



The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 2/2/25

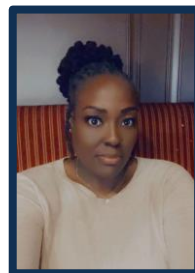
Principal's Note

McClure Families,

I hope that you had a great weekend! This week we celebrate National School Counseling Week. We have three tremendous counselors at McClure: Ms. Stacye Sledge, Ms. Wendy Sherer, and Ms. Kristie Gordon. Together they support our students, faculty, and families in myriad of ways, not limited to:

- One-on-one support
- Small group sessions
- Classroom lessons
- New student induction
- Standardized testing
- 5th – 6th grade transition
- 8th – 9th grade transition
- Community resources
- Families in need
- Medical care

We are so thankful for our counselors and all they do for our community at McClure. Please join me in our celebration of Ms. Sledge, Ms. Sherer, and Ms. Gordon this week!



Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Shout Outs

Girls Who Code – Shout out to 8th grade student Tanvika Karavalla, who placed 2nd in last Saturday's coding competition at Kennesaw Mountain High School!



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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Special Event I

American Heart Challenge – McClure Middle School is proud to support the American Heart Association! By participating in the American Heart Challenge, you have the opportunity to raise awareness and funds for congenital heart defects, CPR training, mental well-being, and more as we work to end heart disease and stroke. Along the way you'll meet some of the kids you're helping while learning about mind and body health. Plus, our school can earn money for P.E. equipment and your student can earn fun thank you gifts!

Our program will run January 27 thru February 14. The first step is to REGISTER! Anyone raising \$10 or more will be eligible to participate in Fast Tracks fun on February 14th from 8:00-8:50am. Plus, the top fundraising homerooms in each grade level will earn points for their McClure Olympic Country. The minimum to participate in our event is \$10. Students can either donate or raise the \$10 online. All students are invited to register and join in the fundraising campaign online.

Here's how to get started:

- Download the free American Heart Challenge app, [Register Online](#) at or scan the QR Code.
- Send texts or emails to friends and family to ask for donations.
- Watch the 2-minute Hands-Only CPR video and learn how to save a life.
- BONUS: Earn thank-you gifts for raising funds online!



Scan to Register

Special Event II

School Musical – Legally Blonde tickets are on sale now! Come meet Elle Woods and her friends at one of our four shows:

- Thursday, February 6th @ 7:00 pm
- Friday, February 7th @ 7:00 pm
- Saturday, February 8th @ 2:00 pm
- Saturday, February 8th @ 7:00 pm

Tickets can be purchased [Here](#). General admission, \$8.00 each. Please [Email Paul](#) if you would like one or two comp tickets to a show.



Donate a Dress – Legally Blonde needs your help! Do you have semi-formal and formal dresses hanging in your closet that you know no one in your family will ever wear again? We need to "stock" a dress shop for the first scene in the musical and are looking for donations. After the show, the dresses will be donated in turn to an organization that provides dresses for students who need some help with proms and dances. Your donations can be sent to the front office. If you needed an excuse to thin out your closet, this is it! Thank you in advance for your help and generosity.

Instructional

McClure Tutoring – We are currently offering before and after school support sessions for students in the four core content areas. 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!

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Operational (Cont.)

KMHS Rising 9th Grade Parent Night – Kennesaw Mountain High School will be hosting a [9th Grade Student & Parent Night](#) on Tuesday, February 4th, at 6:00 PM. This event will provide valuable information about academic programs, expectations, and opportunities for incoming students. For those who can arrive early, there will be an Extracurricular Fair in the cafeteria at 5:15 PM where students can explore clubs, sports, and other activities available at Kennesaw Mountain. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what KMHS has to offer and to ask any questions you may have. Please feel free to reach out to 8th Grade Counselor [Ms. Kristie Gordon](#) if you need any additional information.

Drop Offs – Reminder that dropping off items to students at school should be reserved for emergencies only. Also, this is a friendly reminder that we do not allow our students to bring outside food (i.e., fast food) into our cafeteria. Outside food, balloons, flowers, candy, or any birthday treats should not be delivered to students at school as we do not interrupt instruction time for celebrations. All this information can be found on the McClure website in the [Student Handbook](#). Thank you for your understanding.

Girls Who Code – The Girls Who Code group will meet tomorrow, Monday, February 3rd, immediately after school in the PDR, room 224 near the front office. Please plan to be here by 5:25pm to pick them up in front of the school. Looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow!

7th Grade Student-Parent Battleship – 6th Grade parents had their chance. Now, it's time for our 7th grade parents to show off their volleyball skills while supporting a great cause. 7th Grade Student-Parent Battleship is coming to our gym on Wednesday, 2/12 @ 8:00. See [This Invitation](#) for details!

HS Registration Dates – To see the important dates for registration at Allatoona, Harrison, and Kennesaw Mountain, see [This Transition Flyer](#). Contact 8th Grade Counselor [Ms. Kristie Gordon](#) with any 8th to 9th Grade transition questions.

Parent Survey – The Georgia Department of Education conducts surveys annually for all parents, students, and school staff. Please take a moment to complete the [GA Climate Survey for Families](#). This information helps us continue to improve as a school. Thank you!

6th Grade Parents – All rising 7th grade students are required to have one dose of the Tdap and meningococcal vaccines to attend school. Once your child has received the required vaccines, please send a copy of the completed Georgia Department of Public Health Certificate of Immunization Form 3231 to McClure. It can be emailed [Here](#) or dropped off at the front office. Per Georgia law, a completed immunization record must be on file for your child by the first day of the 2025-2026 school year.

Nurse's Corner

Staying Hydrated – See nurse Bravo's notes on staying hydrated and the benefits of hydration [Here \(Spanish\)](#).

When to Stay Home – It's cold & flu season. See nurse Bravo's notes to help you determine whether or not to send your Maverick to school [Here \(Spanish\)](#).

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PTSA

Hospitality Event – This month's Hospitality event for teachers is Hit the Trail! We will be providing a trail mix bar with a trail hiking theme on Valentine's Day, Friday 2/14. Please consider contributing a snack from our [Sign-Up Genius](#) or helping with [Duty-Free Lunch](#). We appreciate your help! Let's show the staff some love!

Candy Grams – The PTSA will be selling candy grams in the atrium Tuesday (2/11) – Thursday (2/13) from 8:50-9:10 am. Students are able to purchase candy grams for friends which will be delivered on Valentine's Day. Options will be available for \$1 or \$2.

Shout Out – Over the past semester, the PTSA Outreach Team procured necessary food items, organized our new bag assembly/storage room, and replenished the pantry to assemble 266 food blessing bags, 22 Thanksgiving baskets, and 22 Christmas food baskets! Additionally, a variety of hygiene products, ranging from toothbrushes and deodorants to underwear and clothing, were distributed from the book/hygiene closet. The guidance snack closets were also well-stocked, thanks to the snack donations from Burnt Hickory Church of Christ. And the committee allocated \$900 for the purchase of new novels, ensuring that all students will have access to a book for annotation in their ELA classes. Big thanks to our Maverick community for their generous donations and to North Metro Church for their ongoing contribution of \$250 each month. The committee also received \$1675 in gift cards from UNIBLOC and distributed 22 at Christmas and plan to distribute the rest with the February "Beat the Flu" bags. Huge thanks to this amazing team!!

Spirit Night – This Wednesday (2/5) PTSA Spirit Night @ Culver's of Kennesaw (Due West Road).

Community Events

Summer Camp Expo – Kennesaw Parks & Recreation will be holding its summer camp expo on Sunday, March 2 from 10:00am-2:00pm at Adams Park. This is a great opportunity to start planning to keep your Maverick busy during the summer. See the [Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Website](#) for information on all that they do for our community.

YMCA Clubs – The Northwest Family YMCA has several clubs for middle school students beginning soon. See the flyers below for details:

- [Middle School Madness](#)
- [Middle School Sports](#)
- [Junior Leaders](#)
- [Junior Entrepreneurs](#)

Olivia Kate's Path – A 5K to support a scholarship honoring Olivia Kate Pugh is scheduled for 8:30am, Saturday, February 8, 2025 at Harrison High School. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

Harrison Volleyball Youth Clinics – [Harrison Volleyball](#) is SUPER excited about hosting their first ever kid clinics on Wednesdays in March. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

- When: Wednesdays in March
- Who: Upcoming 3rd-8th graders
- Where: Hoya Center
- Why: To Learn, Develop, Play

Family STEAM Night – The North Cobb Regional Library is hosting a Family STEAM Night on Wednesday, February 19. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

Harrison Try LAX – Interested in trying lacrosse? Opportunities are coming up at Harrison. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

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Upcoming Dates

- 2/1-28 – Black History Month
- 2/1-28 – American Heart Month
- 2/3-7 – National School Counselor Appreciation Week
- 2/3 – Girls Who Code Club @ 4:30 in the PDR
- 2/4 – [KMHS 9th Grade Student & Parent Night](#)
- 2/5 – PTSA Executive Cabinet @ 9:30 in the PDR
- 2/5 – PTSA General Meeting @ 10:00 in the PDR
- 2/5 – PTSA Spirit Night @ Culver's of Kennesaw (Due West Road)
- 2/6 – Legally Blonde the Musical @ 7:00
- 2/7 – Legally Blonde the Musical @ 7:00
- 2/8 – Legally Blonde the Musical @ 2:00 & 7:00
- 2/11-13 – PTSA Candy Gram Sales (\$1-2)
- 2/12 – [7th Grade Student-Parent Battleship](#)
- 2/14 – American Heart Association Fast Tracks in the Gym @ 8:00