

The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 9/29/24

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

I hope that everyone had a fantastic Fall Break! You may not realize it, but one week from this Friday, 10/11, is the last day of the first quarter. That's right, only two more school weeks until that first set of grades is locked in the gradebook. So, now is a great time to jump on ParentVue and make sure your Maverick's grades look the way you expect. If they don't, it's not too late for your student to take corrective action. We are always trying to teach our students to be good self-advocates and speak up for what they need. One of the best ways to promote this behavior at home is by encouraging your student(s) to communicate with their teachers about what they can do to improve their grades. A simple email from a student to a teacher asking what can be done to improve classroom performance goes a long way to show that the student is engaged in the improvement process. As teachers, we love that! This is also a great learning opportunity for students when they realize they might be too late in the game to make up everything they have missed. These time management and self-advocacy lessons are learned a little bit at a time through repetition. Thank you for your partnership with us, supporting your Maverick's growth at home. We are looking forward to starting the next leg of the journey tomorrow!

> Sincerely, Cory Stanley

Special Event

Conference Week – Elementary and Middle School Conference week this year is October 14-18. For many of you, your regular checks of <u>ParentVue</u> and ongoing communication with teachers is enough to provide you with all the information you need. However, other parents may have questions or concerns that they would like to address with a teacher in our building. This is why we have Conference Week. If you have something that necessitates a conference with a teacher, please complete <u>This Form</u> no later than this coming Friday, October 4. Conferences are not required and can be held in person, over the phone, or virtually if scheduled.

Shout Outs

Middle School CEOTY of the Year – While every school selects a Classified Employee of the Year each schoolyear, only one individual gets selected as the Middle School CEOTY for the entire school district. Congratulations to our very own Angie Bruner who was recognized with this honor the week prior to Fall Break!



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 <u>encouraging</u> <u>excellence</u>, <u>enthusiasm</u>, and <u>ingenuity</u>.



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Shout Outs (Cont.)

- **Custodial Team** Wednesday, October 2, is National Custodian Day. We have an AMAZING team of caretakers at McClure and they are another reason we are *Best in the West*. Let's send David Hugg, Long Tran, D.J. Ott, Margorie Emilus, Josue Emilus, Matthew Duchene, and Benjamin Johnson some extra love this week!
- **CCSD Police Department** This coming week is Public Safety Appreciation Week. Getting students to school safely, keeping them safe at school, and getting them home safe is our #1 priority, even above instruction. Thank you to our amazing district police department for all they do to assure our schools and events are safe. Of, course, shout out to the best campus officer out there, Mr. Brian Dyer!
- 6th Grade Social Sponsors The PTSA would like to recognize the following partners for their sponsorship of our upcoming 6th Grade Social. Thank you!
 - Cherokee Appraisal & Consulting
 - Cohen & Sinowski, Personal Injury Law
 - Rosenfield Family, Brooklyn Butler's Grandparents

Operational

October Events – To keep up with all things McClure in October see the McClure October Calendar (Updated).

- Virtual Open House It is time to visit the 2024 McClure Virtual Open House! At a time convenient to you, please see the messages from our PTSA, The McClure Foundation, The Maverick Men, and your student's grade level counselor. Then follow your Maverick's schedule to learn from each of their teachers about what is occurring in all seven of their classes. This should provide you a wealth of information regarding your Maverick's day-to-day experiences at McClure as well as an overview of our parent organizations. After visiting the 2024 McClure Virtual Open House, you can then decide if you have questions or concerns that necessitate a parent-teacher conference during Conference Week in October. Sign-up for Conference Week Here no later than this Friday, October 4.
- **Color Battle** We are currently working with the Apex Leadership Team to reschedule Color Battle. The good news about rescheduling is that any student who raises \$30 prior to the actual event qualifies. That means students still have the opportunity to participate. See <u>This Link</u> for details!
- Library Media Specialist of the Year Each year, the Cobb County Association of Library Media Services honors a CCSD Librarian with the title of Library Media Specialist of the Year. To qualify the LMS will have held a Cobb County School District library media specialist (LMS) position for 3 full and consecutive school years, and the LMS will be employed in the Cobb County School District during the entire next school year as the selected reigning LMSOTY. Anyone can nominate a media specialist for this award—staff, admin, or even community members. To nominate your outstanding library media specialist, please use This Link.
- **Cognia Survey** If you have not already, please take a moment to complete <u>This Survey</u> for McClure (even if you have a student at another CCSD school). Thank you for your time!

<u>PTSA</u>

PTSA Meeting – Our next PTSA meeting will be on 10/2 at 10am at McClure. Feel free to join us if you're able!

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PTSA (Cont.)

- **Culver's Custard** The PTSA will be selling frozen custard from Culvers on Wednesday, October 2nd 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.
- 6th Grade Social All 6th grade students are invited to join us after school this 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! Tickets are available for purchase online <u>Here</u>, or in-person on Wednesday, 10/2 and Thursday ,10/3 from 8:40-9:10 in the 6th grade hallway (\$15, cash only). If you would like to donate items to help make this an awesome party, check out our <u>Wish List</u>!
- **Reflections** Creative Mavericks, it's your time to shine! It's time for the annual National PTA Reflections art competition. Dig deep for your visual art, film, literature, music, dance, or photography skills to interpret this year's theme, "Accepting Imperfections." Entries are due on Tuesday, October 8. Click <u>This Link</u> for details and entry! The top submissions from each grade and category advance to the next rounds against other schools in our area. Up to 30 submissions from each state go to the national level, where prizes include scholarships! Email question to <u>McClureReflections@gmail.com</u>.
- Shout Out Big thanks from PTSA Hospitality! Our September 19th Tailgate staff event was a huge success. Thank you to our parents for donations, and our sponsor, Pulley Plumbing: Trey Pulley 678-554-9598. Our upcoming event in October we will be providing snacks during conference week. We hope parents will help contribute!
- Parent Prep 101 Parent Prep 101 is a webinar designed for 7th -11th grade parents. The ideal time to start the college prep process is in middle school before your student takes a high school level class. You will receive helpful information on what to expect over the next several years, a timeline to follow, and what your student can be doing now to prepare for that college application. Click <u>Here</u> to register for the 10/3 event.

Upcoming Spirit Nights - See details below:

- 10/2 Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night (5:00-9:00PM)
- 10/3 Parent Prep 101 Spirit Night (7:00PM)

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 <u>Annual Giving Campaign</u> to support projects benefitting all Mavericks! Visit the <u>Foundation</u> <u>Online Store</u> to snag some awesome Maverick merchandise, buy birthday messages, make donations, and purchase personalized lobby horseshoes on <u>Foundation Website</u>.
- **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 <u>Click Here</u> for more information!



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Community Events

Harrison Youth Basketball – HYBA Basketball Registration is OPEN. Harrison Youth Basketball Association is the most popular recreational basketball league in our community and is open to all kids, from 1st-12th grade for boys and 1st-6th grade for girls. Early bird pricing ends on September 30! Register today <u>Here</u>.

KMHS Girls Basketball Parent Meeting – Coach Beech has scheduled a parent meeting for those interested in 5th-8th Grade Girls Basketball on October 6th from 4:00-6:00. See <u>This Flyer</u> for details.

Upcoming Dates

- 10/2 PTSA selling Culver's Custard for \$2
- 10/2 PTSA Spirit Night @ Texas Roadhouse Barret Creek Parkway (5:00-9:00)
- 10/3 <u>Parent Prep 101</u> @ 7:00pm
- 10/4 6th Grade Social in the Cafeteria (4:30-6:00)
- 10/11 End of Quarter 1
- 10/16 6th & 8th Grade Scoliosis Screening for any student who has not opted out
- 10/23 PSAT 8-9 Testing (8th Grade Only)