



The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 9/17/23

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

Following this upcoming week at school, students will be able to enjoy a week away from instruction during Fall Break. I am sure they are looking forward to it, as we have been challenging them in all their classes since the start of the school year. I want to send a thank you to all the McClure families for the continual support you give us from home. We challenge students every day to improve in their academics, their behavior, and social interactions with one another. Amazingly, they continually rise to the challenge. However, there is no way that we would be **Best in the West** on our own. The countless hours you spend supporting our students' progress at home is readily apparent here at school. So, when this week ends, parents, you too should enjoy a break from McClure because we will be back at it before you know. Thank you again! Have a great week and then enjoy the break!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Shout Outs

40 Years – Shout out to the amazing Paul Gandolfo, who was recognized by the CCSD Board of Education last Thursday for 40 years of service in the Cobb County School District! He has been at McClure since the building opened, or as he says, "I've been here since before the windows." Mr. Gandolfo began his career at Garrett Middle School prior to joining the team that opened Lost Mountain Middle School. He is truly a legend, and we are so lucky to have him on the McClure Team!



Mission:

*One Team, One Goal,
Student Success*

Vision:

*A school of excellence
where all students
succeed*

McClure Motto:

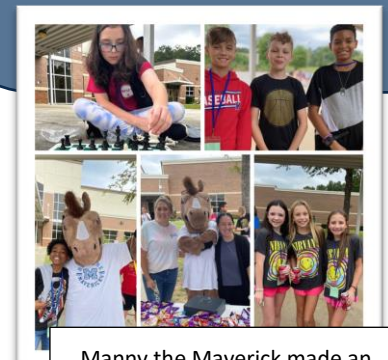
DARE to Be a Maverick!

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.



Manny the Maverick made an appearance at DARE Day!

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Shout Outs (Cont.)

Students of the Month – Congratulations to our first Students of the Month for the 2023-24 school year! The following students will be celebrated next Thursday morning, September 21, at 8:00am in the LLC.

Max Ciuchitu	Reyfer Yanza
Mia Urdaneta Aguilar	Devon Esquerra
A.J. Gilbert	Elizabeth Orton
Alex Winter	Josh Ford
Aiden Coleman	Hudson McIntosh
Elijah Vinson	Prisha Gambir



Operational

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

Conference Week – Conference Week is fast approaching! This year it will be October 16-20. Some parents prefer face-to-face conference, some prefer virtual, and some do not need conferences at all! In order to best serve you, please complete this [Conference Week Form](#).

PSAT 8/9 – Our 8th grade students will be participating in the PSAT 8/9 assessment on October 18, 2023. There will be no make-up days for this test. This will give you and your student insight as to their potential strengths and weaknesses looking ahead to the PSAT and SAT. [Click Here](#) below for more information.

Free & Reduced Lunch – If your student received free and reduced lunch last year, the grace period continuing into this year has ended. You can contact [Ms. Lisa Lovern](#), the McClure Café Manager, or see [This Site](#) for details on how to apply for free & reduced lunch pricing.

Yearbook Ads – Did you know that 8th grade parents can purchase an 8th Grade Tribute Ad in the yearbook? Eighth grade parents, honor your student's middle school years with a tribute ad in the yearbook! Log on to the [Yearbook Order Center](#) to custom design your ad soon. They are only available for a short time period and space is limited.

PTSA

Hospitality – BIG thanks to Academy Roofing Systems for sponsoring the September Staff Lunch. Thank you for helping us kick off fall with a great tailgate lunch to show our appreciation to the McClure Staff!

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PTSA (Cont.)

Publix Partnership – Did you know that McClure is a partner with Publix at Brookstone Village? Please make sure you scan your school partner card when you do your grocery shopping at Publix!

Sixth Grade Social – Sixth Grade Social is this week- Thursday after school, September 21st from 4:30-6:00. We will have an ice cream truck, pizza, DJ and a Photo Booth! Tickets (\$10, cash or check) will go on sale before school this Tuesday 9/19 and Wednesday 9/20 from 8:50-9:15am. If you purchased a bundle, you are all set as the ticket was included. If you want to confirm if you ordered a bundle, please email sarahgracehipps@yahoo.com. If you have ordered items from our wishlist, please get them to the school ASAP. If you can, please email sarahgracehipps@yahoo.com and let us know what to expect so we don't reorder items. Thank you so much for your generosity!!!

Reflections – Reflections entry forms are now in the LLC. Please stop by & get your copy to begin your 2023 Reflections entry! This year's theme: I AM HOPEFUL BECAUSE... Categories include Dance Choreography, Visual Arts, Photography, Music Composition, Literature or Film Production! Entries are due in the LLC by October 10th.



School Store – The Trading Post store is open every Friday 8:50-9:10 AM. It will also be open on Tuesdays for the next month. The store sells school supplies and other fun items. All students are welcome to check it out! The store is located in the music and media center hallway.

PTSA Memberships – Check out our new [Redesigned Web Site](#) and stay up to date on PTSA events. You can also purchase PTSA memberships. Thanks for your support!

McClure Spirit Wear – Spirit wear is available online at [Givebacks \(Memberhub.com\)](#). We have t-shirts in stock and will be taking hoodie orders through 9/22. Order today and don't miss out!

Upcoming Spirit Nights:

- 9/21 – 5pm-8pm @ Culver's (Kennesaw Due West Rd)
- 9/29 – 4pm-8pm @ Sparkles (McCollum Pkwy)
- 10/17 – 5pm-9pm @ Otter's (Cobb Pkwy)

Questions – Email mclureptsa@gmail.com

Foundation

Support The Foundation – There are three ways to support the [McClure Foundation](#):

- Celebrate your Maverick's birthday with a message on the marquee
- Buy a horseshoe in the lobby
- Be a part of the annual giving campaign



Partner with the Foundation!

The McClure Foundation is a volunteer-run, non-profit group that supports our students and teachers in the areas of innovation and technology. Through our annual campaign, horseshoe donations, generous community sponsors and other events, the McClure Foundation sponsors projects that benefit ALL students - most recently the Maverick Makeover of two STEM labs. Stay tuned for some exciting projects for the 2023-2024 School Year

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Community Events

ESports Camp – STEM Cobb will be hosting an ESports Camp at Allatoona High School on September 25-26, 2023, from 9:00am-3:30pm. The camp will immerse students in a casual gaming ecosystem where they will learn how to collaborate, communicate, and problem-solve all while playing unique gaming situations. Registration is limited, so please share with students now. [Click Here](#) for a flyer that will provide more information and registration information.

Harrison Youth Basketball – Harrison Youth Basketball registration is open and the early bird discount ends Sept 22! This league is open to all boys 1st-12th grade and girls 1st-6th grade. Registration is at www.hybabasketball.com

Fall Break Basketball Camp – See [This Flyer](#) for details on a basketball camp occurring in our community over Fall Break.

Jr. Hoyas Basketball - It is time again for Jr. Hoyas Boys and Girls Basketball tryouts. See [This Site](#) for details.

Harrison Lacrosse – Interested in playing lacrosse? The Harrison Hoya Youth lacrosse program is looking for more boys and girls for their youth program. [Click Here](#) for more information.

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

Upcoming Dates

- 9/21 – Student of the Month Celebration @ 8:00 in the McClure LLC
- 9/21 – Round Up Day
- 9/21 – 6th Grade Social (4:30-6:00)
- 9/22 – 8th Grade Band Night @ KMHS
- 9/22 – CEOTY & TOTY Recognition @ KMHS
- 9/25-9/29 Fall Break
- 9/29 – Spirit Night @ Sparkles