



# PANTHER PRIDE

## March 2019

### McClure Elementary

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

From implementing Academic Parent Teacher Teams, Morning Meetings, and Restorative Circles to partnering with dozen of organizations, we are committed to grow McClure as a hub for neighbors and families as well as students. Recently we took another step forward by applying to become a Community School under the Mayor's Office of Education (MOE). As a Community School, the MOE would provide us with a full-time Community School Coordinator; we would be able to greatly expand our reach, offering services, resources, and opportunities to parents and neighbors as well as students (for example, a nearby Community School has a bank for free professional clothes and recently hosted a writing workshop with Philadelphia's Poet Laureate).

Last Friday, we hosted two MOE and SDP representatives for a site visit and interview at McClure. Over 25 parents, staff, and community partners took the time to participate; we want to thank everyone who attended for contributing to the constructive and inspiring conversation that we were able to hold. Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Amaro, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Aisha, Ms. Howard, Ms. Gil, Ms. Connie, and Ms. Parham all spoke eloquently to the ways in which McClure could flourish as a Community School, while representatives from City Year, the Lenfest Center, the Office of Councilwoman Maria Quiñones-Sanchez, COSACOSA, Esperanza Academy, and others spoke to the growth we are making with our partners. We also want to thank Ms. Boschen and her students, who demonstrated a Morning Meeting for the MOE visitors.

From attending conferences and APTT meetings, to chaperoning field trips, to attending SAC and Title 1 meetings, and helping your child with their homework, we could not have gotten this far without you, McClure families, we have our fingers crossed that we will be selected to enter the 2019-2020 school year as a Community School; either way, we are so proud of the progress we have made together.

Respectfully,  
Sharon Marino  
Principal

### Staff Spotlight: Ms. Angie

McClure is excited to welcome a new Artist Year fellow to our Expressive Arts team! Angie Bacha is a theater artist who will partner with Ms. Wesby to bring music, dance, and theater programming to our students during the vocal music block. Angie studied at the University of Connecticut, where she worked on theater productions as a writer, director, carpenter, and dramaturge. "I'm not necessarily the person on stage, I'm the person shaping how the show is presented." Angies favorite thing about teaching theater at the elementary school level is that theater "is natural team-building and community based." In her free time she performs improv theater and sketch comedy, sings a cappella, and cooks. Welcome to McClure Ms. Angie!



### Panther Spotlight



4<sup>th</sup> Grade students in Ms. Brown's class receive a visit from teaching artists from the Kimmel Center as a part of Jazz4Freedom, a program that educates 4<sup>th</sup> graders about the connections between jazz music and Black history. The Freedom4Jazz project culminated in a field trip to the Kimmel Center, in which our 4<sup>th</sup> graders participated!



### Save the Date!

Friday, March 1  
Early dismissal at  
12:09 p.m. for Staff Development

Monday, March 4  
SAC meeting at 2:15 in the library.  
All are welcome!

Tuesday, March 5  
DEA Dance Club recital, 4-4:30 pm  
in the cafeteria.

Thursday, March 14  
Spring picture day! Uniforms not required  
for anyone purchasing pictures.

Monday, March 18  
Title I Family Meeting at 9 am in the  
cafeteria. All are welcome!

Monday, March 25  
Career Day for Grades 3-5  
DRESS PROFESSIONALLY!