



# PANTHER PRIDE

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## McClure Elementary

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Have you noticed any of our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> graders sporting any new McClure swag recently? If so, send them a shout out or congratulate them because that means that they either earned 80% or higher on their most recent Benchmark or that they grew 10% or more on their ELA or Math Benchmark and they are part of our Benchmark Club! We are super proud of our students for their accomplishments and growth and know they will continue to work hard as they prepare for the upcoming PSSA assessments.

We also wanted to recognize our Lexia All-Stars who continue to make growth. Please note the following successes and growth!

- In September of 2017, 79% of McClure students were below grade level, 15% on grade level, and 6% above grade level.
- In February 2018, 55% of students are below grade level, 34% on grade level, and 11% above grade level.
- Congratulations to Ms. Furber and Room 304 for having the most students above grade level...36%!
- Congratulations to Ms. Molino and Room 308 for having the next highest above grade level...23%!

Lastly, our Average Daily Attendance is at 93.3%...remember our goal is 95% or higher each and every day! We're so close to meeting our goal...you can do it...on time, ready to learn...each and every day!

Respectfully,  
Sharon Marino  
Principal

### Staff Spotlight: Ms. Montella

Congratulations to Ms. Montella...our March Staff Spotlight!

Ms. Montella is a native South Philadelphian who spent a long period of her childhood in the Central Valley of Costa Rica. She learned Spanish and a love for learning languages early in life, as her mother used to bring her to her language classes as a child. This led her pursue teaching as a Bilingual Philadelphia Teaching Fellow and spending four years at Julia de Burgos School, teaching first, fourth and fifth grades. She has travelled in Central America and the Caribbean, teaching children and adults the joys of learning to speak another language, and encouraging them to get out and see the world!



Thank you for choosing to be a part of our McClure Family...we're grateful that you're here with us!

### Panther Spotlight

In the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, Ms. Ramos collaborated with our School Advisory Council (SAC) to raise funds and collect clothing for our families newly arrived from Puerto Rico. We are grateful for all of the support our community has offered to all families in need.



February was round two of our Math focused curriculum workshops. It was wonderful to see so many families learning with our students and teachers in the classroom.

Looking forward to seeing you at our March workshops!



### HEY HEY PANTHERS!

#### PSSA IS ON ITS WAY!

WE ARE READY TO ROCK THE PSSA...DON'T FORGET, 3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup>, AND 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN OUR STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>-MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>. PLEASE SEE THE NOTES BELOW AND LET'S SHOW WHAT WE KNOW!!

GRADE 3- ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATH  
GRADE 4- ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, MATH, AND SCIENCE

GRADE 5- ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATH  
**PANTHERS BELIEVE...PANTHERS ACHIEVE!**