



The Learning Link

Parent & Family Newsletter



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January 2022

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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News from Mapleton Public Schools

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Community Conversation

Virtual Town Hall Meeting

Monday, Feb. 7 | 6 – 7 p.m.

Save My Spot



Scan the QR Code to register for the live stream!

We're gearing up to host our third virtual Community Conversation of the school year!

Sneak peek at the lineup:



Your Voice | Tú Voz
Results from our parent, student, and staff survey!



Final Four
Building better futures in Mapleton!



Schools of Choice
Enrollment updates and more!

Virtual Community Conversation - Monday, Feb. 7, 6-7 p.m.

[Reserve your virtual seat](#) at our upcoming virtual Community Conversation! During this conversation, we'll share updates from our recent community survey, introduce what's new for the 2022-23 school year, and discuss the "Final Four." Commonly associated with "March Madness" and college basketball, Mapleton's Final Four is focused on the repair or replacement of the remaining four buildings that have served us well over the years but have received modest upgrades and improvements – Achieve Academy, Meadow Community School, Preschool on Poze, and York International School. [Tune in](#) to learn more and help inform the capital construction process.

[Question? Comment?](#) Share it before the meeting so we can answer it during the live conversation!

Save your spot!

2023-24 Academic Calendar Options and Survey

Mapleton Public Schools is asking for your input on the 2023-24 academic calendar. All Mapleton families and staff are invited to take a brief survey and provide essential feedback on the three proposed calendar options.

- [2023-24 Calendar Option A](#)
- [2023-24 Calendar Option B](#)
- [2023-24 Calendar Option C](#)

[Calendar Survey](#)

The final 2023-24 calendar will be created using the results of this survey.

The Board of Education is seeking public comment and will approve the calendar at an upcoming meeting.

For additional information please email communications@mapleton.us or call 303.853.1050.

The 2022-23 calendar, which was approved last spring, is available on the [School Calendars](#) page.



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Virtual Enrollment Fair

[Mapleton's virtual enrollment fair](#) is now available! This website includes recordings of the live School Discovery Sessions as well as additional school videos submitted by school directors, teachers, and students. This event is not live, can be viewed at any time, and can be shared with friends and family interested in joining us in Mapleton!

Adventure Elementary to launch dual language program

Adventure Elementary (PreK-6) is giving students the gift of a second language by becoming Mapleton's first dual-language school. Beginning next year, Adventure will provide the unique educational combination of a dual language learning environment (English and Spanish) with a strong Expeditionary Learning (EL) Education framework. Students will be supported throughout the entire school day in becoming bilingual and bi-literate in English and Spanish, regardless of their native language. Year one of implementation will begin with preschool and kindergarten. The program will add a grade level each year, however, starting next year all grade levels will have opportunities to experience dual language throughout the day.

In a dual-language school, instruction is divided between qualified teachers in two classrooms, one English and one Spanish. The goal of the program is to provide a rich academic environment in both languages and explore the many benefits that come from being bilingual.

[Learn more on Adventure's website!](#)

It's time to complete the Annual Update

Current Mapleton families: If your **child is requesting a different Mapleton school for August 2022**, (a preschool student needing to select a kindergarten, a 6th grader needing to select a 7th grade, or an 8th grader needing to select a 9th grade) we strongly encourage you to complete the [Annual Update](#) before the end of January for the best chance of placement into your first-choice school.

If you have another child planning to start in Mapleton in the fall, please enter your placement request by completing the [Annual Update](#) by Jan. 31, 2022, for the best chance of placement into your first-choice school.

If your child is continuing on at their current school in August 2022, please complete the [Annual Update](#) by April 1, 2022. Completing the Annual Update confirms your child's placement in their current school and gives you an opportunity to update your contact information on file, if necessary.

If you are not returning to Mapleton next fall, please notify your school's main office about your plans. You do not need to complete the Annual Update.

Additional late start days

We thank you for your support and flexibility regarding recent calendar changes. As we continue to manage recent spikes and surges, we are announcing three additional late start days for this school year.

With substitute positions still tricky, and sometimes impossible, to fill, our teachers lean on each other to assure engaging content is offered to each student, in each classroom, every school day, often missing out on valuable plan time. Late starts give our teachers back some of this essential time to plan and prepare.



Upcoming 2-hour Late Start Days:

- **Wednesday, March 2**
- **Wednesday, April 6 (also a remote day for high school students)**
- **Wednesday, May 11**

On a Late Start Day:

- Classes begin exactly two hours after the normal start time. Bus pick-up times are also delayed by two hours.
- All zero-hour classes are canceled.
- All full-day and half-day funded preschool classes are canceled. Employee care and tuition-based childcare will be open.
- All staff report at the normal time.

Please know this change comes after much consideration as to what we can do to support our teachers so they can continue to support our students. It is our highest priority to always offer safe, engaging environments for our students to learn and thrive.

A chance to say 'Thank You' - January is School Board Recognition Month

January is School Board Recognition month — a time to thank school board members for their tireless work on behalf of public education.

Mapleton's five board members volunteer their time and are the stewards of the District's mission and vision. The staff and students of Mapleton Public Schools would like to acknowledge the work of current board members:

Thank you to all board members, past and present, who have helped the students of Mapleton Public Schools achieve their dreams.

Cynthia Croisant, President
Thomas Moe, Vice President
Daisy Lechman, Secretary
Terry Donnell, Treasurer
Mallory Boyce, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Upcoming COVID vaccination clinics

All COVID vaccination clinics in Mapleton are:

- Open to anyone 5 years of age and older (first and second dose, as well as boosters)
- Located on the Skyview Campus, 8990 York St., Thornton, 80229
- Open from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Walk-in only, no appointment necessary

Upcoming dates:

- **Saturday, Jan. 29**
 - **Saturday, Feb. 19**
 - **Saturday, March 12**
 - **Saturday, April 2**
 - **Saturday, April 23**
 - **Saturday, May 14**
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