



The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 5/1/22

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

I hope that everyone had a great weekend! This week at McClure, we will continue with 8th grade testing. Even though it is only 8th grade testing, the schedule is changed for all three grades at McClure. You can see our bell schedule this week [Here](#). If you are wondering what day your student might be testing, you can see the whole Milestones schedule [Here](#). Wow, there are so many things to keep up with in May! We know that staying on top of all the events at McClure (let alone if you have students at other schools) can be a challenge this time of year. For this reason, we have created the [McClure May Calendar](#). This should help you see what is happening every day at McClure from now until the end of the year. Thanks to our front office team for putting this together!

Lastly, this week is teacher appreciation week. I want to thank our PTSA and Foundation for all they are doing to celebrate our amazing team at McClure. Parents, this week is a great week to send a quick note or email to a teacher to share your appreciation. I spent nine years in a middle school classroom as a teacher, and I can tell you that a short thank you from a parent or a student was always more powerful to me than any gift. Thank you for helping me celebrate our teachers this week!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Shout Outs

Volunteer of the Year – Congratulations to Ms. Jema Cowan, who was selected as this year's McClure Volunteer of the Year! We appreciate all our volunteers, but Jema has gone above and beyond this year in all she has done for our teachers and students. You can see her featured on the [Cobb Foundation VOTY Website](#) for this honor. Thank you Jema!



Instructional

HS Art – Don't forget to sign up your rising 8th grader up for [HS Art](#). Email [Ms. Heyser](#) work samples this week. Don't forget to include your name in the email!

Mission:

*One Team, One Goal,
Student Success*

Vision:

*A school of excellence
where all students
succeed*

McClure Motto:

DARE to Be a Maverick!

2020-21 Theme:

Back in the Saddle!

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.*



Thank You Teachers!

DARE to Be a Maverick!

Operational

Stilesboro Biscuits – Just a reminder that we do not recommend dropping students off at Stilesboro Biscuits in the morning before school. It is a lengthy walk from there to the McClure front door, and when students are unsupervised together for that length of time, they tend to make poor choices such as littering, property damage, or trespassing in our neighbor's yards. Even though there are many of our students who make nothing but excellent choices, we can pretty much guarantee that all students are going to be exposed to others making poor choices if they are in this environment.

2022-23 Yearbook Crew – Parents of rising seventh and eighth graders, it is time for your students to sign up for next year's yearbook staff. There are sixteen spots available for students who are interested in designing and promoting the yearbook. Is your student someone who wants to learn design skills? Wants to improve their photography skills? Do they want to help promote and market? Do they like the idea of working together to create McClure's yearbook? Now is the chance to sign up for the yearlong class that will be held during third period next year. The class will be open to both rising seventh and rising eighth graders. To apply to this class, they should be a trustworthy student (all S's in conduct), academically successful (honor roll for at least two quarters this year), and have good writing skills. The deadline to complete [The Application](#) is Friday, May 13th.

Opt Out – Each year during Milestones, some students ask their parents to opt them out of testing. Thankfully, most parents see the value in having their student complete these assessments. In case your student brings this idea to you, here are some reasons to give your student as to why they should participate:

- In high school, certain courses require End of Course tests that are required. This is good preparation.
- In high school, Advanced Placement classes require AP exams. This is good preparation.
- The SAT and ACT are standardized tests. It is good for students to be used to standardized testing well before taking these.
- Even advanced students will have weaknesses identified by the Milestones. Unless a student scores all 4s (Distinguished Learner) on the Milestones, there are areas in which they can improve. Testing helps us identify those weaknesses.
- At McClure we use the Milestones data to help place students in classes to support any weaknesses they have based on test results.

Sounds of McClure – The annual Sounds of McClure concert is coming up on May 6th. This event is an outdoor tradition each Spring and is so much fun! 6th Grade Band goes on at 6:00, 7th Grade Band at 7:00, and 8th Grade Band at 8:00. You can bring your own chair, but a table up front is the best place to be. Reserve your premium seating and dinner for the family in advance at the [McClure Foundation Store](#).

Community Events

Harrison Basketball – See [This Sign-Up](#) for Harrison 9th Grade Basketball.

Harrison Boys Volleyball – Try outs for Harrison Boys Volleyball are tomorrow night! See [This Flyer](#) for details.

Lady Hoyas Summer Basketball – Start planning for summer now. See [This Flyer](#) on the Lady Hoyas Summer Basketball Camp!

West Cobb Wrestling Camp – See [This Flyer](#) for another great summer camp opportunity!

Allatoona Football – Are you ready for some football? The Allatoona Middle School Football Season is right around the corner! Registration is open for all 6th, 7th and 8th grade players for the 2022 football season! Register [Here](#) or email questions to allatoonajrbucsfootball@yahoo.com.

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PTSA

Olympic Volunteers – The PTSA helps support each grade level Olympics. We would love to have you come and volunteer to lend a hand at this fun event. See [This Sign-Up](#) to volunteer!

Duty Free Lunch – There is still one spot available to help with duty free lunch next week. Sign up [Here!](#)

Foundation

8th Grade Bundles – The foundation has put together four different [8th Grade Bundles](#) to celebrate your 8th grader as they move on from McClure. This will allow you to both recognize your 8th grader and leave their legacy at our building. Learn more at the [McClure Foundation Website!](#)

