



# The Learning Link

Parent & Family Newsletter



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## December 2021

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](mailto:communications@mapleton.us).

*Have a fun and safe winter break! We look forward to seeing you back in our schools on Wednesday, Jan. 5!*

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## News from Mapleton Public Schools

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### Winter break meal distribution – Monday, Dec. 20

Grab a meal kit for winter break!

Mapleton's Nutrition Services team will be distributing seven days' worth of tasty, easy-to-prepare meal kits on Monday, Dec. 20, from 9 a.m. - noon at two locations, the Global Campus bus loop and Clayton Partnership loop.



#### Meal distribution details:

**When:** Monday, Dec. 20

**Time:** 9 a.m. -12 p.m.

#### Locations:

- Clayton Partnership loop – 8970 York St., Thornton, 80229
- Global Campus bus loop – 7480 Broadway, Denver, 80221

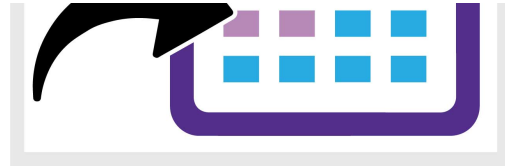
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### Reminder: Late start days added to calendar

To assure we continue to greet our students with rigorous and relevant instruction, we are introducing late start days to give our teachers back some of the valuable plan time essential to



student engagement.



#### Upcoming 2-hour Late Start Days:

- **Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022**
- **Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022**

#### 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.



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*Achieve Your Dreams*

# ENROLL TODAY!

**DISCOVER**

**CHOOSE**

**SUCCEED**



## Get ready to Discover, Choose, Succeed in Mapleton! School choice for the 2022-23 school year opens January 1!

At Mapleton Public Schools, we believe school choice is the first step toward academic success. In Mapleton, there are no "neighborhood schools." You choose your school; we provide transportation.

All Mapleton schools are small, safe, family-like learning environments where teachers discover what students already know and focus on what they need to learn. All schools are also small-by-design, meaning each school allows students to master content standards through a unique lens. School models include Expeditionary Learning (EL), International Baccalaureate, Big Picture, performing and visual arts, STEM, project-based learning, University Partnership, Young Adult, and online, to name a few.

In Mapleton, there is a school for every student. Which school will you choose?

During **Discover, Choose, Succeed**, Mapleton families are invited to choose a school based on the needs, interests, and passions of their child. Families new to Mapleton, or any current student needing to select a new Mapleton school for the upcoming school year are invited to participate in the Discover, Choose, Succeed process. This includes current preschool students heading into kindergarten, 6th graders needing to select a 7th grade, and 8th graders needing to select a 9th grade.

[Learn more about our schools and to compare school models!](#) Also, stay tuned for virtual school showcases and our virtual enrollment fair in January!

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### Community survey reminder

Mapleton Families,

**There is still time to complete our community survey!** As we seek to learn more about the needs of our community, we are working with a third party to conduct a



parent, student, and staff survey.

**We hope to learn:**

- How to best serve parents, students, and employees of the district
- How and why parents and students choose the schools that they do
- How we can best support our students and families

**The survey is in your inbox! Please take a moment to complete the survey to let us know how we can improve service to your family! The email will come from [Mapleton@coronainsights.com](mailto:Mapleton@coronainsights.com)!**

Corona Insights, a third-party research firm, has been hired to conduct this work. You should have received an email from Corona Insights, which contains information about how to log into the survey. It is important to note that Corona Insights will keep your answers to the survey confidential – your email address will not be linked to your answers. Your responses to each question will be combined with all other responses for statistical analysis so that no one participating in this survey will be identified.

If you are a parent/guardian of a student in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, your student will also have the opportunity to participate in a separate survey in the next few weeks, unless you choose to opt them out of the process. To opt your child out of the process, please email [sam@coronainsights.com](mailto:sam@coronainsights.com) or [kate@coronainsights.com](mailto:kate@coronainsights.com) and include your child's name and email address.

The survey is absolutely voluntary, but we hope that everyone will choose to participate. Your feedback will help pave the way forward for Mapleton Public Schools.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Mapleton Public Schools

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## **Mapleton Education Foundation introduces the Legacy Association**

The Mapleton Education Foundation, in partnership with Mapleton Public Schools, has established the [Mapleton Legacy Association](#) to expand communications with former students and friends of the school district. The goal of the Legacy Association is to reach across schools and across years of alumni, staff, and friends to inform and engage with each other about the exciting work of Mapleton Public Schools. The Association also provides opportunities to reconnect and network with former classmates, teachers, and schools.

**Join us for the initial business meeting of the Legacy Foundation!**

- **Date: Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022**
- **Time: 4:30 – 5 p.m.**
- **Location: Mapleton Arts Center, 7480 N. Broadway, Denver, 80221**

This meeting is open to all interested persons, [RSVP on the calendar page to attend this free event!](#)

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