



The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 10/1/23

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

I hope that everyone had a fantastic Fall Break! You may not realize it, but this coming Friday, 10/6, is the last day of the first quarter. That's right, only five more days until that first set of grades is locked in the gradebook. So, now is a great time to jump on [ParentVue](#) and make sure your Maverick's grades look the way you expect. If they don't, it's not too late for them to take corrective action. We are always trying to teach our students to be good self-advocates and speak up for what they need. One of the best ways to promote this behavior at home is by encouraging your student(s) to communicate with their teachers about what they can do to improve their grades. A simple email from a student to a teacher asking what can be done to improve classroom performance goes a long way to show that the student is engaged in the improvement process. As teachers, we love that! This is also a great learning opportunity for students when they do learn they might be too late in the game to make up *everything* they have missed. These time management and self-advocacy lessons are learned a little bit at a time through repetition. Thank you for your partnership with us, supporting your Maverick's growth at home. We are looking forward to starting the next leg of the journey tomorrow!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Shout Out

Custodial Team – Tomorrow, October 2, is National Custodian Day. We have an AMAZING team of caretakers at McClure and they are another reason we are *Best in the West*. Let's give extra love to David Hugg, Long Tran, Becky Pittman, D.J. Ott, Brayden Cross, and Richard Smith this week!

CCSD Police Department – This coming week is Public Safety Appreciation Week. Getting students to school safely, keeping them safe at school, and getting them home safe is our #1 priority, even above instruction. Thank you to our amazing district police department for all they do to assure our schools and events are safe. Of, course, shout out to the best campus officer out there, LaTonya Norah!

McClure Foundation – Shout out to the amazing McClure Foundation. We were once again featured, this time in [CCSD News](#), for the opening of our STEM Labs. These spaces would not be possible without the McClure Foundation!

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.*



The 6th Grade Social was a Barbie blast! Thanks PTSA!

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Instructional

Iowa/CogAt Testing – 7th Grade Parents, your students will be participating in the Iowa & CogAT assessments beginning this week. These nationally normed tests will give you feedback as to how your 7th grader is performing compared to similarly aged peers across the county. See the [Iowa Parent Letter](#) for details.

Operational

October Calendar – Use the [McClure October Calendar](#) to keep up with everything coming up this month!

Conference Week – Thank you to all the parents who have already completed the [Conference Week Form](#). This helps us plan for effective conferences. We will begin the planning process this coming Tuesday. So, if you have not already, thank you for completing [This Form](#).

Absence Reporting – Please remember that all communication regarding student absences, including doctor's notes, needs to be sent to mccluremssupport@cobbk12.org.

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

Conference Week – Conference Week is coming soon (October 16-20). Each year, we provide snacks and treats for the teachers so they can grab a quick bite to eat between parent meetings. This year, our lineup includes: grab 'n go snacks, cookies and brownies, make-your-own trail mix, and cupcakes galore. We appreciate your help keeping our McClure staff going strong during Conference Week! Please sign up [Here](#).

Reflections – Do not forget to pick up a REFLECTIONS application from the Learning Commons. The deadline for your student's submission is October 10th. The theme is: I AM HOPEFUL BECAUSE...

Upcoming Spirit Nights:

- 10/17 5pm-9pm @ Otter's (Cobb Pkwy)
- 10/27 4pm-8pm @ Sparkles (McCollum Pkwy)

Questions – Email mcclureptsa@gmail.com

Foundation

Scarecrow – Did you see the Maverick Scarecrow in downtown Kennesaw? The City of Kennesaw will be uploading pictures of each scarecrow to their [Facebook Page](#) so that the community can vote on their favorites. Please vote for our Maverick so that we can win a People's Choice Award. Thanks to the McClure Foundation for representing McClure so well!

Community Events

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



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Community Events (Cont.)

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.

Winter Basketball Training – The GA Pistols are offering winter basketball training for interested girls. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

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

Upcoming Dates

- 10/2 – National Custodian Day
- 10/2-6 – Public Safety Appreciation Week
- 10/4 – PTSA Executive Cabinet @ 9:30 in the PDR
- 10/4 – PTSA General Meeting @ 10:00 in the PDR
- 10/5 – 7th Grade CogAT
- 10/6 – End of Quarter 1
- 10/9-12 – 7th Grade Iowa Testing