



PANTHER PRIDE

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Greetings from McClure Elementary School! We hope that your summer has been peaceful and sun-filled, and that you are ready to begin the 2018-2019 school year with the enthusiasm and determination we need to succeed. We wanted to take a moment to update you on some exciting happenings at McClure:

- ✓ We are excited to continue our partnership with City Year, who will focus on supporting our 4th-5th grade students academically, socially, and behaviorally.
- ✓ Through the Literacy@Home Grant that we secured last year, our students can log onto RAZkids, an online reading program, so that they can complete their reading homework on the web! Homework just got cooler and easier!
- ✓ Our Read by 4th Attendance Ambassador will continue to support our K-1 students and families to make sure they are in school, on time, and learning to read each and every day!
- ✓ Our Playworks (socialized recess program) will be back for its 5th year!
- ✓ We are pleased to welcome Ms. Amanda Strain as our Assistant Principal this year!
- ✓ McClure is partnering with two Americorps programs, Artist Year and VISTA, to bring new resources to the building. Genevieve Naklicki will be serving as an assistant Artist Year Fellow and Olive Kuhn will be serving as a Community Partnerships Coordinator VISTA.
- ✓ We are thrilled to introduce Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTTs), a new model for working with families to ensure every student's progress. APTTs, which will replace parent-teacher conference, focus on equipping parents to help their children develop specific skills. We are making this change because we believe that families and schools engaging together will inspire equitable educational outcomes for our children and community.

Respectfully,
Sharon Marino
Principal

Panther Spotlight:
Check back in October to find out who the first student spotlight will be...suggestions welcome!

Please join me in thanking our Facilities Team for all of their hard work preparing our school for our students and staff!



Staff Spotlight: Check back next month to find out who will be in the Staff Spotlight...suggestions welcome!

THE MCCLURE FAMILY IS EXPANDING! WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM:

Ms. Amanda Strain	Assistant Principal/AP Suite
Ms. Iris Negron	Bilingual Counselor Assistant/Counselor Suite
Ms. Sade Parham	Kindergarten/Room 109
Ms. Laura Thomer	Grade 2/Room 201
Ms. Elana Schwalb	Bilingual Grade 1/Room 211
Ms. Rachel Boschen	Grade 3/Room 202
Ms. Monica Ricci	Grade 4/Room 303
Ms. Jennifer Smith	Grade 5/Room 311
Ms. Lindsay Coupe	Learning Support/Room 312
Ms. Grace Thomson	Learning Support/Room 312
Mr. Corey Willis	Learning Support/Room 306 A/312
Ms. Bethany Venable	ESOL/ Room 007
Ms. Olive Kuhn	Community Partnerships Coordinator/Room 7
Ms. Genevieve Naklicki	Artist Year Fellow/Room 6
Ms. Carolyn Gregory	Classroom Assistant/Bright Futures
Ms. Elena Carrera	Vocal Music/Room 207
Ms. Eleanor Heisey	Instrumental Music/Room 207
Coach Phallon DePante	Playworks Coach

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

JOIN US ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH FROM 5:00-7:00 P.M. FOR OUR BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT PROGRAM

Please take this opportunity to meet the staff, visit the classrooms, and sign up for one of our home and school networks. See you there!

SAVE THE DATE...PICTURE DAY...FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12TH!

