volleyball-type game that is a lot of fun! The event will be taking place THIS Tuesday, March 26. See [This Memo](#) from the McClure Wellness Committee for all the details.

Rising 6th Grade Parent Night – It is hard to believe but it is almost time for our future 6th grade students and future 6th grade parents to come visit us in preparation for next year! On Thursday, April 11 our rising 6th grade students from Bullard, Due West, Frey, and Lewis will be visiting us during the school days for their first taste of life at McClure. One week later, on Thursday, April 18, we will host our annual [Rising 6th Grade Parent Night](#) at 6:30 in the McClure Theater.

7th Grade Vaccinations – All rising 7th grade students are required to have one dose of the Tdap and meningococcal vaccines to attend school. Once your child has received the required vaccines, please send a copy of the completed Georgia Department of Public Health Certificate of Immunization Form 3231 to McClure. It can be emailed to McclureMSSupport@cobbk12.org or dropped off at the front office. Per Georgia law, a completed immunization record must be on file for your child by the first day of the 2024-2025 school year.

Senior Walk – Each year, McClure joins our elementary neighbors and invites our former Mavericks back to campus for a senior walk. The McClure Senior Walk will be Friday, May 17th at 10:00am. Graduating seniors should report to the front office in their cap and gown to check in. Thank you for sharing [This Invitation](#) in our community!

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PTSA

Donations Needed – The Counselor’s Cupboard is running low! Ms. Sledge and Ms. Gordon are running out of snacks and need your help. Please review the [Sign-Up Genius](#) and drop off your donations to the front office with a note, "For the Counselor's Cupboard." Thank you all so much!

McClure Olympics T-Shirts – The McClure Olympics will return May 13-17! Students can purchase their Olympics t-shirts Tuesday, March 26th and Thursday, March 28th from 8:45-9:10am in the main lobby. T-shirts cost \$10 and can be purchased with cash or check (made out to the McClure PTSA). You can also purchase the Olympic shirt online at the [PTSA Member Hub](#). NOTE: Olympics t-shirts were included in the PTSA bundle at the beginning of the year. If you're unsure if you bought the bundle, please email sarahgracehipps@yahoo.com.

Susan Wing Scholarship – Named after Ms. Susan Wing, the first principal of McClure Middle School, the McClure PTSA Susan Wing Scholarship honors a graduating senior who best exemplifies the character traits held dear by Mrs. Wing: Excellence, Enthusiasm, Encouragement, and Ingenuity. The winner receives a one-time \$1,000 award. The applying senior must have attended McClure Middle School for at least one year. Applications are due via email before midnight on Sunday, March 31, 2024. For more information see [This Website](#).

Meeting Minutes – See the minutes from the last PTSA meeting [Here](#).

Foundation

8th Grade Shout Outs – Looking for a special way to celebrate your 8th grader's time at McClure? The McClure Foundation has you covered! Surprise your amazing student with a personalized 8th Grade Shout Out on the marquee. Make a \$25 donation, and your student's name will be displayed on the school marquee for a full day of your choice. Shout outs will also be displayed on the screens throughout our building. Sales are open now through May 16th. You can buy an 8th Grade Shout Out on the [Foundation's Website](#).

Birthday Wishes in Our Halls – 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. Over the February Break, we have added 6 large screens to the hallways of McClure! Your Maverick's birthday can be displayed on these screens for all to see with a purchase from the Foundation. Birthdays are displayed on the entryway marquee as well! Pro tip: If your Maverick's birthday is during the summer, schedule a message in December! Purchase your message at the [Foundation Store](#).



Community Events

Allatoona Hotshotz Dance Team – The Allatoona Hotshotz have tryouts coming up April 9th. See [This Flyer](#) for details!

KMHS Cheerleading – Attention rising 9th grade students rising 9th graders attending Kennesaw Mountain High School next year, basketball cheer squad tryouts are upcoming. Our interest meeting is on March 26th, but tryouts do not begin until April 9th. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

Physical Day – Pinnacle Orthopaedics is having its annual Physical Day. Physicals completed after April 1st are good through the following school year. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

The Arts Intensive Summer Camp – See [This Flyer](#) for information on Matilda the Musical, Jr. and the Artis Intensive Summer Camp.

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Community Events (Cont.)

Strand Theater Summer Events – See [This Flyer](#) for information on workshops and summer camp opportunities upcoming at the Strand Theater. Also, see [This Flyer](#) for information about becoming a part of their summer production of Shrek The Musical, Jr.

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](#)



Upcoming Dates

- 3/26 – Student/Parent Battleship in the Gym @ 8:00
- 3/26 – Mighty Maverick Stitch Club in the LLC (4:30-5:30)
- 3/28 – Student of the Month @ 8:00 in the LLC
- 3/28 – Round Up
- 3/29 – PTSA Spirit Night @ Sparkles (4:00-8:00)
- 4/1-5 – Spring Break
- 4/8 – Early Release Day
- 4/10 – Q3 Honor Roll Celebrations
 - 8th Grade – 10:00 am
 - 7th Grade – 1:00 pm
 - 6th Grade – 3:00 pm
- 4/16 – Student Advisory Council @ 8:00 in the LLC