



# The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 10/20/24

## Principal's Note

McClure Families,

Thank you to all of you that participated in parent-teacher conferences during Conference Week! Please know that Conference Week is not the only time that we conference with parents at McClure. We meet with parents throughout the entirety of the school year, many times with students involved in the conference. So, as this year progresses, if you feel the need to schedule a conference, please do not hesitate to reach out to your student's teachers or the front office for assistance. Our theme for this year is **Intentional Excellence**, and this means that we are deliberate about working with students and parents to ensure students are continually growing at McClure. Thank you for your partnership on this journey!

Sincerely,  
Cory Stanley

## Shout Outs

**Bus Drivers** – This week is National School Bus Safety Week. As you may imagine, being a driver for a bus full of middle school students can be a thankless job. However, our drivers not only get students to and from school safely, they do it with positivity and a smile for our Mavericks every day. Help us give them a little extra love this week for all that they do!

**PTSA** – Last week, our PTSA coordinated a Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast in honor of National School Bus Safety Week. Thank you, PTSA for always supporting not just students and teachers, but ALL the people that work with our Mavericks on a daily basis!

**Literacy Growth** – Shout out to all our Read 180 and ELA teachers for the work they do every day at school promoting literacy growth at McClure. This week, we are being recognized by Georgia Schools Superintendent Richard Woods for outstanding literacy growth and achievement. This recognition is based on our Milestones data from 2023-24 as compared to 2022-23. Only five Cobb middle schools are receiving this recognition: Dickerson, Dodgen, Garrett, McCleskey, and McClure!

**District CEOTY of the Year** – Shout out to Ms. Angie Bruner, who was recognized at the CCSD Board Meeting last Thursday evening!



## Mission:

*One Team, One Goal,  
Student Success*

## Vision:

*A school of excellence  
where all students  
succeed*

## McClure Motto:

*DARE to Be a Maverick!*

## 2024-25 Theme:

*Intentional Excellence*

## 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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## Instructional

**Beacon Scoring Guide** – This week, Beacon Assessment scoring reports were sent home during conferences or directly with students. These reports give parents information on their Maverick's ELA, Math, and Reading performance, show what areas need growth, what areas are meeting standards, and predict where each student will score on the Milestones Assessments at the end of the year. Please see the [Beacon Interpretation Guide \(Spanish, Portuguese\)](#) to help you interpret this report.

**PSAT 8-9** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade parents, the PSAT will be administered on October 23, 2024, at 9:15 am. There is only one day of testing with no make-up days. Therefore, it is important for all students to be in attendance and on time that day. Please [Click Here](#) for more details.

## Operational

**Holiday Support** – With the holidays right around the corner, our School Social Worker and PTSA are collaborating to support families in need. Families can sign up for a Thanksgiving Basket [Here](#). Looking ahead to Christmas, you can also register in early November for the Must Ministries Toy Shop. See [This Flyer \(Spanish, Portuguese\)](#) for more information on both!

**TOTY Pep Rally** – Tomorrow, 10/21, Ms. Tina Penny will be celebrated as our TOTY at the Give Our Schools a Hand Teacher of the Year Pep Rally at Wheeler High School. For those who have never seen the event, it is awesome! If you would like to tune in to see her recognized, you can do so [Here](#).

**Reflections Celebration** – This Tuesday, 10/22, we will be hosting a celebration breakfast for all participants in this year's PTSA Reflections Art Contest. Students and parents should join us at McClure at 8:10 that morning in the Bonus Room.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student-Parent Battleship** – How would you like to spend a morning with your student(s) playing one of McClure's best PE games? Well, you can. Here's an opportunity for you to perform two amazing feats all in one morning. One, play Battleship with/against your student and two, donate a canned good for our Thanksgiving food drive. So, mark your calendars and join us Monday, November 11th from 8:00 to 8:50 am in the wooden gym. We ask that you wear some type of athletic shoes to participate. If you should have any questions, feel free to reach out to Coach Scott Hausdorf at [scott.hausdorf@cobbk12.org](mailto:scott.hausdorf@cobbk12.org). We look forward to seeing you on Nov. 11th!

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook Tribute Ads** – Eighth Grade Parents, now is the time to create a yearbook tribute ad for your student. Honor their achievements and growth through their middle school years with an ad that you design. Ads can be created at the [Yearbook Order Center](#) between now and October 31st. Ad pages are filling up so don't delay!

## PTSA

**Thanksgiving Sponsors** – Help sponsor a McClure family in need this Thanksgiving. The PTSA coordinates with our School Social Worker to provide food baskets to families at Thanksgiving. If you would like to contribute, [Donate Here](#) or see [This Flyer](#) for details.

**Red Ribbon Week** – Red Ribbon Week this year will be October 28<sup>th</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>. See [This Flyer](#) for details on how your Maverick can participate and celebrate their commitment to being drug free!

**Spirit Night** – This Friday, 10/25 is a PTSA Spirit Night @ Sparkles from 5:00-9:00. Be sure to let them know you are from McClure!



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## PTSA (Cont.)

**Spirit Wear LAST CALL** – Last opportunity of the year to purchase your spirit wear hoodie or t-shirt! The [Merch Store](#) will be open through TODAY, 10/20. Orders will be distributed to the homeroom in early November. All sales are final with no exchanges.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Shirts LAST CALL** – In addition to the regular McClure spirit wear being sold, PTSA has a special 8th grade shirt for our students. They will be on sale through TODAY, 10/20. The back of the shirt has the class list of names and will be a special memento to have from middle school. Orders will be ready and distributed to the homeroom at the beginning of November. Place your order [Here](#) today!

**Shout Outs** – It is a TEAM effort to insure those that are in need in our community are supported. Please see the following shout outs to those in support of the PTSA Outreach Team.

- Thank you, Burnt Hickory Church of Christ, for generously donating snacks to stock the counselors' closet. We appreciate this new partnership with you!
- Thank you, North Metro Church, for your continued monthly financial support that helps fund the blessing bags of food that go home each weekend to Mavericks in need!
- Thank you, Acworth Walmart, for graciously donating deodorant, socks, and underwear to the community outreach closet!

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

## Foundation

**Maverick Scarecrow** – If you are a Facebook user, click on [This Link](#) and like the Foundation's entry in the Scarecrow on Main competition in downtown Kennesaw. If you would also share it on your own personal timeline that would be awesome. The Foundation does a lot for us, this is an easy way to say thanks!

**Our Mission** – Our mission is to create opportunity for ALL McClure Students by providing funding in innovation and technology. Donate Today! Join the 2024-25 [Annual Giving Campaign](#) to support projects benefitting all Mavericks! Visit the [Foundation Online Store](#) to snag some awesome Maverick merchandise, buy birthday messages, make donations, and purchase personalized lobby horseshoes on [Foundation Website](#).



## Community Events

**North Cobb Soccer** – NCHS is hosting informational session for both student and parents regarding their soccer programs. See the [Student Flyer](#) and [Parent Flyer](#) for details.

**Harrison Top Dog Wrestling** – Harrison Jr. wrestling season is right around the corner. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

**Jr. Hot Shotz Dance Team (AHS)** – See [This Flyer](#) for information on Allatoona High School's Jr. Hot Shotz Dance Team.

**Jr. Bucs Wrestling** – See [This Flyer](#) for information on Allatoona High School Junior Bucs Wrestling.

# *DARE to Be a Maverick!*

## Upcoming Dates

- 10/21-25 – National School Bus Safety Week
- 10/22 – Reflections Celebration Breakfast @ 8:10 in the Bonus Room
- 10/23 – PSAT 8-9 Testing (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)
- 10/25 – PTSA Spirit Night @ Sparkles (5:00-9:00)
- 10/28-11/1 – [Red Ribbon Week](#)
- 11/11 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student-Parent Battleship @ 8:00 in the Wooden Gym