THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA MCCLURE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 600 W. HUNTING PARK AVENUE

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

McClure Elementary School, along with the School District of Philadelphia, is committed to providing our students with a safe and positive environment that is conducive to learning. We want to remind you of Pennsylvania Law Act 26, which outlines procedures to be followed when a student brings a weapon or any other object that can be used to harm another at school.

Students who bring a weapon to school are subject to arrest. Additionally, students may be recommended for disciplinary transfer or change of placement; the incident will also become a part of his/her permanent school record and may affect his/her admittance into special schools. Recently, there have been several "weapon" violations, not just in our school, but throughout the Philadelphia School District. We wanted to clarify for you the items that would fall into the "weapon" category.

"Weapon" – includes any of the following, but is not limited to, any object, device or instrument designed as a weapon or through its use is capable of threatening or producing bodily harm; any firearms, whether loaded or unloaded; cap guns; simulated guns; pellet or BB guns; knives; box cutters; cutting instruments; nunchuku; scissors, mace, simulated weapons; or laser pointers. - Student Code of Conduct, 2013-2014

Please note that toy weapons are considered simulated weapons and may not be brought to school. I imagine that with the recent holiday children may have received a variety of toys; please take special care to ensure that students do not bring any toys, particularly those that may be considered a weapon, to school. Kindly check school bags and pockets prior to students leaving for school each morning. Also, please talk to your children regularly about not bringing these items to school and remind your children to not pick up any of these items on their way to or from school.

On a more positive note, the students and staff of McClure have been working very hard to establish our Positive Behavior and Intervention Support Program, "Panther Pride." Attached you will find a detailed explanation of our expectations of the students in different settings while at McClure. Please take the time to review and go over the expectations with your children; we highly encourage you to "adopt" some of these practices in your own homes and develop similar expectations for different areas of your house. This activity can be done with your children- input is key in establishing expectations. We also hope that you will post the expectations in the area of your house that is visible to students and will serve as a reminder of our expectations. Attached you will also find the schedule for the remainder of the year in terms of "Panther Paw" rewards and incentives. Our hope is that you will review the timeline with your children and help them to set goals to achieve the rewards and incentives.

McClure "Panther Pride" Assembly Expectations



This is what it looks like and sounds like when we have Panther Pride during an Assembly...

Be Respectful... Eyes on speaker

Sit on bottom with legs folded

Be Responsible... Gather belongings before leaving

Quietly listening and paying attention

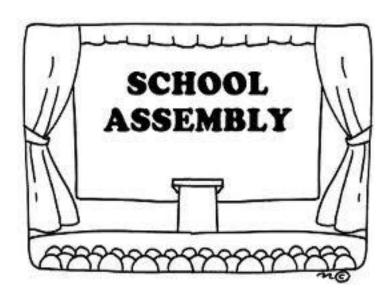
Be Cooperative... Raise hands and wait to be called upon

Participate when asked

Be a Problem Solver... Enter and exit quietly in line spots

Listen to adult instruction

Keep proper distance between you and others



McClure "Panther Pride" Bathroom Expectations



This is what it looks like and sounds like when we have Panther Pride while using our Bathrooms...

Be Respectful... Conserve water, soap, & energy

Respect the privacy of others

Be Responsible... Flush toilet after use

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Wash hands

Keep walls clean Use trashcans

Use the restroom quickly and quietly Quietly listening and paying attention

Be Cooperative... Wait for your turn patiently

Use the facilities correctly

Be a Problem Solver... Keep the restroom clean

Promptly return back to class



McClure "Panther Pride" Cafeteria Expectations



This is what it looks like and sounds like when we have Panther Pride in our Cafeteria...

Be Respectful... Use manners (please, thank you, excuse me...)

Chew with your mouth closed Listen to adult instruction

Be Responsible... Walk in a straight quiet line to get your food

Get what you need while you are in line

Place unwanted items on the share table before

returning to your assigned table

Clean up after yourself

Be Cooperative... Stay in your seat

Talk quietly at your table

Pass trash down to the trashcan

Pass additional unwanted share items down to the

opposite end of the trashcan

Be a Problem Solver... Enter and exit quietly in line spots

Listen to adult instruction

Raise your hand to get the attention of an adult



McClure "Panther Pride" Classroom and Expressive Arts Expectations



This is what it looks like and sounds like when we have Panther Pride in our Classrooms and Expressive Arts...

Be Respectful... Listen to others

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Speak with manners

Use kind words

Raise your hand and get permission before speaking

Be Responsible... Care for materials, equipment, and supplies

Complete assignments

Be Cooperative... Listen to directions

Follow directions

Complete assignments as asked

Give your best effort

Be a Problem Solver... Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself

Ask for help

Think before you act Be supportive of others



McClure "Panther Pride" Hallway Expectations



This is what it looks like and sounds like when we have Panther Pride in our Hallways...

Be Respectful... Walk quietly

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Keep hands by your side

Listen for directions

Maintain personal space

Be Responsible... Line up in your designated line spot

Walk quietly

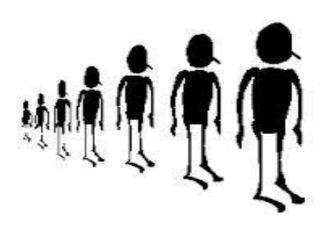
Raise your hand if you need adult attention

Be Cooperative... Walk quietly without disturbing other classes

Be a Problem Solver... Walk in a single file straight line

Keep proper distance between you and others

Do not carry writing materials



McClure "Panther Pride" Office Expectations



This is what it looks like and sounds like when we have Panther Pride in our Offices...

Be Respectful... Give a friendly greeting

Speak to adults and students using good manners

Wait patiently

Be Responsible... Have a hall pass

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Promptly return to class

Be Cooperative... Walk beside your partner

Be a Problem Solver... Stay with your partner

Return promptly to class

Inform an adult if there is a problem or concern



McClure "Panther Pride" Recess Expectations



This is what it looks like and sounds like when we have Panther Pride at Recess...

Be Respectful... Use kind words

Play gently

Be Responsible... Exit and enter the building safely by facing forward

and walking in your line spot

Eat first and clean table before using indoor recess

games

Line up quietly

Listen and follow directions

Be Cooperative... Take turns

Follow the rules of a game

Line up when the first signal is given and walk to your

line spot

Be a Problem Solver... Share

Include others

Show good sportsmanship

Keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself

Talk to an adult to help solve problems



McClure "Panther Pride" Schoolyard Expectations



This is what it looks like and sounds like when we have Panther Pride in our Schoolyard before and after school...

Be Respectful... Quietly participate during the Pledge of Allegiance

Greet teachers and students

Say goodbye to teachers at dismissal

Be Responsible... Arrive at 8:20 AM

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K-2 use schoolyard door and 3-5 use Marshall Street

door on indoor admission days

Remain in your line spot until you are signed out and

dismissed by the teacher

Go directly home

Be Cooperative... Listen and follow directions for admission and

dismissal

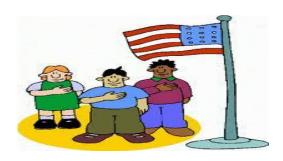
Remain in line spot

Be a Problem Solver... Walk directly to your line spot when you enter the

schoolyard

Respect personal space

Keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself



PANTHER PAW REWARD SCHEDULE

"Pawsome" Class Reward:

The following reward will be given to the class that has earned the most "group" Panther Paws for following the school wide expectations.

Thursday, January 8, 2014 **PIZZA PARTY**

Thursday, February 6, 2014 FREE DRESS DOWN DAY

Wednesday, March 5, 2014 CLASS BAKE

Wednesday, May 7, 2014 **EXTRA RECESS**

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 CREATE YOUR OWN SUNDAE

10 Panther Pride Ticket Reward:

The following reward will be given to the students who have earned 10 or more Panther Paws, within the given time frame, for following the school wide expectations.

Friday, January 17, 2014- 9:00 AM CHOICES: Tech Time, Open Gym or Board Game Bonanza

Friday, February 14, 2014-9:00 AM CHOICES: Creative Creations, Tech Time or Open Gym

Friday, March 14, 2013

CHOICES: Board Game Bonanza, Creative Creations or Tech Time

Friday, May 16, 2014-9:00 AM

CHOICES: Game On!, Open Gym or Board Game Bonanza

20 Panther Pride Ticket Reward:

The following reward will be given to the students who have earned 20 or more Panther Paws, within the given time frame, for following the school wide expectations.

Friday, February 28, 2014- Dance Party!

Friday, April, 25, 2014- Picnic in the Park!

Friday, June 13, 2014- YPN Fun Day!

With your continued support, our school will remain a positive, safe, and orderly place where ALL children can learn and be successful!

Respectfully,

Sharon Marino Principal