



PANTHER PRIDE

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you can see from the prep work on the 6th Street and Hunting Park sides of the building, the final stages of our "Growing United: Hope Reading Garden" is about to take place. Over the past 5 years, our 5th Grade students, with the help of our Art Teachers, and our partner, COSACOSA, we have turned our vision into a reality!

With the assistance of our numerous funders and through several grants, we are pleased to have created a safe space where our students can play, grow, reflect, and be proud of the positive changes they helped to bring to our school and community.

In honor of this special occasion, we are welcoming all of our families, partners, and friends, to join us on **Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 9:45 a.m.** for the presentation of our final phase and celebration of our completed work together!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Respectfully,
Sharon Marino
Principal



Staff Spotlight: Mr. Galloway

Mr. Galloway is a 4th grade teacher here at McClure. He is originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which means he is an avid Pittsburgh sports fan! Mr. Galloway's first experience with McClure was a two-week field experience in 2003 during his undergraduate studies. As a result of his experience then he decided to complete his student teaching around the corner at Bayard Taylor. His time at Taylor convinced him that Philadelphia was the place for him to grow professionally as an educator. Now, in his 8th year of teaching in the school district, he is an aspiring school administrator and excited about working with the great students and staff of McClure!



Congratulations to Ms. Vandenburg and her Pawsome Chefs for completing this season of "My Daughter's Kitchen!" Students learned to slice, dice, chop, saute, and plan their dinners during this time. The aroma around the cafeteria during the sessions was always delightful and inspiring! We hope that you continue to practice your craft at home with your families!



Our students continue to grow as leaders this year...

We are so proud of our Playworks Coaches, Safeties, Junior Fire Patrol, and Big Brothers & Big Sisters who support and mentor our younger students and help make McClure a safer and brighter place!



Attendance Update...FINISHING STRONG!

With about seven weeks of school left, we want to remind you that attending until the last day of school is expected and needed for your child to continue to make growth and progress. We are offering rewards to students who meet these expectations...will your child be one of them?

- ✓ Students who have perfect attendance during the entire month of May will participate in an ice cream party and an outdoor play party on June 4th!
- ✓ During the month of May, any class that has 95% or higher will be entered into a weekly drawing...each week one K-2 class and one 3-5 class will be selected for a class prize the following week. So...the more days your class has 95% or higher attendance, the better your class's chances of winning, so don't be absent or your class may not be in the drawing!

