



The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 9/2/24

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

I hope everyone had a great long weekend! Tomorrow, we return to the **Intentional Excellence** required by both students and staff every day at McClure. We are now in full stride of the school year. Our sixth-grade students have learned what it looks like to **DARE to Be a Maverick** in all aspects of their school day, and our 7th and 8th graders have seen what the rigor of a new grade level feels like. However, at McClure, we are never complacent. The McClure Team will continue to challenge your Maverick every day to be a little better than they were yesterday in their academics, their behavior, and their social interactions with one another. And when it comes to students who may have an area of struggle, we believe wholeheartedly in the power of “yet.” You haven’t mastered that math computation...yet. You haven’t written a 90%+ essay...yet. Your Lexile in reading is not on grade level...yet! Thank you for supporting this message with your Maverick at home. No matter where they are in their educational journey, there is always room to grow!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Special Event

Color Battle – Our schoolwide fundraiser for PBIS starts tomorrow. Students will meet the Color Battle team and should come home excited about this two-week event tomorrow. The culminating Color Battle Event will occur on Friday, 9/13. See [This Letter](#) for details.

Instructional

Round Up – Beginning this week, we will have a weekly Round Up session for our students. Round Up is a weekly opportunity for our teachers to work with students who need additional support with the content they are currently learning. We call this Tier 2 instruction. If you didn’t get it the first time, we can try it again in Round Up! One side effect of Tier 2 instruction is that it also provides time for extension and enrichment for students who do not require additional support. For these students, they can choose where they go for Round Up and a variety of options are provided throughout our building. The best part? Round Up is fluid every week so students are continually getting what they need, even if it is different than the week before. So, don’t be surprised to hear your Maverick talking about Round Up soon. You can see the [Round Up Bell Schedule](#) for the altered class schedule on Round Up days

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.*



DARE to Be a Maverick!

Operational

Girls Who Code Club – The Girls who Code group is returning this fall. If your child is interested in joining the club, we will meet the first and second Mondays of each month, immediately after school in the LLC. Please [Click Here](#) to sign your daughter up for our first meeting next Monday, September 9th. Due to the holiday, our schedules are a little different this month. This will happen from time to time, but we will let you know in advance. Please plan to be here by 5:25pm to pick up your Maverick front of the school. Looking forward to seeing our coders in the coming weeks!

Sincerely,
[Ms. Sledge](#)

Open House – In the past, McClure has always hosted a traditional open house around this time of the school year. This event would occur in the evening and parents would be invited to come to the school to follow their Maverick's schedule for approximately 10 minutes per class. During those 10 minutes each teacher would share the amazing things going on in their class and overview the course curriculum. However, not all parents have historically been able to attend as schedules in the evening are very busy for all our families. For this reason, we are shifting to a virtual open house this year. Our PTSA, the McClure Foundation, and our teachers are creating videos overviewing their role in working with your student at McClure. All these videos will be available in the coming weeks. This will allow ALL parents to access information about their Maverick's classes at a time that is convenient for them. Then, if parents need more information, they can schedule a parent-teacher conference during conference week in October.

Item Dropoff – This is a reminder that, at McClure, we do not call into classrooms and disrupt instruction for items dropped off for students. Therefore, drop-offs should be for emergencies only and parents should communicate directly with their student's teachers to let them know that something is being dropped off for their Maverick.

Cognia Survey – If you have not already, please take a moment to complete [This Survey](#) for McClure (even if you have a student at another CCSD school). Thank you for your time!

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!

September Events – Looking ahead to next month, keep up with all things McClure with the [McClure September Calendar](#).

Attendance Corner – Please email all attendance notes to mccluremssupport@cobbk12.org. Per CCSD policy, we do not accept phone calls to excuse absences. Please ask teachers to forward any attendance correspondence to mccluremssupport@cobbk12.org. See the [Attendance FAQ](#) for all your attendance answers!

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Operational (Cont.)

Volunteer FERPA – Did you also know that parent volunteers at school are subject to the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act? At McClure, volunteers must view [This 3-Minute Video](#) and then sign off on [This Form](#). If you have not completed this process yet, please do so the next time you are in our building!

PTSA

Culver's Custard – The PTSA will be selling frozen custard from Culvers on Wednesday, Sept 4th from 8:50-9:10 am in the atrium. The cost is \$2 (cash only). Flavors this month are cookies and cream, vanilla, and chocolate.

Groceries for Families in Need – Every week, our PTSA Community Outreach committee is packing bags of food for students to take home over the weekend – supported by our partnership with North Metro Church. If you've got room in your cart, please check out the [Signup Genius](#) below to see which food items you can donate. Thank you!

6th Grade Social – All 6th grade students are invited to join us after school on Friday, October 4th from 4:30-6:00pm for a Mav Nation Tailgate! The cafeteria will be transformed into a gameday tailgate complete with music, food, and fun! Wear swag from your favorite local, college, or pro team! Check out [This Flyer](#) for details. Tickets are available for purchase online [Here](#). Tickets will also be available for purchase in-person the week of the event (more details coming soon). If you would like to donate items to help make this an awesome party, check out our [Wish List!](#)

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

Foundation

Our Mission – Our mission is to create opportunity for ALL McClure Students by providing funding in innovation and technology. Donate Today! Join the 2024-25 [Annual Giving Campaign](#) to support projects benefitting all Mavericks! Visit the [Foundation Online Store](#) to snag some awesome Maverick merchandise, buy birthday messages, make donations, and purchase personalized lobby horseshoes on [Foundation Website](#).

Business Partners – Calling all parents with businesses! Your support of our school foundation can make a significant impact on our students' education. Partner with us to help provide vital resources and opportunities that will empower our kids to succeed. To be a corporate sponsor, please [Click Here](#) for more information!

Community Events

Jr. Mustangs Basketball – Jr. Mustang Basketball tryouts that will take place on September 14th & 15th for 6-8th grade boys and girls. Times for designated grade level are located on [This Flyer](#) along with a QR code for students to register for tryouts. If there are additional questions or concerns, parents may reach our Jr. Mustang directors at jrmustangsbball@gmail.com. They may also reach out to Coach Fisher or Coach Beech (brian.fisher@cobbk12.org or brandon.beech@cobbk12.org).

KMHS Football Attendance – For all 2024-2025 Kennesaw Mountain High School home athletic events, students 8th Grade and below will NOT be permitted to enter the contest without a parent. Parents entering with children are agreeing to be responsible for them throughout the evening. No refunds will be given for students who arrive unattended

Upcoming Dates

- 9/3 – [Color Battle Fundraiser](#) Kickoff
- 9/5 – [Round Up Day](#)
- 9/13 – Color Battle