

The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition - 3/5/23

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

I hope that everyone had a great weekend and that you were able to get out to enjoy the amazing weather! It is hard to believe but there are only 8 more days of instruction in the 3rd quarter of the school year. So, now is the time to make sure your student's grades are on track to end the quarter well. We are looking forward to another honor roll celebration soon and we hope that more students than even earn the honor. Thank you for checking ParentVue and then reaching out to us if you need assistance getting your student the support they need. We have weekly Grade Recovery on Wednesdays, Intensive Intervention on Mondays and Fridays, Round Up on Thursdays, and McClure Tutoring. If your student needs help, we have the tools to provide it!

Sincerely, Cory Stanley

Operational

Allatoona Waivers – Tomorrow, Monday, 3/6, 8th grade students headed to Allatoona High School next year will receive waiver forms. Students only need to return these if they are changing something on their schedule or their schedule was incomplete. If students are happy with their schedule for 9th grade, they may just keep the paper. Students may see our 8th grade counselor, Wendy Sherer, if they have questions.

DARE Day Addition – The vast majority of our students earn DARE Day each moth as a celebration of their positive behavior. Our team has made the decision to add an additional layer to the qualification requirements for DARE Days going forward. Because the A in DARE stands for Accountability, we want to make sure our students are being accountable for the work they are responsible for at McClure. Therefore, we have added a missing assignments standard to the qualifications for DARE Day. For the upcoming DARE Day on 3/24, students must have three or fewer missing assignments for Quarter 3 of the school year. Missing assignments are indicated in the gradebook with an M. Each DARE Day going forward, we will a missing assignments requirement. This means students will have to have a certain number of PBIS Rewards Points (usually 30ish), have not served detention, in-school suspension, or out-of-school suspension since the last DARE Day, and a limited number of missing assignments to attend.

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.



Shout out to both 7th and 8th grade chorus for an amazing job at LGPE last week!

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Operational (Cont.)

7th Grade Hall Pass – Our 7th Grade Team is currently piloting a hall pass system, which we hope to utilize in all grades next year. This system is electronic. Students scan a QR code when they need a pass to the restroom, the clinic, another classroom, the library learning commons, or anywhere else in the building. This allows us to have a record of who is out of class at any given time so that we can address any misbehaviors and minimize time out of the classroom. Thank you to the 7th grade team for piloting this program!

Helping Hands Lunch Account – At McClure, we assure that no student goes hungry. This means that we feed students even when they do not have funds in their lunch accounts. Over the course of a school year, these deficits add up and become an obligation for our team to take on. If you would like to assist students in need by making a donation to the Helping Hands lunch account, we would greatly appreciate it. Your student's MyPaymentsPlus will show an account listed as "Helping Hands." Through this account, you can donate from \$1.00 to any amount you'd like. Thank you for helping families in our community!

PTSA

Duty Free Lunch – Looking for an opportunity to volunteer at McClure, here is an easy one! Sign up to Monitor Duty Free Lunch.

STEMapalooza – This fun, free, family event 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, and ice cream! There will be outside presentations by the Cobb K-9 Unit, Wings to SOAR Raptor program, and Cobb Watershed's Snakes of Georgia. We'll have food available for purchase with cash or credit card. Volunteers are needs for our upcoming STEMapalooza! Sign up Here.

General Meeting – Tuesday at 5:50 pm is the next PTSA general meeting in the theatre.

Peace, Love, & Pizza – Wednesday night is spirit night at the Peace, Love, and Pizza, 3960 Mary Eliza Trace NW. Please mention McClure Middle School and a portion of the sales will be donate to the PTSA!

Maverick Men – We are looking to get dads on campus to greet students in the morning and help at lunch. Of course, if you would like to stay longer, we would love that as well. Morning Carline and Duty-Free Lunch Sign Up

KMHS PTSA – Rising 9th Grade Kennesaw Mountain Parents, the KMHS PTSA is looking for members to join its amazing team next year. Please see <u>This Flyer</u> for details!

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 its 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.

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. Purchase your message at the Foundation Store.



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Community Events

Allatoona Hotshotz – Interested in joining the Allatoona Hotshotz Dance Team? See This Flyer for details!

Kennesaw Parks & Recreation – We are excited to announce that we will kick off registration this upcoming Saturday, March 4th for our 2023 Summer Camps. This summer we will be offering camp for Rising 1st-8th graders. We have multiple camp "Theme" options being offered to give participants a variety of choices. See the following flyers for more information as well: Summer Announcement, Volleyball Flyer

Parent Support Group – Join Melissa Cervantes-Oporta, MS, APC and Jessica Alexander, LMFT for supporting teen mental health on Thursday March 9 at 7:00PM. Topics discussed include identifying warning signs in teens and declining mental health, how to navigate the 'tough' conversation, finding resources for your child, and ensuring safety at home. All parents are welcome. See Third Support Group Topics discussed include identifying warning signs in teens and declining mental health, how to navigate the 'tough' conversation, finding resources for your child, and ensuring safety at home. All parents are welcome. See This Flyer and Join Here.

Upcoming Dates

- 3/8 McClure Spirit Night at Peace, Love, and Pizza
- 3/8 Orchestra (8-2) LGPE
- 3/9 Orchestra (8-1) LGPE
- 3/10 Orchestra (7) LGPE
- 3/16 STEMapalooza (6:00-8:00)
- 3/31 Susan Wing Scholarship Application Deadline





