



The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 8/11/24

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

I want to thank you for an excellent first full week of the school year! Hopefully your Mavericks are coming home excited about what is going on every day at McClure and telling you all the things they are learning. Our 6th grade students already seem to have this whole middle school thing down! Our students are coming in prepared, they are modeling our DARE expectations, and they are engaging with class content at a high level. Our theme this year is **Intentional Excellence**, which means that now we all are tasked with maintaining this strong start throughout each day for the entirety of the year. That is without a doubt a team effort involving the McClure Team, our students, and our parents. Thank you for always challenging your Maverick to be a little better today than they were yesterday, and a little better tomorrow than they are today. Here's to another great week beginning tomorrow!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Heads Up

Student Laptop – With our 6th grade students receiving CCSD student laptops, there are a couple of notes we feel are important for all parents to consider:

Access to Content:

- At school, when students are on the CCSD network, what they have access to is limited and students have great difficulty trying to access age-inappropriate content.
- At home, on your home Wi-Fi, students can access anything that your network allows. There are few filters on the CCSD laptop that control what comes through a browser once it is on your home network (and students are incredibly talented at working around the filters that exist).
- Do you have a system to monitor how your network is being used at home?

Supervision:

- Just like a cell phone, online gaming, or the smart TV, 11–14-year-old children should not be left to access whatever they want without supervision.
- The same should be true with the student laptop. If they are using it, it should be in an area of the house that adults are supervising.

Screen Time:

- Infinite screen time is not good for any student, especially middle school students.
- What is your household's system for the time of day that the laptop is turned off and put on its charger in a place in the house that can be seen by adults?

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

Mountain High Landscape Supply – As you drive into our campus may notice how great our grounds look. When you do a yard project at home, you need mulch by the bag. On our campus, we need mulch by the truckload. [Mountain High Landscape Supply](#) gave us a great deal and helped assure our campus looked beautiful for the start of the year. They are great to work with, detail oriented, and locally owned. Give them a call @ 678-335-2565!



Operational

Fall Picture Day – Picture Day is this Tuesday, 8/13. Students can order their pictures [Here](#) (Enter Code: FM448771).

PBIS Rewards Family App – Every McClure family should have the PBIS Rewards Family App installed to monitor their Maverick's positive behavior at school. A letter inviting you to begin using the app came home in the first day CCSD folder. For instructions on how to get started, see [This Guide](#).

6th Grade Shirt Swap – This is the week for our 6th grade students to start bringing in shirts from their elementary school as they begin the process of officially become McClure Mavericks. We will be collecting shirts all this week and then distributing McClure Middle School shirts on Thursday, 8/22!

Yearbook – This year's yearbooks are available for \$35 if ordered between now and the end of August. As an added bonus, parents can personalize their child's book with a brass nameplate on the cover if it is ordered before August 31st. [Click Here](#) to order!



Clinic Medication – CCSD has updated the procedures for the 2024-2025 school year requiring all prescription medication to have the healthcare provider's signature on the [Authorization to Administer Medication Form JGCD-2 \(Spanish\)](#). In order for the school nurse to administer the medication(s) to a student, the parent must provide [The Form \(Spanish\)](#) signed by both the healthcare provider and the parent. The prescription label's administration instructions must match what is on the signed form. No prescription medication can be accepted into the clinic until [Form JGCD-2 \(Spanish\)](#) is completed. An MD signature is not required for over-the-counter medication.

Updating Contacts – Did you know you can update your contacts in [ParentVue](#)? This allows you to adjust who can check your Maverick out of school, who can see education records, and more. See [These How-to Steps](#) to update your Maverick's contact information ASAP!

Laptop Chargers – It is often beneficial to have an extra charger at home for the student laptop. Use the links below to order one for your Maverick:

- 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](#)

Item Drop-off – At McClure, we do not interrupt instructional time for items that are dropped off for students. Therefore, item drop-off should only occur in emergency situations. Middle school students are at the age when it is a good time to learn the hard lesson of, "Oops, I left that at home. I'd better remember it next time." Students will be fine at school without the following items being dropped off to them: Musical instrument, student laptop, PE clothes, and lunch (we will make sure they get lunch). Thank you for your support on this!

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PTSA

Spirit Nights – Upcoming spirit nights to benefit the McClure PTSA can be seen below. Be sure to let them know you are from McClure!

- Wednesday, 8/21 – [Huey Luey's](#)
- Friday, 8/30 – [Sparkles](#)

Spirit Wear – You can still order your spirit wear by August 16th through the [Merch Store Link](#).

Questions – Have a question for PTSA or want to join a committee? Email us at mcclureptsapresident@gmail.com

Membership Contest – We're holding a [PTSA Membership](#) contest! The contest will run till 8/31 with Drawing on 9/3. Prizes for each grade:

- 1st – 4 aquarium passes!
- 2nd – \$50 gift certificate to local restaurant
- 3rd – \$35 Bruster's coupon book
- Highest membership homeroom for each grade gets a popsicle party

Blessing Bags – Thank you North Metro Church for your continued generosity in providing food for our Friday blessing bags. We are so grateful for your partnership this school year. If you are in need of food for the weekends, please reach out to your grade level guidance counselor to be placed on the weekly list.

- 6th Grade – [Stacye Sledge](#)
- 7th Grade – [Wendy Sherer](#)
- 8th Grade – [Kristie Gordon](#)

Maverick Men – Dads, we would love to have you as a member of the Maverick Men, our father volunteer group. The Maverick Men help with morning drop off, lunch supervision, volunteering in classrooms, and projects around the building. There will be a pizza and information night on Tuesday, August 27th at 6:00 in the McClure Cafeteria. See [This Flyer](#) for details. We hope you can join us!



Foundation

Foundation Merch – Support your McClure foundation by purchasing one of our cozy long sleeve T-shirts this fall! Not only will you be keeping you and your child stylish, but you'll also be contributing towards supporting our children's education. Each shirt sold helps us fund programs and services that make a real difference in our children's learning. Show your support and school spirit by wearing our maverick T-shirts with pride! Visit [Our Website](#) for more information!



Community Events

Allatoona Lacrosse – Interested in learning more about or participating in lacrosse at Allatoona? See [This Flyer](#) for details.

KMHS Lady Mustang Volleyball – Mustang Middle School Night will be Thursday, 8/15. The first match is at 5:30 in the KMHS Main Gym. All visitors wearing a KMHS VB shirt will gain free entry. The 1st 40 students to attend will receive a free shirt. Questions - email us at kennesawmountainvolleyball@gmail.com

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Community Events (Cont.)

Hoya Lacrosse – Ready to sign up? That’s great! Practices begin the week of August 12th and the teams practice at Lost Mountain Park (4845 Dallas Hwy, Powder Springs, GA 30127). Sign up [Here](#) before August 12th.

MAC Lax – On behalf of Marietta Athletic Club and the Kennesaw Mountain HS Girls Lacrosse Coach, Sarah Shaver, you are invited to [Mac Lax Registration](#). We are a youth lacrosse program that feeds into the High Schools in Marietta such as Kennesaw Mountain, Mt. Paran, Marietta, etc.

Upcoming Dates

- 8/13 – Fall Picture Day (Order pictures [Here](#), Enter Code: FM448771)
- 8/19 – Digital Learning Day (Students do not report to McClure)
- 8/19 – Music Program Fundraiser Kickoff
- 8/21 – [PTSA Spirit Night](#) @ Huey Luey’s from 5:00-9:00
- 8/22 – 8th Grade Disney Trip Interest Meeting @ 6:30 in the McClure Theater
- 8/23 – DARE Day!
- 8/27 – [Maverick Men Pizza and Information Night](#) @ 6:00 in the McClure Cafeteria
- 8/30 – [PTSA Spirit Night](#) @ Sparkle’s from 5:00-9:00
- 8/30 – End of the First 4.5-Weeks