



The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 9/4/23

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

I hope that everyone had a great long weekend! At McClure we pride ourselves on being **The Best in the West**. We believe this when it comes to the climate and environment at our school, the instruction we provide, the students that walk in the door, and the partnership with our community. But, of course, we all know that data speaks louder than feelings. So, I thought I would take a moment to share some recent data. Last week, at the midpoint of the first quarter, we administered points in PBIS Rewards to students for doing just what they should do at McClure. Students were awarded 30 points for all As, 20 for As & Bs, 10 for Cs or better, 10 for perfect attendance, 10 for no behavior infractions, and 10 for no missing assignments. In total, we gave out 36,520 points! With just over 1000 students at McClure, that means the average student earned over 30 points! We also had 137 receive the maximum of 60 points. Most impressively, we had 944 students with zero (0!) behavior infractions, and this includes minor referrals entered in PBIS Rewards! I could not be prouder of how our students have started the year as they strive each day to **Dare to Be a Maverick**. Now, that doesn't mean we are going stop pushing them to be better every day, but they are definitely on the right track. Thank you for all you do to support our efforts at McClure from home!

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Instructional

Round Up – Beginning this week, McClure will have a weekly Round Up session for our students. "What is Round Up?" you ask. Round Up is a weekly opportunity for our teachers to pull 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 pleasant side effect of Tier 2 instruction is that it also provides time for extension and enrichment of 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!

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.*



Challenging work builds brain
power!

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Operational

Scoliosis Screening – We will have scoliosis screening for all 6th & 8th grade students on Thursday, October 19th. Your child will receive an opt-out form this coming Tuesday in homeroom. 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 during the week of September 11-14. The survey questions can be seen [Here](#) for your review. If you would like for your student(s) to opt out of the survey, please email [Ms. Carrie Porter](mailto:Ms.CarriePorter) no later than September 6, 2023.

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!

Field Trips – There is a new system for field trip permission and paperwork across CCSD and the system is 100% digital. Parents will be granting permission for field trips and uploading insurance information through [ParentVue](#). See [Web Browser Instructions](#) and the [Mobile Instructions \(Spanish\)](#) for details!

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!

Mandated Reporting – You may already know that all CCSD employees are mandated reporters when it comes to suspected child abuse or neglect. Did you also know that parent volunteers at school are mandated reporters. At McClure, we have a new sign off sheet in the front office to be completed once our volunteers read the [Mandated Reporter Information Sheet](#). Volunteers, you only need to complete this sign off once a year. If you have not completed it yet, please do so the next time you are in our building!

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PTSA

Spirit Nights – See the upcoming spirit nights below!

- 9/6 – 5pm-9pm @ Cluck N Mooch (Due West Rd)
- 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)

Sixth Grade Social - Calling all sixth graders! Save the date for Thursday after school, 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.

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

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

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

KMHS Basketball Cheerleading – Exciting news! Kennesaw Mountain's Middle School Basketball Cheer has extended the registration period. All middle school girls interested in participating in Basketball cheer should attend the interest meeting on September 7th at 6:00PM in the KMHS Media Center, located at the main entrance. Bootcamp is from September 12th-13th. Please remember you must have an updated physical to participate in Bootcamp. See [This Flyer](#) for details. You may also register on Instagram @kmbbcheer.



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Community Events (Cont.)

Youth Basketball – Did you know the City of Marietta offers a [Youth Basketball League](#) and [5v5 Drop-in Basketball Program](#) for grades 6-8?

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.

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

Upcoming Dates

- 9/4 – Labor Day (School Closed)
- 9/6 – PTSA Executive Cabinet Meeting @ 9:30 in the PDR
- 9/6 – PTSA General Meeting @ 10:00 in the PDR
- 9/6 – Cluck n' Moooh Spirit Night (5:00-9:00) @ 3894 Due West Road
- 9/7 – Round Up Day

