



# The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 12/3/23

## Principal's Note

McClure Families,

I hope everyone had a great first week back from break and that you and your family quickly settled back into school rhythm. As we roll over into the coming week, the days remaining in the second grading period grow increasingly few. Now, is a great time to check ParentVue to assure your student's grades look the way you want them to. If they do not, now is the time to reach out to your student's teachers to see what can be done to improve their scores. Additionally, check out the [Updated McClure Tutoring Schedule](#). Getting your student in early or having them stay late for additional help is a great way to help improve those grades! The closer we get to the Holiday Break, the more excited our students will become, and the harder it will be to keep them focused on their schoolwork. So, now is the time to jump on anything that can be corrected before it is too late!

Sincerely,  
Cory Stanley

## School Events

**Book Fair in the LLC** – This week we'll be hosting our first ever [Bedford Falls Book Fair](#) at McClure! Students will visit the Book Fair with their ELA classes. The Book Fair will also be open for shopping during Study Hall, Homeroom and Mav Block. The Book Fair will be open until 7pm for family shopping on Thursday, December 7th! In addition to middle grades and young teen titles, this year we will also be carrying cookbooks, early readers, beginning chapter books, and picture books. You can set up cashless payment through [kidCredit](#) (run through Paypal). Unspent funds will be refunded, or you can choose to donate them. More info can be found [Here](#).

## Instructional

**McClure Tutoring** – Our core content area teams in each grade level are here to support our students before and after school. See the [McClure Tutoring Schedule](#) for details. Thank you for the additional effort on your part to get students in early and pick them up late so that they can attend tutoring sessions.

### 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 annual [Gift Card Drive](#)  
begins tomorrow!



# DARE to Be a Maverick!

## Operational

**Gift Card Drive** – Each year at McClure, we pool gift cards for our families in need. We find this is an easier way for families to get involved during a busy time of year than other options like a giving tree. See [This Flyer](#) for details and drop off cards for Publix, Kroger, Walmart, or Target at our front office through Friday, December 15. Thank you for helping our families in need this holiday season!

**December Calendar** – Keep up with all things McClure with the [McClure December Calendar](#).

**Parent Survey** – Each year, the GA Department of Education requires schools to participate in [GA Parent Survey](#). Data from this survey impacts our school climate rating, which is a part of CCRPI (Career and College Readiness Performance Index). Please take a moment to complete [This Year's Survey](#). We appreciate your time!

**Student Survey** – Middle school students in Georgia participate in the annual [Student Health Survey](#). At McClure, we will be administering the survey on Monday, December 18. If you would like to review the questions to the survey, you may come into the McClure Front Office between 8:30 and 4:00 any day prior to the survey's administration. A [Passive Permission Form](#) was sent home via CTLS earlier this week. This only needs to be returned if you DO NOT want your student to participate.

**Contact Information** – Please take a moment to review and/or update your student's contact information in ParentVue, specifically, which contacts may pick your student up from school. Click [Here](#) for instructions.

**Girls Who Code** – The Girls who Code Club will meet tomorrow, Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> after school. Please plan to pick your students up by 5:30.

**Last Days Schedules** – The last two days of the semester are early release days. You can see the schedule for those days [Here](#).

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exam Schedule** – At the end of the semester there are several important summative assessments for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Please see the [8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exam Schedule](#) for details.

## PTSA

**Duty-Free Lunch Volunteers** – Your teachers work hard. Once a month we like to give them a break from their everyday lunchroom duty. We are looking for volunteers to help out with "Duty Free lunch." Not only are you allowing the teachers to enjoy their lunch, but you get to say hello to your child during their lunch period. More details on the [Sign-Up Genius](#).

**Questions** – Email [mcclureptsa@gmail.com](mailto:mcclureptsa@gmail.com)

## Foundation

**Annual Engagement Drive** – The McClure Foundation would like to encourage all our Maverick families to participate in the Annual Engagement Drive! The Foundation provides funding for projects at McClure that go beyond what the district can offer, such as our updated S.T.E.M. Labs and new digital bulletin boards. Help us raise \$10,000 to purchase additional AV equipment. Families can support our incredible school by giving a \$25 or more with 3 ways to give:

- Buy a personalized lobby horseshoe
- Schedule a birthday message on the marquee
- Make a monetary donation

Check out [This Flyer](#) for more information and to donate online today!



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## Community Events

**Percy Jackson Event** – On December 20, the West Cobb Library will be hosting a Percy Jackson Launch Party. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

**Allatoona Lacrosse** – Allatoona has opened its youth lacrosse registration. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

**KMHS Cadet Guard** – The Kennesaw Mountain Band in forming a Cadet Guard. See [This Flyer](#) for details!

**After School Program** – Did you know that Kennesaw Parks & Recreation transports students every day directly from McClure to the Ben Robertson Community Center for their after-school program? This is a great service that includes tutoring support for academics as well as recreation for students. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

## Upcoming Dates

- 12/4 – Girls Who Code Club (4:15-5:15)
- 12/4-8 – Boof Fair in the LLC
- 12/5 – Spelling Bee in the Theater (9:30-1:30)
- 12/6 – Principal’s Advisory Council @ 9:15
- 12/6 – PTSA Executive Cabinet @ 9:30 in the PDR
- 12/6 – PTSA General Session @ 10:00 in the PDR
- 12/7 – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Concerts in the Theater (6:30-7:30)
- 12/8 – Deadline for students to “Purchase” the Stars and Strikes Field Trip in PBIS Rewards