
The Learning Link

Parent & Family Newsletter



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Have a fun, safe, and healthy summer! We look forward to seeing you in August!

Back-to-school information, including back-to-school nights, school supply lists, and school calendars will be posted on our website, www.mapleton.us, as it is made available.

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



Free meals continue in Mapleton during the summer

You can pick up yummy, easy to prepare meals for your family all summer long in Mapleton. Meals kits are free for children under 18 years of age and include seven days' worth of lunches. All families are welcome!

Dates: Every Monday through August 2!

Please note: In observance of Memorial Day, the first distribution will be held on Tuesday, June 1!

Times: 8-10 a.m.

Locations:

- **Clayton Partnership Loop** Skyview Campus | 8970 York St., Thornton, 80229
- **Global Campus Bus Loop** | Global Primary Academy | 7480 Broadway, Denver, 80221

Summer literacy support for K-3 students

This summer, Mapleton Public Schools is excited to send your child home with books and activities to continue to support strong literacy development. Reading at home over the summer will help your child hang on to the

many great things they learned this school year. Studies show that students who do not maintain a regular reading routine over the summer can lose as much as 20 percent of their school-year academic gains, especially in reading! We hope these summer literacy activities will help create a reading routine that is fun and engaging for the entire family.



Take-Home Summer Literacy Materials

Readers: Your child is bringing home 12 decodable readers. A decodable reader is a book that motivates students to practice reading by using letters and letter groups learned during the school year. The stories and illustrations are entertaining and engaging!

“This or That” Journal: Your child will also be coming home with a “This or That” writing prompt journal. This journal provides engaging prompts to discuss and write about throughout the summer.

Reading activities for the whole family!

Colorado Statewide Summer Learning Program - Tails and Tales! While the pandemic may again reshape library summer programs for 2021, there are many opportunities for fun and enriching activities, online and offline. Check out the many resources and ideas from the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), National Summer Learning Association (NSLA), and colleagues from Colorado and across the country. The theme of this summer's program, illustrated by artist Salina Yoon, is Tails and Tales--think all things animals, great for all ages!

Book It program— The BOOK IT! program motivates children to read by rewarding reading accomplishments with praise, recognition, and pizza! Learn more online.

Scholastic Summer Reading delivers suggestions for a variety of learning activities.

[Anythink Libraries](#) – An entire world of books, magazines, games, events, and activities awaits your child thanks to the Anythink Library system. Visit in person or explore online – all it takes is a library card. [Learn more.](#)

Graduation 2021 is Saturday, May 15!

Mapleton will celebrate the class of 2021 with an outdoor, in-person ceremony on Saturday. Mapleton's graduation plan follows the CDPHE's outdoor event guidance, which includes strict capacity guidelines.



For more information about the ceremony, including parking and seating assignments, [visit Mapleton's website.](#)

To cheer on the class of 2021, check out our live stream of the event! Watch the event live in [English](#) or in [Spanish](#).

Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine now available for 12-15-year-olds

The COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer) is now available for children aged 12-15 at [large community vaccination sites](#) such as Dick's Sporting Good Park in Commerce City and the Ball Arena in Denver. No appointment is necessary. Learn more about [where you can get vaccinated](#) on the CDPHE website.

Dick's Sporting Good Park | 6000 Victory Way, Commerce City, 80022

Drive-up/Walk Through

Sunday - Thursday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Ball Arena | 1000 Chopper Cir., Denver, 80204

Drive-up/Walk Through

Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Please Join Us

Mapleton Public Schools

Community Conversations

Virtual Town Hall Meeting #4

Hosted by the Board of Education and Superintendent Charlotte Ciano

Tuesday, June 15 | 6 - 7 p.m.

Topics:

- End of year celebrations
- Preparations for next school year
- Summer literacy opportunity
- Capital improvements

Submit a question in advance at communications@mapleton.us

Community Conversations

Our last Community Conversation for the school year will be held on Tuesday, June 15, at 6 p.m.
[Register here!](#)

This conversation will include student and staff celebrations, a look back at the school year, and a look ahead at our plans for the 2021-22 school year. We will also share an in-depth look at how we create caring communities in our schools. We hope you can join us!



To catch up on the conversation, you can watch recordings of past events [here](#).

Capital improvements - we need your input!

Over the last 10 years, most of Mapleton's school buildings have been renovated or rebuilt. When we started on our capital construction master plan, nearly all of our facilities were more than 50 years old and many had exceeded their useful life. Now, most of our facilities are either new or newly renovated. As we wrap up the many projects made possible by the 2016 bond, we are now looking at what we are calling the "final four." These are buildings that have received modest upgrades and improvements over the years, and we are exploring our options when it comes to making these buildings safe and

functional for generations to come. These buildings include:

- Achieve Academy
- Meadow Community School
- Preschool on Poze
- York International School

We are interested in hearing from you about our capital improvement projects. Help us brainstorm! What other facilities would enhance the education available to Mapleton students? A Futures Center? An Outdoor Education Center? [Let us know!](#)

Hang on to your Paw Pass!

Attention bus riders! The Paw Pass you used this year to get on and off the school bus will be used again next year. To avoid paying \$3 for a replacement pass, remember to put your Paw Pass in a safe location so you know exactly where it is on the first day of school. Bus route and bus stop information will be available at your school's back-to-school event.

