



The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 9/18/22

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

I hope that everyone had a great weekend and that students are ready for one more week of being pushed academically prior to their well-earned Fall Break! Each year, all Cobb schools develop a School Strategic Plan (SSP). This year, the McClure SSP has two goals, one for instruction and one for operations:

- Goal #1 (Instructional) - Improve writing skills and writing proficiency for all students across all content areas.
- Goal #2 (Operational) - Reduce the number of Office Disciplinary Referrals (ODRs) by 25%.

Our leadership teams developed these goals based on data from last year. Take a moment to look at each goal as it is described later in this newsletter. When we begin quarter 2, we will be sharing these goals with our students so that they can be on board as well. We know that our chances to not only meet, but exceed these goals are better when our staff, students, and parents are all aware of what the target is. Thank you for your support of these goals at home!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Instructional

SSP Goal #1 – As stated above, our instructional goal for the year is to improve writing skills and writing proficiency for all students across all content areas. When we looked at last year's Milestones data, we noticed that our students read very well, especially when it comes to literary texts. However, their reading scores are not as strong on informational texts, and their writing on informational topics is their weakest area as a student body. We realize that students need skills to effectively read complex texts, extract evidence from the text, and write about what they read. It is for these reasons that we have adopted this year's SSP Goal #1 and our [Schoolwide Reading & Writing Strategies](#).

In all content areas, we will be teaching your student(s) how to think about and annotate text as they read it. If they are better at reading and understanding text, they will be better able to write about it. Then we will be adopting the schoolwide strategy of C.E.R. (Claim, Evidence, Response) when responding to a writing prompt. This way, a student will read/mark text and write responses in the exact same way whether they are in ELA, Science, Social Studies, or STEM. Practicing these skills in all contents throughout this year will build their stamina and perseverance for reading and writing. We are excited to have this schoolwide system in place and cannot wait to keep you posted on our progress!

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(ə)rik/

*A trendsetter who is not
afraid to walk a new
path. A Maverick leads
others by encouraging
excellence, enthusiasm,
and ingenuity.*



Our students FLIP for DARE Day!

DARE to Be a Maverick!

Operational

SSP Goal #2 – As stated above, our second SSP goal is to reduce the number of Office Disciplinary Referrals (ODRs) by 25%. Our goal at McClure is to keep students in class learning with their peers. If a student is serving in-school or out-of-school suspension, they are not going to experience learning at the level we want. We began the year with our Cowboy Boot Camp, teaching every student about our procedures, protocols, and most importantly, our DARE expectations. We continue to recognize students who meet our DARE expectations daily, with our online DARE Store, and with Monthly DARE Days. We are currently on pace to meet this goal easily, but we are continuing to add to our motivators for positive student behavior. Look out for upcoming updates on students earning points automatically for perfect attendance, good grades, and zero behavior infractions!

Friendship Club – Friendship Club will be returning after Fall Break. This is an opportunity to get to know the amazing students that are in Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Connelly, and Mrs. Lambert's classes. Students will be paired up with a student and enjoy dancing, gardening, cooking and many other fun activities throughout the school year. Students will be rotated so this will not be an every-week commitment. Students can stop by Mrs. Carlson's room (318) for an application!

Yearbook Tribute Ads – Eighth Grade Parents, tribute ads for your students are now available. Create a custom yearbook tribute for your eighth grader to honor their middle school years and let them know how proud you are! There are a variety of sizes and templates available for you to make your own special message in this year's yearbook. Use [This Link](#) to begin the process. Ads are only available for a limited time and there is limited space in the book so order soon!

Performing Arts Forms – On Friday, performing art [Permission/Donation Forms](#) were sent home with students. See the notes below regarding these forms.

- All students must turn in a Performing Arts permission form.
- Students must fill out the upper portion with parent signature and return.
- Permission is required to attend in-house or field trip performing arts events.
- Donations are not required to attend the performance.

Shout Outs

Students of the Month – Congratulations to the following Mavericks who have been selected as our September Students of the Month! Our celebration will be this Thursday morning at 8:00 in the McClure LLC. September Students of the Month were selected by the McClure ELA department. Congrats!

Angelina Batylin
Ryder Franklin
Alyson Motter

Kylie Brooks
Kaden Gordon
Amy Perez

La'Niya Campbell
Dylan Hamilton
Stella Rinehart

Zeynab Diallo
DJ McFarland

Keep Cobb Beautiful – Shout out to Ms. Fenton and Ms. Campbell in 7th grade who had a representative from Keep Cobb Beautiful come speak to their classes. They really got students thinking about how we can do what is right for the environment here at McClure! (Click the pictures to enlarge.)



DARE to Be a Maverick!

Community Events

Harrison STEM – Harrison High School's STEM Open House will be occurring on Wednesday, October 19. See [This Flyer](#) for details!

CCSD Transportation Jobs – CCSD is now hiring [Bus Drivers](#) @ \$25/hr. Only available in the morning or afternoon? They are also hiring [Relief Drivers](#)!

Jr. Bucs Basketball – Allatoona Jr. Bucs basketball is holding tryouts soon. See [This Flyer](#) for details!

Hoya Jr. Basketball Tryouts – See [This Flyer](#) for information on both boys and girls Jr. Hoya Basketball tryouts.

PTSA

Maverick Men – The McClure PTSA is beginning the steps of creating an organization for our McClure dads to volunteer at school! Much like the WatchDOGS at Bullard, we want our dads to be a part of our daily campus life. We are going to begin introducing this program with dads greeting students at morning arrival and on the morning announcements following Fall Break. If you are interested in becoming a founding member of the Maverick Men, please [Click Here](#) to sign up to volunteer!

Spirit Night – Wednesday, 9/21 is a Spirit Night at Culver's!

Thank You x 2 – 1) Kudos to all the parents who made donations for last week's staff treat! 2) Thank you to Hardy Chevrolet Buick and Cobb EMC for donating to our 6th grade social!

PTSA Contact – Questions for our PTSA? Email mcclureptsa@gmail.com

2022 PTA Reflections: Show Your Voice – PTA Reflections is a fine arts competition where students create projects based on this year's theme which is "[Show Your Voice](#)". The competition is a year-round process that moves from our local McClure PTSA all the way up to the National PTA level. You can enter projects in the categories of visual arts, literature, music composition, film production, dance choreography, or photography.

Pick up entry packets at the front desk of the Learning Commons. Projects will be collected by Reflections Chair, Amber Broadnax in the Learning Commons Monday, October 17th.

Please see [Reflections | Cultural Arts Program | Georgia PTA](#) or email Mcclureptsa@gmail.com for more information.

Foundation

Three Ways to Give – As you know, there are [Three Ways](#) to join and support the McClure foundation. Get a horseshoe in our lobby, give to the annual campaign, or a birthday shout out on the digital marquee. Any \$40 donation to the annual giving campaign gets you an awesome [McClure Maverick Magnet](#). If you purchase a horseshoe or any of the fabulous bundles, then you receive a limited edition of the [McClure Umbrella](#). We appreciate all our families that have supported us this year already!

