



# The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 8/6/23

## Principal's Note

McClure Families,

It was so great to have all our Mavericks back at McClure last week! The first week of school had a lot going on. Students were meeting their new teachers. They were getting comfortable in a new grade level. Students participated in Cowboy Boot Camp every day, learning the ins and outs of McClure. 6<sup>th</sup> graders who opted in received their student laptop. They also got to check out all our connections classes, including band, chorus, and orchestra, which they will begin this coming week. Students found their way through their schedule and how to get to each class on time. Of course, relationships were started between our amazing staff and their new students. It was a great first week and our students were incredibly engaged and positive. We hope that they had many positive messages to bring home regarding their first week of the school year. Each day going forward we will challenge your student to be a little better than the day before with their academics, their behavior, and their interactions with their peers. It is this work as a team of teachers and students, day after day that makes McClure the *Best in the West!* Thank you for sending your students to school so ready to lead and learn!

Sincerely,  
Cory Stanley

## Instructional

**Universal Screeners** – Beginning this week, each student at McClure will complete the Math Inventory and the Reading Inventory. These assessments give students and teachers feedback on where each individual student is on their learning path. Also, the scores from these assessments help us with class placements. You can see the [Reading Inventory Information Sheet](#) and the [Math Inventory Information Sheet](#) to help you understand where your student is performing.

**Performing Arts** – The deadline to submit a request for 6<sup>th</sup> grade band, chorus, and orchestra was this evening at 6:00. However, if you missed the deadline, you can still reach out to any director in our music department with an email and we will get your student scheduled (although it may not be tomorrow)!

**MavBlock** – All students at McClure take Math, Science, Social Studies, and English Language Arts as their four core academic classes. Our fifth academic class is called MavBlock and it occurs during 3<sup>rd</sup> period each day. MavBlock is based on each student's individual needs and can change each quarter as students progress. See [This Sheet](#) for more details on MavBlock!

### 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

**Attendance Corner** – Have questions on how to submit an absence note or checking a student out of school. See the [Attendance FAQ](#) for all your attendance answers!

**Student Check Out** – Our front office team reminds you that all visitors and parents should bring their ID into the building with them whether they are just visiting or coming in to check a student out of school. This will save you a trip back to the car!

**Safety** – At McClure, safety is our number one priority. As much as we focus on instruction here, keeping our students safe and assuring they feel safe is the most important thing we do. In order to accomplish this, we regularly practice safety drills: Fire Drills, Code Red (Lockdown) Drills, and Severe Weather Drills. Because emergencies are a surprise when they happen, we do not send detailed communication of these drills in advance or as a follow up. However, we will be having several practice drills this coming week and wanted you to be aware. If you ever have questions about safety, please do not hesitate to reach out to us!

**Afternoon Carpool** – Our afternoon carpool like is a lengthy experience. However, if you follow the direction of our staff and keep moving, we usually clear our lot before 4:40. First timers should know that you will actually do a loop around the lot one time before picking up your student on the second pass. Students can be picked up anywhere along the sidewalk as seen [Here](#), but we ask parents to pull forward as far as possible without stopping, even if it means passing their student, and then having their student walk to where the car has stopped. Remember, stay in your car. Do not park and get out. Thank you!

**Picture Day** - Our picture day is Tuesday, August 15. You can order online at: [www.strawbridge.net](http://www.strawbridge.net) using the online code: FM419754. Don't miss this opportunity to capture your kiddo!

**Yearbook** – Order your yearbook early in the year and save! Use [This Link](#) to pre-order your book. The current price is \$35, but it will go up on September 1st. As an added bonus you also have the option of personalizing the front cover, but only if you order this month!

**Open House** – Our annual Open House will be Thursday, August 17 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Please plan to join us so that you can follow your student's schedule and meet each of their teachers! See [This Flyer](#) for details.

**Student Handbook** – Each teacher has the [McClure Student Handbook](#) posted on their CTLS Class Board. Our students have had it shared with them and we thought you might like it too!

**Student Code of Conduct** – All students in Cobb County follow the same [Student Code of Conduct](#). Each student at McClure has access to this on each teacher's CTLS Class Board.

**Parent Apps** – There are three apps that McClure parents should regularly access to keep an eye on all things CCSD:

- PBIS Rewards Family App – We use PBIS Rewards to recognize students who demonstrate our DARE expectations of being Determined, Accountable, Respectful, and Excellent. Also, this app is used to document minor behavior infractions. So, to keep an eye on your student's behavior at school, use [PBIS Rewards Family App](#). We will be sending a welcome letter to onboard this app to your email soon!
- CTLS Parent – All communication from CCSD and from McClure comes through [CTLS Parent](#). There is no better way to assure you are up to date than to regularly check CTLS Parent.
- Parent Vue – Need to change an address, add an emergency contact, change who can check out your students, or check your student's grades? This is all done through [ParentVue](#). It's a must have!

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## Operational (Cont.)

**Event Calendar** – See the [August Calendar](#) for events coming up this month.

**Item Dropoff** – At McClure, we do not interrupt instructional time for items that are dropped off for students. Therefore, item dropoff should only occur in emergency situations. Middle school students are at the age when it is a good time to learn the hard lesson of, “Oops, I left that at home. I’d better remember it next time.” Students will be fine at school without the following items being dropped off to them: Musical instrument, student laptop, PE clothes, and lunch (we will make sure they get lunch). Thank you for your support on this!

**School Lunch** – Student breakfast (\$2.75) and lunch (\$4.75) are available daily in our cafeteria. For menus as well as how to add money to your student’s lunch account the [Food and Nutrition Department’s Website](#).

**My Payments Plus** – At McClure, we prefer all payments to the school to be made through [MyPaymentsPlus](#). Everything from lunch money to field trips can be handled easily this way. See [This Flyer](#) to get started.

**Dress Code** – At McClure, we believe that we have a very reasonable dress code. We ask our students to come dressed to learn, just like adults dress for work. You can see the full dress code [Here](#), but the easiest thing to remember is the Rule of B’s: We don’t want to see boobs, butts, bras, boxers, bellies, or backs. We always tell our students, “If there is a question, just don’t wear it.”

**Cell Phones** – Many of our students have their own electronic devices that they want to bring to school. We do not recommend sending students aged 11, 12, 13, and 14 to school with \$1000+ cell phones and \$100+ headphones. Many of these are lost in our building annually and are never returned to students. However, we do understand wanting your student to have a way to communicate with you. You can see the full McClure Electronic Device Policy for details, but the main rule is as follows: You can have them, but they must remain in your backpack or locker until given permission by your teacher to use them.

**Tardy Rules** – We ask all students to be on time to school and be on time to class. In the morning, students need to be in homeroom by 9:10 to not be considered tardy. During the day, students need to be in their classrooms by the time the class bell rings. Of course, we always grant grace early in the year as students are finding their way. However, once the school year is rolling, we use the “3, 6, 9, Be on Time” rule for tardies to class.

- 3 Tardies – Warning
- 6 Tardies – Detention
- 9 Tardies – In-School Suspension

## PTSA

**Maverick Men** – Dads, we would love to have you as a member of the Maverick Men, our father volunteer group. The Maverick Men help with morning drop off, lunch supervision, volunteering in classrooms, and projects around the building. There will be a pizza and information night on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the McClure Cafeteria. [RSVP Here](#)! We hope you can join us!

**Questions** – Have a question for PTSA or want to join a committee? Email us at [mclurepts@gmail.com](mailto:mclurepts@gmail.com)



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## PTSA (Cont.)

**School Supplies** – Save yourself a trip to the store! Most school supplies can be purchased Friday mornings during homeroom at the Trading Post.

## Foundation

**Three Ways to Give** – The Foundations looks forward to seeing everyone tomorrow at Sneak-a-Peek. Stop by their table to check out their new merch and meet the team. As you know, there are [Three Ways](#) to support the McClure foundation. Get a horseshoe in our lobby, give to the annual campaign, or a birthday shout out on the digital marquee.



## Community Events

**Mellow Mushroom** – Mellow Mushroom off Dallas Highway is another great partner with our school. When there are events where we need to feed the staff, they always give us a great deal and have amazing service. (Plus, the pizza is great!) Next time your headed out for family dinner, give them a try!

**Martinizing Dry Cleaning** – Shout out to this [Locally-Owned Business](#) who partners with the McClure Team each year to keep our staff looking clean and pressed! Their customer service is incredible, and we encourage you to take your business to them as well. Tell them McClure sent you!



**Bus Drivers Wanted** – CCSD is now hiring bus drivers. See [This Flyer](#) for details!

**Harrison All Sports Passes** – Harrison athletics are now selling All Sports Passes. These passes will get you into all regular season athletic events at Harrison. It's a great deal and a portion of the sales comes back to McClure. See [This Flyer](#) for details!

## Upcoming Dates

- 8/9 – McClure Middle School Foundation Board Meeting @ 8:15 in the PDR
- 8/15 – Fall Pictures
- 8/17 – Open House (6:00-8:00pm)
- 8/18 – DARE Day!
- 8/29 – Maverick Men Pizza and Information Night @ 6:00 in the McClure Cafeteria

