

The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition - 3/9/25

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

This coming Friday marks the end of the 3rd 9-week quarter of the school year. Teachers and students will be wrapping up grades so that we can celebrate another honor roll. Thank you for checking ParentVue to make sure your student's grades are where you expect them to be. In order to reinforce the A for Accountability in our DARE expectations, we have added an additional DARE Day each quarter for students with minimal missing assignments. This is just one more way that we are recognizing students who do just what they are supposed to do each day here at McClure! So, now is the time to look at the gradebook and get those 0s and Ms replaced so that every student can attend and enjoy the next bonus DARE Day. Thank you for all you do at home to send us the best of the best every day at McClure!

Sincerely, Cory Stanley

Shout Outs

Orchestra LGPE – Congratulations to our 7th & 8th grade orchestras and our tremendous director Ms. Kimberly Alfano for fantastic performances and sight reading at this past week's Large Group Performance Evaluation! We are incredibly proud of all involved!



Read Across America – Shout out to all our Mavericks that travelled to Bullard on February 28th for Read Across America Day! Also, a big thank you to Bullard for putting together this amazing event annually. We read to all classes K-5 and both our staff and students had a blast with our elementary neighbors!



CCSD Magnet Students – Congratulations to our 8th grade students who were accepted into high school magnet programs across CCSD! See the list of studentss <u>Here</u>.

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.)

CCSD School Board – March 10-14 is School Board Appreciation Week. At McClure, we are represented proudly by Mr. Randy Scamihorn in Post 1. Thank you, Mr. Scamihorn!

Instructional

- **Beacon Assessments** This week, all McClure students will take the final round of Beacon Assessments for the year. These assessments give you and our staff information on where students are well prepared and where students have opportunities to grow to have success on the Milestones. Monday (3/10) will be ELA and Tuesday (3/11) will be math. See the full schedule for those days Here.
- **McClure Tutoring** We are currently offering before and after school support sessions for students in each of 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!

Operational

NJHS Meeting – National Junior Honors Society will meet this Wednesday, 3/12, @ 8:00. Contact Ms. Renate Davis with questions.

- **Girls Who Code** The Girls Who Code group will meet this Monday, March 10th. We will meet immediately after school in the PDR, room 224 near the front office. Please plan to be here by 5:25pm to pick your students up in front of the school. Looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow.
- **Game Club** Due to the positive response to our newly formed club Game Haven, this club will now be meeting weekly instead of every other week. Meetings are now every Thursday morning at 8:00. Our sponsor for this club is Ms. Overcast.
- Behavior Rewards Each week in March we offer an additional behavior incentive to make sure students are adhering tightly to our DARE expectations. Each week (Thursday-Friday), any grade level with 5 or fewer office disciplinary referrals will earn a hat day & PJ day the next Friday. Each week we will be adding an additional secret reward as Spring Break approaches. We will also be giving a block of PBIS Rewards points to *every* student who does not have any discipline each week, even if their grade level does not earn that week's incentive.
- 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.
- Yearbook Superlatives Each year we vote on teacher superlatives to be included in the yearbook. It's a silly competition and it is 100% for the fun of it. If you and your students would like to take part this year, you can vote Here. Voting ends on Wednesday, March 12th, winners will be announced on yearbook day in May.
- 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.
- **Legally Blonde Video** If you ordered a video of this year's production of *Legally Blonde*, they are shipping this week from Primm Video. You can still order a streaming version or a SmartTV compatible USB drive from the Primm Website.

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PTSA

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 Jessica Scirica before midnight on Sunday, March 31, 2024. For more information see This Website.

STEM-a-palooza – Join us Thursday, March 13, from 6:00-8:00pm, for our annual STEM-a-palooza! It's back & better than ever, with over 30 activities to participate in, and admission is FREE! (All students at McClure evening events must be accompanied by an adult to enter.) See https://doi.org/10.1007/jhts.com/html/steam-palooza? See the Sign-Up Genius to do so and thank you in advance!

Pi Day – March 14th is Pi Day and the McClure PTSA Hospitality Team is celebrating by providing a feast of pies for our McClure Staff. We'd love your help! Fruit, cream, pudding - any kind of pie is welcome. We're sure you've got a favorite, so make sure it's represented in our feast of pies! Pies can be storebought or homemade and need to be dropped off to the school on Wednesday, March 12th or Thursday, March 13th. Audrey will be waiting in the morning car line to receive your pies. Otherwise, you can drop them off in the McClure Front Office, as long as they don't require refrigeration. If your pies require refrigeration, please text Diane (404-202-2027) or Audrey (404-250-2795) so they can be there to put your pies in the fridge. Sign up to contribute Here. Thank you and happy Pi Day!



Thank You – Thank you to all the McClure families that donated to make the Hit the Trails themed trail mix bar for teachers and staff for our February event! The best part of the monthly staff treat is the duty-free lunch, which allows teachers to have an adults-only lunch. Thank you to our duty-free volunteers and Audrey Zohner who coordinates volunteers and serves on the Hospitality Team!

Upcoming Events – 3/11 PTSA General Meeting @ 8:00 in the LLC.

Foundation

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.



Community Events

KMHS PTSA – Kennesaw Mountain High School is looking for individuals to take on leadership positions in their organization for next school year. See <u>This Flyer</u> for details.

KMHS Summer Basketball – Kennesaw Mountain High School has some summer basketball opportunities for your Maverick. See <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/jhs.1007/jh

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Community Events (Cont.)

FCA Flag Football – FCA Sports is organizing a springtime all girls flag football league. See This Flyer for details.

KMHS Cheer – Save the Date! Rising 6th, 7th and 8th Graders – KMHS Junior Mustangs Cheer Interest Meeting Thursday, March 6th @ 7pm in the KMHS Media Center. Learn about tryouts, the upcoming season and more! Can't wait to see you there! Questions? Contact us at KMHSJrCheerleading@gmail.com

Summer Engineering Camps – Aerospace Engineering Summer Camps are offered by the Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering and Engineering Technology at Kennesaw State University. These camps are designed for middle and high school students. The mission of the camps is to provide practical hands-on knowledge to future engineers. They provide a platform for students to explore and understand the basics of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), with emphasis on Aerospace Engineering and Technology. During the camps, students get to experience and learn theory through exciting real-world applications. The camp includes design, build, and fly competitions, Computer Aided Design (CAD), flight simulations, rocket build and launch competitions, drone design, flight demonstrations and lots more. Come and experience the excitement. We believe in teaching and learning while having fun. Registration and more information is available Here.

Harrison Volleyball Youth Clinics – <u>Harrison Volleyball</u> 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

Upcoming Dates

- 3/10 ELA Beacon Assessment
- 3/11 Math Beacon Assessment
- 3/12 NJHS @ 8:00
- 3/13 Round Up
- 3/13 <u>STEM-a-palooza</u> (6:00-8:00)
- 3/14 End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/14 PTSA Pi Day