



The Maverick Minute

Parent Edition – 9/8/24

Principal's Note

McClure Families,

For educators and parents alike, the tragic events that occurred this week in Barrow County had us all reflecting on the priceless cargo we carry every day in our work with children. My first thoughts went to the families of those that lost their lives, and the lifelong trauma for everyone anywhere close to that situation. I cannot imagine the grief they are experiencing. I then reflected on all that we do at McClure, and across all CCSD schools, to keep everyone in our buildings safe. Both students and teachers should be able to report to school every day without having concerns about their safety. Unfortunately, we are not living in a time where this can occur without significant planning and effort to ensure this is the case. At McClure, student safety is our #1 priority, and we have measures in place to respond in any emergency. Ask your Maverick and they will tell you that we do not play around when it comes to fire drills, duck and cover drills, medical emergency drills, and lockdown drills. In our building, every door remains locked all day every day, and we can secure our building in an instant if need be. However, it is our people that are our strongest asset when it comes to assuring safety, and by this, I mean not just our staff, but also our students and parents. It takes all of us to keep each other safe. So, if you see something, say something, and encourage your Maverick to do so as well. We love our students and staff and appreciate your partnership in assuring we all stay safe together.

Sincerely,
Cory Stanley

Shout Outs

PBIS Points – Every 4.5 weeks at McClure we distribute blocks of PBIS Rewards points for behaviors we expect our Mavericks to demonstrate. We offer the following rewards:

- All As – 30 Points
- As & Bs – 20 Points
- Cs or Better – 10 Points
- Perfect Attendance – 10 Points
- No Tardies – 10 Points
- No Missing Assignments – 10 Points
- No Behavior Infractions – 10 Points

In this way, students who come to school and do what they are supposed to do are recognized automatically. We had over [130 of our Mavericks](#) receive all 70 possible points at the midpoint of the first quarter! How many did your Maverick earn?

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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Instructional

Grade & Behavior Check – 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!

Operational

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!

CogAT/Iowa Testing – Beginning tomorrow, our 7th grade students will be participating in the CogAT and Iowa Tests. These nationally-normed assessments will give you feedback as to how your Maverick is doing as compared to similar-aged students across the country. Testing will occur in the morning, so thank you for having your 7th Grade Maverick to school on time. See the schedule below as well as the [CogAT Letter](#) and [Iowa Letter](#) for more details.

- Monday, September 9, 2024: CogAT Verbal
- Tuesday, September 10, 2024: CogAT Quantitative
- Wednesday, September 11, 2024: CogAT Non-Verbal
- Monday, September 16, 2024: Iowa Reading & Vocabulary
- Tuesday, September 17, 2024: Iowa Written Expression, Spelling, Capitalization, and Punctuation
- Wednesday, September 18, 2024: Iowa Math & Computation
- Thursday, September 19, 2024: Iowa Science & Social Studies

Yearbook Tribute Ads – It is time to design your 8th grader's tribute ad for the yearbook! Log on to the [Varsity Yearbook site](#) to create a custom tribute that honors your student's successes and growth during their years at McClure. It's a great way to celebrate your student. Tribute ads are only available for several weeks so don't miss this opportunity!

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.

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!

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!

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PTSA

Color Battle Volunteers – We would love you help supervising next Friday’s Color Battle. Sign up [Here](#) if you are interested!

Culver’s Volunteers Needed – Culver’s of Kennesaw is hosting a McClure Spirit Night on Thursday 9/19. We need volunteers to help run food to cars and throughout the restaurant. Sign up [Here](#) to volunteer!

Membership Contest – We have a tie for 7th grade homeroom membership contest between the Bettis and Campbell homerooms! Tie breaker will be whichever class gets the most members signed up this weekend. Get your membership [Here!](#)

Membership Contest Winners			
Homerooms	Individual Winners		
6 th Grade: Ussery	6 th Grade:	7 th Grade:	8 th Grade:
7 th Grade: TIE! Campbell & Bettis (See Above)	1 – Rachel Rasmussen	1 – Liam Knight	1 – Ragan Stephens
8 th Grade: Kay	2 – Asa Spier	2 – John Skopitz	2 – Reagan Phillips
	3 – Adam Head	3 – Thomas Reeve	3 – Madelyn Photianos

All Membership contest prizes will be delivered to winners’ homerooms this week.

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 [Here](#) to register for the 10/3 event.

Upcoming Dates – See important PTSA dates below:

- 9/10 – Spirit Night at Moxie Burger, 1600 Kennesaw Due West Rd (5:00-9:00)
- 9/29 – Spirit Night at Culver’s of Kennesaw, 2460 Kennesaw Due West Rd (5:00-9:00)

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!

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Community Events

Jr. Hoyas Basketball – Tryouts for both boys and girls junior league basketball are approaching. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

FCA All Girls Flag Football – FCA Sports is running an all-girls flag football league, and they are looking for participants. See [This Flyer](#) for details.

GA Tech STEM Fest – Raheem Beyah, dean of the College of Engineering at Georgia Tech, is excited to invite your students to [STEM Fest 2024](#). STEM Fest is a free event hosted by [Georgia Tech's College of Engineering](#) in partnership with [STEM Global Action](#). See [This Flyer](#) for details.

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.

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