



PANTHER PRIDE

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McClure Elementary

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy October! As we delve into our third month of our school year, we are excited to update you on some exciting partnerships and opportunities for our panthers and families.

- ✓ The DEA Youth Dance Program is back at McClure is back for another season of after-school dance classes for a group of lucky 3rd graders. These students will meet from 3:15-4:30 on Tuesdays to learn Hip-Hop Fundamentals while practicing positive choices and behaviors. The club will conclude with a dance performance by our very own panthers!
- ✓ We are excited to introduce a partnership with Taller Puertorriqueño, a community-based organization that works to preserve, develop, and promote Puerto Rican arts and culture. Taller Puertorriqueño will send two teaching artists, in the areas of Latin dance and theater, to instruct a few lucky classes in these fields. There will also be opportunities for classes to visit Taller's El Corazon Cultural Center.
- ✓ Eat Right Now and the Einstein Institute are back with the Fresh Fruits and Veggies Grant! Every week, students get to sample different fruits and vegetables. So far, we've tried zucchini, grapes, baby spinach, and more!
- ✓ Our Penn State Abington student teachers are pairing up with McClure staff members to complete a community mentorship program. Students and their mentors will explore the Hunting Park neighborhood together- if you see them, say hello! Special thanks to Mr. Rosado, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Connie, and Ms. Gill for volunteering to serve as community mentors.
- ✓ **APTT (Academic Parent Teacher Teams) kicks off with our K-3 Parents on Thursday, October 25th at 4:00 p.m. Your participation is needed!** Find out what key skill your child needs to make improvements in reading and receive FREE GAMES to play at home with them to help them reach their goals! **TOGETHER WE HAVE THE POWER TO HELP OUR CHILDREN GROW!**

Respectfully,
Sharon Marino
Principal

Panther Spotlight:
Bright Futures Pre-K works in their very own schoolyard herb garden, courtesy of Fox Chase Farm and Primex. Pre-K can even harvest the herbs to add flavor to a favorite food!



Please join us in thanking our Food Services Team for all they do every day to ensure our students have fresh and healthy breakfast and lunch!

Thank you to Ms. Williams-Griffin, Mr. Dubin, and Mr. Bullock!

Staff Spotlight: Ms. Olive

Olive Kuhn (Ms. Olive) is McClure's first Community Partnerships Coordinator VISTA. She recently graduated from Bard College with a degree in Creative Writing and Spanish. Olive's goal is to help our community partners reach students more effectively, while bringing in new resources whenever possible. She is excited to get to know more McClure families this month!



In her free time, Ms. Olive enjoys playing music, translating poetry, and watching The Great British Bake Off.

SAVE THE DATE!

October 3rd:
Interim reports will be sent home!
Great time to check in on your child's academic and social progress!

October 8th:
School Advisory Council Meeting at 2:15 p.m in the library.
ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS/COMMUNITY PARTNERS ARE WELCOME!

October 12th
Picture day!

October 22nd:
Title I Parent Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Lunchroom...
free books and learn about our online and at home reading program!

October 30th:
25th Police district Haunted Hayride! 6-9 pm at Hunting Park and 9th. Trick-or-treating, resource tables, and giveaways at a safe location!

September 21- November 2
City-wide school selection! Any 5th grader who wants to attend a middle school other than our neighborhood school, Roberta Clemente, MUST complete the school selection process BY NOVEMBER 2. Students can apply to up to 5 city-wide schools and magnet schools. For more information visit www.Philasd.org or contact our counselor, Ms. Alexander.