



Mapleton Public School

The Learning Link

Parent & Family Newsletter



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The *Learning Link* is Mapleton's monthly family newsletter. Do you have a story idea or a suggestion for our next issue? We'd love to hear from you! Email communications@mapleton.us.

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After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, high school students involved in Mapleton's [SOS Outreach](#) snowboarding program made it to [Loveland Ski Area](#) for a Saturday full of shredding the slopes!

"I could feel the excitement leading up to today," SOS Outreach mentor Kelsey said. "They sent me snowboarding emojis during the week to let me know they were ready!"

The Snowboard Outreach Society (SOS) is a youth development nonprofit organization that fosters self-confidence, leadership skills, and positive decision-making through the popular appeal of outdoor adventure sports. The program pairs adult mentors with high school students to not only teach students how to snowboard, but also teach the importance of community through leadership projects centered on the core values of SOS – courage, discipline, integrity, wisdom, compassion, and humility.

News from Mapleton Public Schools



Discover, Choose, Succeed!

Upcoming enrollment events and Annual Update information

Mapleton Public Schools is planning a full month of exciting enrollment events to celebrate our schools and services with the goal of welcoming even more families to Mapleton in August 2023.

Please take a moment to review the schedule of enrollment events

January: Discovery month! All month long, families are invited to visit Mapleton's schools to meet staff, tour school buildings, and learn more about our schools.

- Review the calendar of [Mapleton Open House events](#)

February 1: Online enrollment/Annual Update opens for:

- New to district families enrolling for the 2023-24 school year.
- Current families requesting a different Mapleton school for next year (a preschool student needing to select a kindergarten, a 6th-grade student needing to choose a 7th-grade, or an 8th-grade student needing to select a 9th-grade).

- Annual Update for all students will also open at this time. Families will be encouraged to complete the Annual Update to prepare for the next school year.

March 1: Online enrollment opens for families living outside the district.

Visit our [enrollment page](#) to learn more, or call 303.853.1780.

Preschool in Mapleton

We are excited to learn more about Universal PK in Colorado. Please watch our website for more information.

What we know so far: The application for Universal Preschool opens in January 2023 on the [CDEC website](#). Universal Preschool (UPK) Colorado ensures that every child in the year before they are eligible for kindergarten is eligible for half-day (15 hours), state-funded, voluntary preschool beginning in the 2023-24 school year. Please stay tuned for more information

Highway to High School

If you have an 8th-grade student in Mapleton, please review the information below with your child!

On Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023, 8th-grade students from Mapleton's K-8 schools will be invited to visit the Skyview Campus to attend the Highway to High School Showcase.

At the event, 8th graders will have a chance to meet students and teachers from Mapleton's high schools and learn more about the high school experience in Mapleton. The goal of the event is to help 8th graders identify the school they would like to attend for 9th grade.

[View details and the transportation schedule here.](#)

Families may select their schools through the Annual Update process which opens on Wednesday, Feb. 1.



Join Mapleton's Board of Education on Monday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m., for a virtual Community Conversation

Conversation topics include:

- 4A Mill Levy Override - next steps
- Enrollment
- Safety
- Answers to your questions

[Join the conversation!](#)

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81179398446>

What do you want to talk about?

Share your Conversation Topics with us to help us design the agenda for our next meeting. Email your questions, comments, concerns, and ideas to Communications@mapleton.us.

Mapleton's on TikTok!

Mapleton is pleased to announce you can now find student and staff celebrations on TikTok, **@WeAreMapleton**.



We can't promise you will see any sweet dance moves, but we do look forward to partnering with teachers to share fun at-home learning activities for all age groups,

highlighting new menu items in our school cafeterias, celebrating our student groups, and honoring our Irreplaceable staff members!

Have an idea for Mapleton's official TikTok account? Let us know at communications@mapleton.us.

Dedicated to Excellence - Project L.I.F.T.

Project L.I.F.T. - Leveraging Instruction for Transformation, is how all Mapleton schools are keeping a sharp focus on academic success and improvement.



Project L.I.F.T. includes the district's accreditation through Cognia and collaboration with the University of Virginia's Partnership for Leaders in Education program. The work of Project L.I.F.T. is elevating Mapleton's practices in four key areas: **Leadership, Support and Accountability, Talent Management, and Instructional Infrastructure.**

90-day Plans

The 90-Day Plan serves as a road map that clarifies specific priorities and actions that are most important during the next 90 days. Twice a year, school directors work with our partners at UVA, as well as district leadership, to develop 90-day plans that are unique to their goals. Benchmarks assure teachers and students keep their performance on track. The 90-day plan will help ensure the focus of all stakeholders toward an aligned understanding of the implementation and progress of Mapleton's turnaround initiative.

What to learn more about your school's 90-day plan? Contact your child's teacher or school director to learn more.

What questions do you have about Project L.I.F.T.? Ask us by emailing communications@mapleton.us.

More good news from Mapleton!

Visit www.mapleton.us to learn more about:

- [Student art showcased at state-wide convention](#)
 - [Upcoming Performing Arts Events](#)
 - [Join the Mariachi club!](#)
 - [Community Resources for Mapleton families](#)
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