



The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 9/10/23

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

I hope that everyone had a great weekend, and that our students are ready to get back to learning at McClure tomorrow. There are only two more instructional weeks until our Fall Break, and we are trying diligently to make every moment count. At this point of the year, routines and procedures have been established in classrooms and there are grades in the gradebook. Thank you for making it a regular practice to check both [ParentVue](#) (for grades) and [PBIS Rewards Family](#) (for behavior) to assure that you Maverick is working up to their potential. One of our main goals in middle school is to help students become better at being a student. One practice we encourage is for our students to communicate with their teachers to schedule additional help sessions and make-up times for assessments. While our teachers really do a great job reminding students about missing work, we really want it to be the student who says, "Excuse me, I was absent yesterday. Can I schedule a make-up quiz?" Thank you for encouraging your Maverick to self-advocate in this way as it will only serve them well in their academic years ahead!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Shout Outs

Hearing & Vision – Shout out to our parent volunteers that came in last week to conduct hearing and vision screenings for our entire 8th grade. We had an outside group cancel at the 11th hour and these volunteers swooped in to the rescue. You know who you are! Thank you!

The McClure Foundation – Kudos to the McClure Foundation and their work on the Maverick Makeover! The project, which renovated STEM Labs 6 & 7, was recently featured in the Marietta Daily Journal. See the pictures below or [This Article](#) for details. Thank you to all of you that have partnered with the McClure Foundation!



Mission:

*One Team, One Goal,
Student Success*

Vision:

*A school of excellence
where all students
succeed*

McClure Motto:

DARE to Be a Maverick!

2023-24 Theme:

Best in the West!

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.*



Braves Spirit Day was a home run!

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Operational

September Calendar – Keep up with all things McClure this month by watching the [McClure September Calendar](#) of events.

8th Grade Tributes – Eighth grade parents, honor your student's middle school years with a tribute ad in the yearbook! Log on to the [Yearbook Order Center](#) to custom design your ad soon. They are only available for a short time period and space is limited.

Proof of Enrollment – If your student needs proof of school enrollment for sports, please send a request to the attendance email, mccluremssupport@cobbk12.org. Ms. Summer Lundberg will print the form and send it home with your student.

Free & Reduced Lunch – If your student received free and reduced lunch last year, the grace period for this year ends September 13th. So, on September 14th they will be charged full price if they haven't filled out a new application for this school year. The USDA only allows a 30-day grace period before a new application must be submitted. After that period of time expires, students will automatically go to full pay. You can contact [Ms. Lisa Lovern](#), the McClure Café Manager, or see [This Site](#) for details on how to apply.

DARE Day – Our next DARE Day is coming up this Friday, September 15. This event will cost students 40 PBIS Rewards points to attend.

Scoliosis Screening – We will have scoliosis screening for all 6th & 8th grade students on Thursday, October 19th. If you do not want your child to be screened by the school or your child has already been screened by his/her primary care physician, please fill out the opt-out form by checking the appropriate box and signing at the bottom. This form needs to be turned in as soon as possible. If you do not turn the official form in to school your child will be screened on October 19th. Due to county requirements, you must opt-out using the [Official #4400 Form](#) provided. We cannot accept handwritten notes or emails.

Cognia Parent Survey – Every five years our school district goes through a reaccreditation process. Part of that process involves survey data from staff members, students and parents. The Cognia Student, Parent, and Staff Surveys are designed to collect data on student academic learning and wellness during the current school year. Participation in each survey is anonymous and voluntary, and participation is highly encouraged. The survey results will provide the Cognia Accrediting Agency, Cobb County School District, and local schools with data regarding student learning environment, staff input, and parent feedback to support continuous learning. Please take a moment to complete the [Parent Survey](#).

Cognia Student Survey – As referenced above, each student will complete the Cognia Student Survey sometime this week, September 11-15. The survey questions can be seen [Here](#) for your review.

High School Football Games – Football season is upon us! This means that many of our Mavericks will be in attendance at high school football games across the county. If your middle school child plans on attending high school football games, there are a few expectations of which you need be aware:

- Admission of middle school students requires an adult chaperone.
- While attending the event, appropriate behavior is expected. Failure to follow rules or staff directions can have students removed from the event or result in school consequences.
- At the conclusion of play, all students are expected to exit the stadium within 20 minutes.

At McClure, we are known as the middle school whose students have the best behavior wherever we go. We get compliments from high school principals saying, "I always know who the McClure kids are because they are the most polite and have the best behavior." Thank you for all you do to assure we are always *Best in the West!* Enjoy the games!

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Operational (Cont.)

Intramurals – We have before school athletic activities on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday each week. See the details below:

- We open the outside Wooden gym doors at 8:00am and close them at 8:10am. No student will be admitted after the doors are closed and must report to study hall.
- Students must have athletic shoes to participate, no Crocs or slides.
- Students must get an information/permission form from the PE teachers. This is good for the entire school year.
- Students do not have to come every week. They can come on their grade level day whenever they want to play.
- We divide intramural days by grade level.
 - Monday: 6th grade
 - Wednesday: 7th grade
 - Thursday: 8th grade

PTSA

Publix Partnership – Did you know that McClure is a partner with Publix at Brookstone Village? Please make sure you scan your school partner card when you do your grocery shopping at Publix!

Sixth Grade Social – Calling all sixth graders! Save the date for Thursday, September 21st from 4:30-6:00. Are you Kenough?! Let's catch a wave and head to a beach party with Ken and Barbie! Tickets (\$10, cash or check) will go on sale before school Tuesday, 9/19 and Wednesday, 9/20. If you purchased a bundle, you are all set as the ticket was included. Sixth grade parents, please consider donating any of these [Amazon Wish List](#) items to make our beach party amazing! We will have an ice cream truck, pizza, and a photo booth! Dress as any Barbie or Ken if you want to!!

Reflections – Reflections entry forms are now in the LLC. Please stop by & get your copy to begin your 2023 Reflections entry! This year's theme: I AM HOPEFUL BECAUSE... Categories include Dance Choreography, Visual Arts, Photography, Music Composition, Literature or Film Production! Entries are due in the LLC by October 10th.



School Store – The Trading Post store is open every Friday 8:50-9:10 AM. It will also be open on Tuesdays for the next month. The store sells school supplies and other fun items. All students are welcome to check it out! The store is located in the music and media center hallway.

Breakfast Sales – McDonalds Sausage Biscuits and Culver's Custard available the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month! Biscuits are \$3 and will be available the 2nd Friday and custard is \$2 on the 4th Friday. Food sales will be in the atrium 8:50-9:15 AM.

Volunteers Needed for Spirit Night – Culver's Spirit Night is Thursday, September 21st from 5pm-8pm. Culver's donates a portion of ALL of their sales during our Spirit Night, so you don't need to sign in or anything, just order and enjoy some delicious food! If you go through the drive-thru, you will see our McClure Volunteers having a great time running orders out to cars and throughout the restaurant. In fact, you can join the fun and volunteer for one of our Order Runner shifts. We need at least 3 people during each of the 2 shifts (5:00-6:30 and 6:30-8:00). Children are encouraged to help but must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up [Here](#).

PTSA Memberships – Check out our new [Redesigned Web Site](#) and stay up to date on PTSA events. You can also purchase PTSA memberships. Thanks for your support!

A promotional poster for 'Spirit Night at Moxie Burger'. The top part features a large 'M' logo with a bird and the text 'SPIRIT NIGHT AT MOXIE BURGER'. Below this is a photo of a burger and fries. The bottom section contains text: 'JOIN US FOR SPIRIT NIGHT AT MOXIE BURGER IN KENNESAW', '10% OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO MCCLURE MIDDLE SCHOOL, SO MAKE SURE YOU MENTION THE SCHOOL WHEN ORDERING!', 'TUESDAY (9/12) 5PM - 9PM', and the address '1600 KENNESAW DUE WEST RD NW STE 104, KENNESAW, GA 30152'. The Moxie Burger logo is in the bottom right corner.

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PTSA (Cont.)

McClure Spirit Wear – Spirit wear is available online at [Givebacks \(Memberhub.com\)](https://www.givebacks.com/membership/mcclure-middle-school). We have t-shirts in stock and will be taking hoodie orders through 9/22. Order today and don't miss out!

Upcoming Spirit Nights:

- 9/12 – 5pm-8pm @ Moxie Burger (Kennesaw Due West Rd)
- 9/21 – 5pm-8pm @ Culver's (Kennesaw Due West Rd)
- 9/29 – 4pm-8pm @ Sparkles (McCollum Pkwy)
- 10/17 – 5pm-9pm @ Otter's (Cobb Pkwy)



Foundation

Support The Foundation – There are three ways to support the [McClure Foundation](#):

- Celebrate your Maverick's birthday with a message on the marquee
- Buy a horseshoe in the lobby
- Be a part of the annual giving campaign

The McClure Foundation is a volunteer-run, non-profit group that supports our students and teachers in the areas of innovation and technology. Through our annual campaign, horseshoe donations, generous community sponsors and other events, the McClure Foundation sponsors projects that benefit ALL students - most recently the Maverick Makeover of two STEM labs. Stay tuned for some exciting projects for the 2023-2024 School Year!

Community Events

Harrison Youth Basketball – Harrison Youth Basketball registration is open and the early bird discount ends Sept 22! This league is open to all boys 1st-12th grade and girls 1st-6th grade. Registration is at www.hybabasketball.com

Fall Break Basketball Camp – See This Flyer for details on a basketball camp occurring in our community over Fall Break.

Jr. Hoyas Basketball - It is time again for Jr. Hoyas Boys and Girls Basketball tryouts. See [This Site](#) for details.

Harrison Lacrosse – Interested in playing lacrosse? The Harrison Hoya Youth lacrosse program is looking for more boys and girls for their youth program. [Click Here](#) for more information.

Allatoona Basketball – The Jr. Bucs Basketball Teams have tryouts (5th-8th Grade Boys and Girls) quickly approaching. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

KMHS Basketball Tryouts – See [This Flyer](#) regarding upcoming Kennesaw Mountain High School Jr. Mustangs basketball tryouts.

Bus Drivers Wanted – CCSD is now hiring bus drivers. See [This Flyer](#) for details!

Upcoming Dates

- ASAP – PLEASE COMPLETE THE [COGNIA PARENT SURVEY!](#)
- 9/12 – PTSA Spirit Night @ Moxie Burger
- 9/14 – [Round Up](#) Day
- 9/15 – DARE Day
- 9/21 – 6th Grade Social (4:30-6:00)