



The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 10/6/24

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

It is hard to believe but this Friday, October 11, is the end of the first quarter of the 2024-25 schoolyear! So, now is a great time to jump on [ParentVue](#) and make sure your Maverick's grades look the way you expect. This is also a good time to have a conversation with your Maverick on how *they* feel the first quarter of the school year has gone.

- What have you done well?
- What do you want to continue?
- What has not gone as well as you hoped?
- What will you need to change during Quarter 2 for this to happen?

We tell our Mavericks at McClure regularly that what was good enough yesterday is not good enough today, and what is good enough today will not be good enough tomorrow. We must challenge ourselves to grow a little better every day. Thank you for having these conversations with your Maverick at home as we wrap up Quarter 1 and prepare to move into the next grading period!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Shout Outs

CCSD Police Department – Not last week, but *this coming week* is Public Safety Appreciation Week (sorry, we were a week early). 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, Mr. Brian Dyer!

Foundation & Maverick Men – Shout out to our Foundation and the Maverick Men for a recent rebuild of the bridge on the Maverick Trail in our woods. Outdoor learning in the woods has been impossible for over a year as a tree had fallen and damaged the previous bridge, making it unsafe. Tom Larson led this work along with Chad Carter and Jason Stauffer. Funding came from the McClure Foundation. Check out the pictures below. Amazing!



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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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Shout Outs (Cont.)

Beacon Assessments – Three times per year, each student in CCSD takes the Beacon Assessments in ELA and Math. These assessments help us monitor our students' learning growth and determine the best class placements to meet our Mavericks' needs. At each administration we like to celebrate students scoring in the top two tiers on the assessment and we post their names in our hallways. You can see these lists below. Individual Score Reports (ISRs) for the first round of Beacon Assessments will be sent home with all McClure students during [Conference Week](#).

[6th Grade](#)

[7th Grade](#)

[8th Grade](#)

6th Grade Social Sponsors – The 6th Grade Social on Friday afternoon was awesome! Thank you PTSA! The PTSA would like to recognize the following partners for their sponsorship of our upcoming 6th Grade Social. Thank you!

- Cherokee Appraisal & Consulting
- Cohen & Sinowski, Personal Injury Law
- Rosenfield Family, Brooklyn Butler's Grandparents

Operational

October Events – To keep up with all things McClure in October see the [McClure October Calendar \(Updated\)](#).

World Day of Bullying Prevention – Tomorrow, October 7th, is World Day of Bullying Prevention. We are encouraging our Mavericks to wear blue tomorrow in support of this day. Wearing blue is more than just putting on a color—it's a bold statement of unity against bullying. When you #BlueUP, you're helping amplify the message that kindness, respect, and inclusion are the foundations of a safe, supportive environment.

8th 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!

Cognia Survey – If you have not already, please take a moment to complete [This Survey](#) for McClure (even if you have a student at another CCSD school). Thank you for your time!

Color Battle – Color Battle has been rescheduled for this Thursday, October 10. The Schedule can be seen [Here](#).

NJHS Dates – Meeting dates for the McClure Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society can be seen below. Please contact [Ms. Renate Davis](#) with questions.

- October 30th 8:00 am
- November 19th 8:00 am
- January 15th at 8:00 am
- March 12th at 8:00 am
- April 31st at 8:00 am

Library Media Specialist of the Year – Each year, the Cobb County Association of Library Media Services honors a CCSD Librarian with the title of Library Media Specialist of the Year. To qualify the LMS will have held a Cobb County School District library media specialist (LMS) position for 3 full and consecutive school years, and the LMS will be employed in the Cobb County School District during the entire next school year as the selected reigning LMSOTY. Anyone can nominate a media specialist for this award—staff, admin, or even community members. To nominate your outstanding library media specialist, please use [This Link](#).

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PTSA

Snacks Needed – The Hospitality Committee will be providing snacks for teachers during conference week. We hope parents will help contribute. Volunteers will be in car line and at the bus port before school on 10/11 to collect donations! Please see the [Sign-Up Genius](#) to see how you can participate in showing your appreciation to our teachers. We are grateful for the help!

Spirit Wear (LAST CALL) – Last opportunity of the year to purchase your spirit wear hoodie or t-shirt! The [Merch Store](#) will be open from 10/6–10/20. Orders will be distributed to the homeroom in early November. All sales are final with no exchanges.

Reflections – Creative Mavericks, it's your time to shine! It's time for the annual National PTA Reflections art competition. Dig deep for your visual art, film, literature, music, dance, or photography skills to interpret this year's theme, "Accepting Imperfections." Entries are due on Tuesday, October 8. Click [This Link](#) for details and entry! The top submissions from each grade and category advance to the next rounds against other schools in our area. Up to 30 submissions from each state go to the national level, where prizes include scholarships! Email question to McClureReflections@gmail.com.

Questions – Have a question for PTSA or want to join a committee? Email us at mcclureptsapresident@gmail.com

Foundation

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](#).

Business Partners – Calling all parents with businesses! Your support of our school foundation can make a significant impact on our students' education. Partner with us to help provide vital resources and opportunities that will empower our kids to succeed. To be a corporate sponsor, please [Click Here](#) for more information!

Community Events

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.

Upcoming Dates

- 10/7 – World Day of Bullying Prevention (Wear Blue as a sign of kindness, respect, and inclusion.)
- 10/10 – [Color Battle!](#)
- 10/11 – End of Q1
- 10/14 – Digital Learning Day (Students do not report to campus)
- 10/15-18 – [Conference Week](#) (Dismissal @ 1:30)
- 10/16 – 6th & 8th Grade Scoliosis Screening for any student who has not opted out
- 10/23 – PSAT 8-9 Testing (8th Grade Only)