



# PANTHER PRIDE

## January 2019

### McClure Elementary

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we leave the holiday season behind and enter 2019, we all have the opportunity to re-commit ourselves to becoming even more involved in our child's education. Engaging with families is our number one priority this year. That being said, we have two important events coming up this month:

#### Academic Parent Teacher Team Meeting (APTT)

On **January 31st, from 1:00-2:15 p.m.**, our second APTT meeting will take place for grades K-3. This is an opportunity to see if your child met the goal you set for them in October, learn about your child's progress and receive the next free game so that you can keep building skills together. We had an amazing turnout for the first meeting in October (over 135 families attended!), and we expect to see even more parents and family members on the 31st! Childcare and snacks will be provided, and our community partners will be tabling with activities, information, and resources. If you are new to McClure, we especially encourage you to attend!

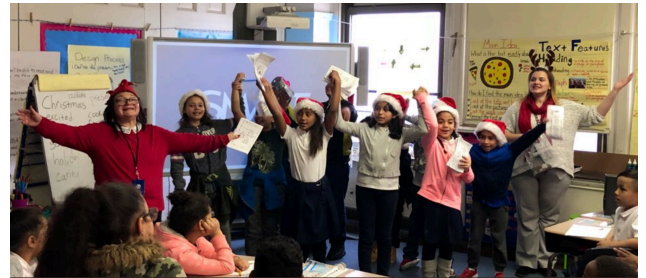
#### Home and School (HSA) elections

From January 7th-14th, we will be holding elections for McClure's Home & School Association for the 2019-2020 term! By organizing events, holding fundraisers, and communicating with fellow parents and family members, the HSA can provide our students and staff with even more opportunities. Be sure to cast your vote to elect your fellow parents and family members and return your slip with your child on to the box in the main office! Ballots will be sent home with students on the 7th and must be returned by January 14th to be counted.

Our new Home and School officials will be revealed after the APTT meeting on the 31st!

Thank you for your considered support and involvement,  
Sharon Marino  
Principal

### Panther spotlight



To ring in the holidays, our excellent ESOL team learned a bilingual version of 'Jingle Bells' ('Cascabel' en español) and then took the show on the road! Some proud ESOL panthers, led by Dr. Perez, Mr. Scoles, and Ms. Venable, visited every classroom to sing Jingle Bells in English and Spanish and wish everyone a happy holiday... bilingualism, community, and fun all in one!

### Staff Spotlight: Ms. Parham

Ms. Sade Parham is in her first year teaching Kindergarten at McClure. After graduating from Mary Baldwin University and Coppin State University she worked with after school programming in her hometown of Baltimore and then taught in charter schools in Philadelphia. "I knew I had a passion of teaching, I knew I was an educator, but I didn't think I had what it took," she says. "My fear was that I wouldn't be able to have loving relationships with my students and families, but that turned out to be my greatest strength." Ms. Parham's goals for 2019 are to "make more choices based on what I want, instead of having the fear of what I could lose." She is passionate about traveling and hopes to someday teach English as a second language abroad.



### SAVE THE DATE!

**January 7<sup>th</sup>:**

SAC (School Advisory Council) meeting at 2:15 p.m. in the Library. Please join us!  
Home and School ballots sent home. Please vote!!!

**January 11<sup>th</sup>:**

Community Partners meeting at 2:00 p.m. in the library.  
All are welcome!

**January 14<sup>th</sup>:**

Home and School ballots due today!

**January 28<sup>th</sup>:**

Title 1 Parent meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria.

**January 26<sup>th</sup>:**

Our fourth Celebrations of Learning for the school year! Come join us to celebrate your child's successes!

**January 30<sup>th</sup>:**

Early Dismissal 12:09 p.m.  
Report Card Conferences 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**January 31<sup>st</sup>:**

Early Dismissal 12:09 p.m.  
Report Card Conferences 1:00-3:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
K-3 APTT Meeting 1:00pm - 2:15 p.m.  
(K-3 Families only need to attend the APTT Meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> from 1:00-2:15 p.m. You will receive your child's report card and the next free game for home at the meeting!

**February 1<sup>st</sup>:**

Early Dismissal 12:09 p.m.  
**NO REPORT CARD CONFERENCES TODAY!**