

The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition - 3/30/25

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

March is an incredibly busy time of year for students, families, and schools. I want to say thank you for all you have done in the past month to support your Maverick's academics, their behavior, and to help us celebrate their successes at McClure. This past week we celebrated honor roll for Quarter 3 (thank you to all that came out to celebrate!), which will be the last honor roll celebration for our 8th graders. This made me reflect on how fast the middle school years feel for both our faculty and our parents. Students are with us HALF as many years as they are in elementary school. This is one reason we are so passionate about what we do every day at McClure. There is no time to waste if we want our Mavericks to be on track for success in high school. Thank you for your partnership in making every day count!

Sincerely, Cory Stanley

Shout Outs

Band LGPE & Beyond – Shout out to Ms. Ashleigh Rider, Ms. Sidney Maurice, and our band program for an amazing week of LGPE performances. Also, our 8th Grade Symphonic Band was selected to perform at the Music for All Southeastern Regional Concert Festival. Their performance on Wednesday at the Rialto Theater at Georgia State University was incredible!







Beacon Assessments – Each year, students across CCSD participate in the Beacon Assessments three times: At the start of the year, in the middle of the year, and at the end of the year. These tests give us data on our students' progress in ELA and Math and are a predictor of student success on the Milestones. Check out all the Mavericks who made the lists of Nearing Target and Prepared on the most recent Beacon!

6th Grade

7th Grade

8th Grade

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.)

Honor Roll – Thank you to all that came out to celebrate our Q3 Honor Roll recipients on Friday! See the <u>Principal's Honor Roll</u> and the A/B Honor Roll lists for all the Mavericks who were recognized.

Instructional

HS Classes – Rising 8th grade students have the awesome opportunity to earn high school credits in their last year of middle school. Our McClure High School Course Offerings 25-26 flyer gives parents and students an overview of the possible courses we offer as well as the criteria in which students can qualify to enter those courses. If your child is interested in participating, please complete the HS Request Form (also linked in the flyer). If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to email Carrie Porter.

AC Placement – Placement in advanced content (AC) classes at McClure is based on a set of criteria. See the <u>2025-26 AC Placement</u>

<u>Criteria</u> for details. This is what will be used to schedule our students in Advanced Content classes next year.

Operational

Laptop Power – As a parent of a middle schooler, you know that they are notorious for leaving items behind. For some of our students, this has happened with their laptop power supply. With Milestones right around the corner, it is critical that every student has not only their laptop but also a working power supply with them every day at school. If your Maverick has lost theirs, here are some replacement options:

- 8th Grade: Dell Laptop Charger 65W watt AC Power Adapter(Power Supply) 19.5V 3.34A
- 7th Grade: Dell Laptop Charger 65W Watt USB Type C
- 6th Grade: Lenovo USB Type C Charger

Rising 6th Grade Parent Night – It is hard to believe but it is almost time for our future 6th grade students and future 6th grade parents to come visit us in preparation for next year! On Tuesday, April 1, our rising 6th grade students from Bullard, Due West, Frey, and Lewis will be visiting us during the school day for their first taste of life at McClure. Two days later, on Thursday, April 3, we will host our annual Rising 6th Grade Parent Night at 6:30 in the McClure Theater.

Senior Walk – Each year, McClure joins our elementary neighbors and invites our former Mavericks back to campus for a senior walk. The McClure Senior Walk will be Friday, May 16th at 10:00am. Graduating seniors should report to the front office in their cap and gown to check in. Thank you for sharing This Invitation in our community!

8th Grade Battleship – 6th Grade parents had their chance. Then, 7th Grade parents got their shot. 8th Grade parents, now it's *your* turn for Student-Parent Battleship, a fun, four-way volleyball game. This event is coming up this Thursday, April 3 at 8:00 in the Wooden Gym. See <u>This Invitation Letter</u> from our Wellness Team for details. Hope to see you there!

Yearbook Sales – There are less than 200 yearbooks left and no more will be printed. The time to guarantee that your student has the 2025 yearbook is now. Order your yearbook Here. If there are any unsold books on yearbook day in May, they will be sold for \$50. Ordering now is a great way to save.

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.

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PTSA

Reflections Winners - Shout out to the following Mavericks who are this year's PTSA Reflections winners!

- Avery Ellis Music 6
- Tristan Key Music 8
- Merabelle Surace Visual Arts 6

Executive Board – Interested in being on the McClure PTSA executive board? We are now accepting nominations for the 2025-26 school year. Please send your name and contact info to our nominating committee chair, <u>Danielle Rasmussen</u>, by March 31, 2025.

Susan Wing Scholarship – Named after Ms. Susan Wing, the first principal of McClure Middle School, the McClure PTSA Susan Wing Scholarship honors a graduating senior who best exemplifies the character traits held dear by Mrs. Wing: Excellence, Enthusiasm, Encouragement, and Ingenuity. The winner receives a one-time \$1,000 award. The applying senior must have attended McClure Middle School for at least one year. Applications are due via email to <u>Jessica Scirica</u> before midnight on Sunday, March 31, 2024. For more information see <u>This Website</u>.

McClure Olympics – McClure Olympics is returning the week of May 12-16. For those new to McClure, this is a week-long event organized and run by our fabulous PE department and assisted by the PTSA. Each homeroom has been assigned a country to represent. Homerooms compete in an Academic Bowl, Field Day, and enjoy a movie/snack day. Opening and Closing Ceremonies are also held. The full schedule will be out soon so stay tuned!

Click Here for online shirt sales, which are open now! Olympic shirts are \$10 each.

All students are highly encouraged to wear their shirt during Olympics week as colors are assigned to each homeroom. All proceeds benefit our PE Department!

Foundation

Foundation Members Needed – Volunteers Needed! Are you interested in getting more involved in the McClure Foundation? We are looking for volunteers to start filling the committees for next year and we need YOU! Email mmsf.president@gmail.com if you are interested or fill out This Form.

- *Specific needs (not limited to):
 - Sponsorship Chair
 - Fundraising Committee
 - Marketing & Communication Chair

Birthday Wishes in Our Halls – Send a happy birthday message to your Maverick! Birthday messages are just \$25 and they're a great way to make your student or favorite faculty member feel special. Over the February Break, we have added 6 large screens to the hallways of McClure! Your Maverick's birthday can be displayed on these screens for all to see with a purchase from the Foundation. Birthdays are displayed on the entryway marquee as well! Pro tip: If your Maverick's birthday is during the summer, schedule a message in December! Purchase your message at the Foundation Store.



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Community Events

KMHS Basketball Cheer – To all rising KMHS 9th graders interested in basketball cheer next school year, the interest meeting will be held this Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:00PM at Kennesaw Mountain High School in the media center. Tryouts are April 15-18 (6:00-7:30PM). Please remember that you must have an updated physical to participate in clinics and tryouts. If you are interested, please see This Flyer and scan the QR code to complete an interest form. All the required information will then be emailed to you. The interest link is also on Instagram @kmbbcheer.

Harrison Softball – If you will be attending Harrison High School in the fall and are interested in trying out for the Hoyas Fast-Pitch Softball Team, there will be an interest meeting this Wednesday, April 2nd in the Attendance Building Cafeteria at 7:30pm. We will discuss the eligibility requirements for registration and the procedures for tryouts, which will be held May 5-9. See This Flyer for details.

Hoya Baseball Camps – See This Site or This Flyer for information on the camps listed below.

- Camp 1: June 2-5 (Fundamentals Camp 1st-7th grade)
- Camp 2: June 8-9 (Prospect Camp 8-9th grade)

Jr. Hoya Cheerleading - Harrison Jr. Hoya Cheerleading tryouts are coming soon. See This Flyer for details.

Kennesaw Parks & Rec Summer – As you can see in <u>This Flyer</u>, the Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Department has a ton of opportunities for teens over the summer. See <u>Their Website</u> for details. Also, do you have a teenager looking for summer work? See <u>This Flyer</u> for opportunities with Kennesaw Parks & Recreation this summer.

Allatoona Dance Team – Tryouts are upcoming for the Allatoona Dance Team. See This Flyer for details.

KMHS Tennis Camp – The Kennesaw Mtn. HS Tennis Booster Club and we is hosting a tennis camp for kids 5-17. See <u>This Flyer</u> for details.

Jr. Bucs Football - Registration is now open for Allatoona Jr. Bucs (6-8 grade) Football. See This Flyer or Their Website for details.

The Arts Intensive – <u>Click Here</u> for information on summer musical sign ups or <u>Click Here</u> to purchase tickets for *Annie the Musical* and The Arts Intensive.

Upcoming Dates

- 3/31 <u>Susan Wing Scholarship</u> Application Deadline
- 4/1 Rising 6th Grade Day
- 4/2 PTSA Executive Cabinet Meeting @ 9:30 in the PDR
- 4/2 PTSA General Meeting @ 10:00 in the PDR
- 4/3 8th Grade Student-Parent Battleship in the Wooden Gym @ 8:00 (Admission is canned goods or individually packaged snacks)
- 4/3 Rising 6th Grade Parent Night @ 6:30
- 4/7-11 Spring Break