



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](mailto:communications@mapleton.us).

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# News from Mapleton Public Schools



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## October is National Bullying Prevention Month

This month, communities all over the country are taking action to create safe and supportive schools by promoting kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

In 2019, Mapleton's Board of Education approved the Olweus (ol-vay-us) Bully Prevention Program for use in all schools. After more than a year of training, schools are taking this month to unveil how this program brings school communities together to prevent bullying through strong relationship-building, meaningful classroom experiences, and partnerships with families.

Read more about the bullying prevention campaigns in Mapleton on our [website and Facebook page](#).

### Bullying prevention at Adventure starts with empathy

At Adventure Elementary, students are creating caring communities by inviting classmates to "take a walk in their shoes." For this activity, students decorated a cut out of a shoe and covered their shoe with unique details about themselves. Students in primary grades added personal fun facts to their shoes, while students in intermediate grades added their answers from the following prompts:

*One thing people might not know about me is \_\_\_\_\_.*

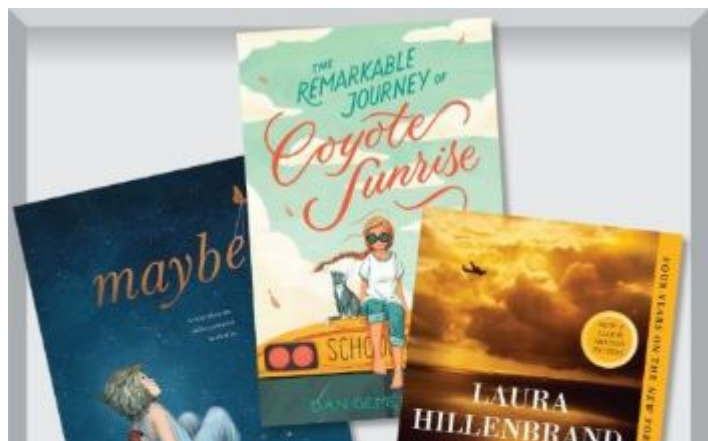
*I wish people would ask me \_\_\_\_\_.*

Once complete, the shoes will be displayed in the school's commons to students learn about each other.

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## Read along with us! Mapleton's community reading program is back with three new titles!

Everyone is encouraged to read along with us as a part of Mapleton Reads, our annual community reading program. This program celebrates the



importance and value of literacy. During October 2021 – January 2022, Mapleton is inviting YOU to join us in reading:



- **"Maybe"** by Kobi Yamada (grades K-4)
- **"The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise"** by Dan Gemeinhart (grades 5-8)
- **"Unbroken"** by Laura Hillenbrand (grades 9-12)

### **How to participate:**

#### **Download a digital copy!**

Families are invited to try a free eBook or eAudiobook from Anythink! To download your copy:

1. Download the Libby app.
2. Sign in with your Anythink library card number. [Need a card?](#)
3. Search for "The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise," or "Unbroken" to read or listen to the book on your device.

View the [Anythink flier](#) for more information.

#### **Check out a copy from any location in Mapleton!**

Books are available for check out at your child's school, at the Administration Building, and at the Welcome Center.

#### **Start the conversation!**

Book descriptions and discussion questions are [available on our website](#).

Send stories and photos of your book club to [Communications@mapleton.us](mailto:Communications@mapleton.us).

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## **Big Rock stories - understanding Mapleton's mission-critical objectives in academic excellence**

When it comes to goals and objectives, "big rocks" are the non-negotiable tasks, the mission-critical objectives, and the leading priorities.

As we continue to work toward achieving Mapleton's mission, *to guarantee all students can achieve their dreams*, the following "big rocks" are driving our progress:



- Curriculum Components/Support Structures
- Collaborative Structures/Assessments
- Talent Management

To better understand our "big rocks" and how our focus areas support the unique learning needs of each student in Mapleton, we are introducing a series of "Big Rock" feature stories. Each story highlights a specific "big rock" and the impact it has on academic improvement.

**Check out our first [Big Rock features](#):**

- [Data-driven instruction in Mapleton](#)
- [Assessments are classroom game changers](#)
- [Life-long learners: Inside scoop on the first month of school from new Mapleton teachers](#)
- [Spanish literacy program at Adventure Elementary](#)

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## **Keeping Mapleton Healthy - In-school COVID screenings**

Mapleton is pleased to offer all students and staff the opportunity to participate in on-site COVID screenings. This extra layer of protection helps us keep our schools and classrooms open by detecting the virus early and getting ahead of asymptomatic spread.

We are working with two providers to meet the needs of our preschool students, K-12 students, and students participating in Athletics, Performing Arts, and Air Force JROTC. Please see the different options below to learn more about on-site screening for your child.

### **If your child is in PRESCHOOL**

#### **Bimonthly (every other week) in-school testing for students (and staff at Preschool on Poze) through COVIDCheck Colorado**

Mapleton is partnering with COVIDCheck Colorado to provide bimonthly COVID screening for preschool students (CDPHE only offers testing for K-12). To provide consent for your preschool child to be screened bimonthly in school, please provide consent using the link below, or download the appropriate consent form and return the completed form to your child's teacher.

**Provide consent online:** <https://my.primary.health/l/mapleton>

**Download COVIDCheck consent forms:**

- **COVIDCheck Consent** - [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
  - **OPTIONAL COVIDCheck Random In-School Testing** - [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
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### **If your child is in GRADES K-12**

#### **Weekly in-school testing for students and staff provided by CDPHE and Mobile Health**

If you would like to have your child(ren) screened for COVID at school every week, you must complete a consent form.

Please note the following:

- Parents/Guardians must complete the consent process for each child enrolled in Mapleton.
- Parents/Guardians must complete the consent form specific to the school in which their child is enrolled.
- For example, if a parent/guardian has two children enrolled at Academy High School, they must complete a separate consent form for each child enrolled. If parent/guardian has one child enrolled in Academy High School and another enrolled in Clayton Partnership, the parent/guardian must complete the Academy consent form for the child at Academy and the Clayton consent form for their child at Clayton.

#### **CDPHE is offering gift cards!**

CDPHE is offering monetary incentives to students participating in on-site screenings. Each participating student will receive \$25 for the first COVID-19 test that is administered through this program. Students then receive \$10 for every subsequent test administered each week (at a maximum of one incentive per week). Participating students will receive their incentive(s) monthly and retroactively, via gift card. For example, if your student is tested in September, they will receive their gift card loaded with their total incentives for September in early October. The gift cards will be recharged each month. Your child's gift card will be mailed to the addresses listed on your child's consent form. Please visit the [CDPHE's website for additional information about the gift cards](#).

#### **[CDPHE/Mobile Health Consent Forms by School](#)**

#### **COVID resources**

- [Upcoming vaccination clinics](#)
  - [COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
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## Upcoming Events

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### **Does your child need any school-required vaccines? Get them at our Immunization clinic - Wednesday, Nov. 3**

Mapleton Public Schools and Tri-County Health are hosting an immunization clinic at the Skyview Student Center on Wednesday, Nov. 3, from 3-6 p.m.

The clinic will be open to children 2 months through 18 years of age and will offer all school-required/recommended vaccines, flu, and COVID-19 vaccines.

#### **Clinic details:**

**Date:** Wednesday, Nov. 3

**Time:** 3-6 p.m.

Location: Skyview Student Center, 8990 York St., Thornton, 80229

Immunizations available: all school-required vaccines (Hepatitis B, DTaP, Hib, IPV, PCV13, MMR, and chickenpox), flu, and COVID-19 vaccines

Please bring a copy of your immunization record, if available.

Appointments are not required.

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### **Don't miss the fall musical at the MAC**

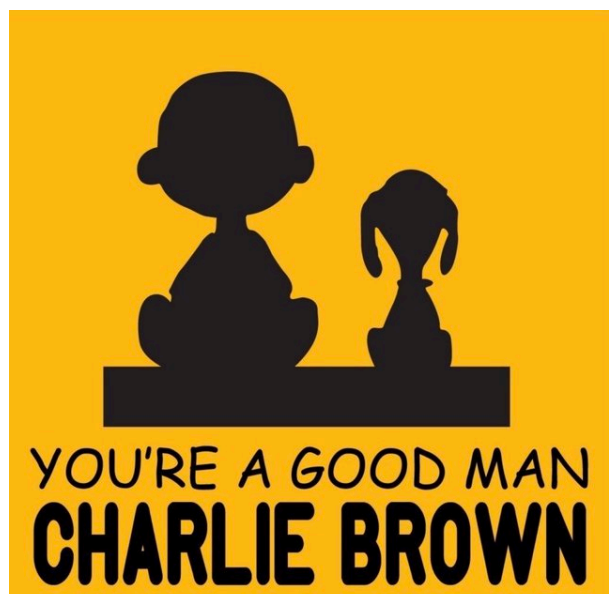
Mapleton Performing Arts is proud to present the fall musical, "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" (Revised) By Clark Gesner, Michael Mayer, Andrew Lippa, Charles M. Schulz.

#### **Dates:**

Thursday, Nov. 11 | 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 12 | 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 13 | 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.



**Location:**

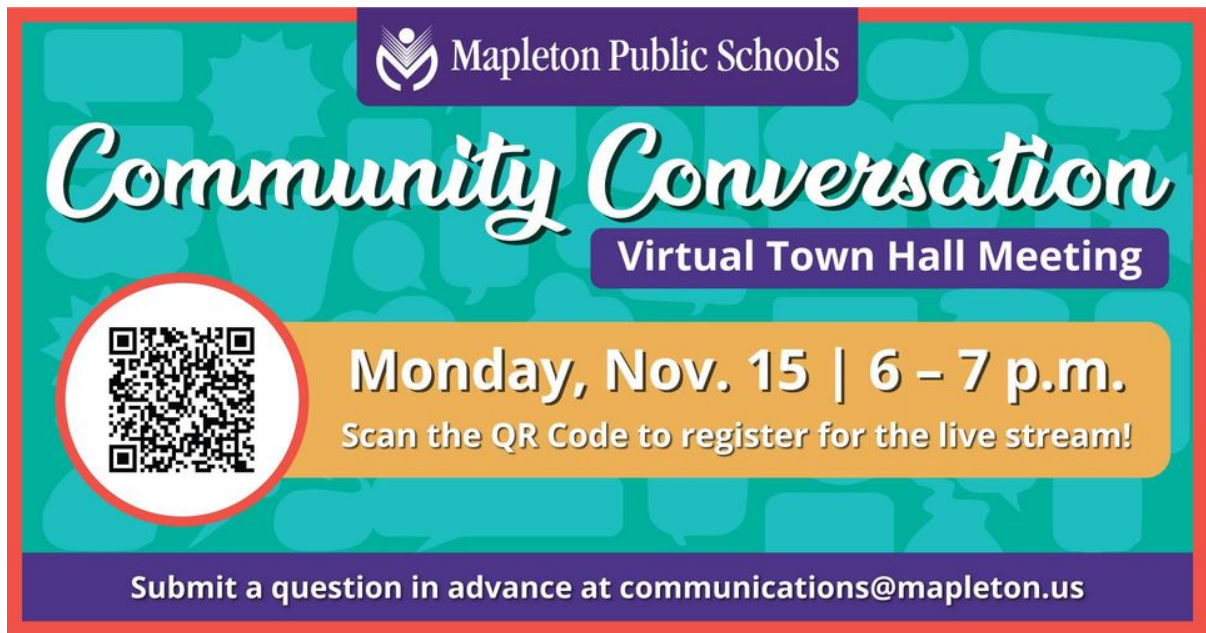
Mapleton Arts Center - 7480 N. Broadway

**Tickets:**

\$6 - General Admission

Mapleton students can see the show for free with their student ID.

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**Virtual Community Conversation - Monday, Nov. 15, 6 p.m.**A promotional banner for a virtual town hall meeting. The background is teal with a pattern of speech bubbles. At the top left is the Mapleton Public Schools logo, which consists of a stylized 'M' with a person inside. To the right of the logo, the text 'Mapleton Public Schools' is written in white. Below this, the main title 'Community Conversation' is written in a large, white, cursive font. To the right of the title, 'Virtual Town Hall Meeting' is written in white on a dark purple rectangular background. In the center-left, there is a QR code inside a white circle with a red border. To the right of the QR code, the text 'Monday, Nov. 15 | 6 - 7 p.m.' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below this, 'Scan the QR Code to register for the live stream!' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, a dark purple banner contains the text 'Submit a question in advance at communications@mapleton.us' in white.

On Monday, November 15, at 6 p.m., we will host a virtual town hall to discuss:

- Explore Mapleton's small-by-design schools and full choice model
- Bullying Prevention month
- Mapleton Reads

The event will be hosted by our Board of Education and Superintendent Charlotte Ciano.

Pre-register today and we will send you a Zoom link and reminder right before the virtual town hall. The event will also be live-streamed on Mapleton's Facebook page.





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