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The Colorado Homebuilding Academy offers students industry-driven, hands-on learning opportunities and the chance to explore a variety of career opportunities in building design and construction. Students responded enthusiastically to Mapleton's new partnership and the district hopes to expand the program in the coming years.

From building homes to building careers, Mapleton's new partnership offers hands-on learning opportunities

"I wanted to see how it is – how construction really works," said Jenny C., a junior at Big Picture College and Career Academy, about her work with the Colorado Homebuilding Academy. "Now that I'm actually experiencing it, I think I want to stay and work in construction."

As a part of Mapleton's career exploration program, CareerX, this year the district initiated a partnership with the Colorado Homebuilding Academy. This new and successful partnership is poised to pave the way for similar opportunities for school districts throughout the state.

Fourteen Mapleton high school students engaged in industry-driven, innovative,

hands-on learning through this partnership. Every Tuesday and Thursday this school year, students worked alongside architects, engineers and project managers and were immersed in courses designed to expose them to the world of construction and design.

Students covered a breadth of topics. including carpentry, electrical, plumbing and masonry. Each skill was introduced with a presentation from experts in the field. Students further explored the skill with hands-on exercises and were tested at the end of each session.

The Colorado Homebuilding Academy carefully prepared each topic to ensure the program met the interests of the students, as well as current industry needs.

"I see the students find what their interests are," said Robert McElreavey, Career Training Instructor with the Colorado Homebuilding Academy. "The students have been incredible. They pick it up quickly and run with it. Students really light up. They love it."

The most obvious attraction to this program is that it takes learning well beyond classroom walls. Students are provided the opportunity to work, create, and make a visible difference in a real-world setting.

Another perk of the program is the high school science and math credit students receive, on top of the four college credits,

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From the Superintendent

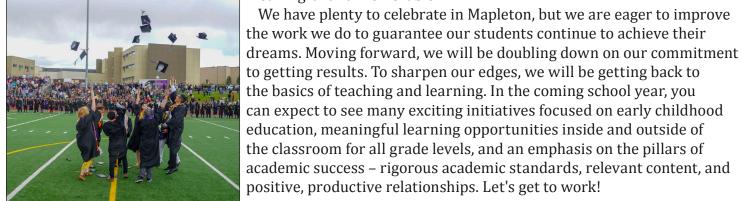
Congratulations, class of 2019!

A few drops of rain certainly did not dampen the celebration at DiTirro Stadium on Saturday, May 18! I was thrilled to shake the hands of more than 300 students as they accepted their diplomas and headed off for their next big adventure. This outstanding class of students earned a combined \$3 million in scholarships, including two prestigious Daniels Fund scholarships. Mapleton's graduates are achieving their dreams by going to college, starting their career, or serving their country in the military, and I could not be more proud of this remarkable group of graduates. Their contributions to this world will be

meaningful and memorable.



Charlotte Ciancio Superintendent of Schools



Partnership from 1

made possible by Front Range Community College.

"It's great because I really want to become a project manager," said Jenny C., about receiving college credit. "I have to take college classes for that."

This spring, the Colorado Homebuilding Academy partnered with Habitat for Humanity to give students the opportunity to show what they know on the site of a real project. Students got the chance to work on residential carpentry at a current Habitat for Humanity construction site in Denver.

Applying their classroom training, students completed important tasks, such as siding, drywall, and exterior rough



We have plenty to celebrate in Mapleton, but we are eager to improve

carpentry.

"I am stoked about it," said Gavin B., a junior at Big Picture College and Career Academy, about his work on the Habitat for Humanity job site. "Handson is great because you get to work with others. When we make mistakes we receive support until we get it right, which is highly encouraging." Students said they are grateful for the program and hope to see it expand to more schools.

"I think this is a really good program for people who have an interest in construction because it gives them a beginning," said Gavin B.

Starting salary for Mapleton teachers receives healthy boost

The starting salary for a new beginning teacher in Mapleton was increased substantially to \$45,000 for the 2019-20 school year. This landmark compensation package was made possible by the combined efforts of the **Mapleton Education Association** and Mapleton Board of Education. This is an increase of nearly \$5,000 to Mapleton's current starting teacher salary.

The increase comes after several productive meetings between the Mapleton Education Association, Mapleton Board of Education and district leadership. To continue to put students first, leaders designed a competitive compensation package that will attract and retain high-quality educators.

This increase will have a ripple effect across the salary schedule, increasing pay rates for teachers at all levels.

Every school year, Mapleton welcomes nearly 70 new teachers, some new to their career, others

looking to advance their career in Mapleton's schools that are smallby-design.

"We want to make sure our students continue to receive support and instruction from the best and the brightest in education," said Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent of Schools. "This salary increase will help reinforce what we already know - Mapleton is an amazing place to be."

Classified employees will also receive a bump in pay, with a 2.9 percent salary schedule increase. To remain competitive with similar employers, an additional "step" will be added to the top of the classified salary schedule increasing the total number of steps to 14. Additional classified salary ranges will be studied and may be adjusted to ensure they are competitive with surrounding employers.

Job openings in Mapleton may be viewed online, www.mapleton.us.

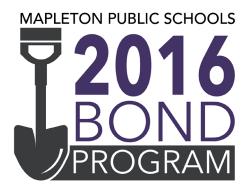
2019 Board elections will use new director districts

Last year, the Mapleton community voted in favor of the creation of Board of Education director districts. This move will assure all Mapleton neighborhoods are represented on the Board of Education.

The implementation of this plan will begin with the upcoming November Board elections. Elections will be held for director districts B and D. In 2021, three members will need to be elected from director districts A, C and E.

To view the approved director district map, to find out what district you reside in, or for more information about becoming a Mapleton Board of Education director, please visit www.mapleton.us or call 303.853.1015.

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On time, under budget

New buildings and bright futures in Mapleton made possible by supportive community

The landscape throughout Mapleton continues to change as the district wraps up another year of construction that has brought impressive new buildings, important renovations and essential upgrades to nearly all district schools. All capital improvements have been made possible by a \$150 million bond the Mapleton community supported in 2016. Mapleton is nearly halfway through its robust capital improvement plan, and there are still more earth movers and cement mixers on the way!

COMPLETED

Adventure Elementary | PreK - 6 | 7725 Conifer Rd., Denver 80221

Architects: CRP Architects **Builders:** JHL Constructors

Actual cost: \$19.7 million | BEST grant contributions: \$6.6 million Construction start: Summer 2017 | Ribbon cutting: August 2018 Design theme: The new Adventure building honors the geological roots of the area and was designed to resemble a mountain lodge. Hallways are named after Colorado mines.

Big Picture College & Career Academy | 9 - 12

7350 N. Broadway, Ste. 200 Denver, 80221 Design-Build Team: The Neenan Company

Actual cost: \$5.5 million

Construction start: Spring 2016 | **Ribbon cutting:** November 2017 **Design theme:** Circles and collaborative work spaces are a signature feature of the Big Picture model. All spaces in the building are work spaces, including the floor-to-ceiling dry erase walls in the hallways.

Global Primary Academy | PreK - 3 | 7480 N. Broadway, Denver 80221

Design-Build Team: The Neenan Company

Actual cost: \$17 million

Construction start: Summer 2017 | **Ribbon cutting:** August 2018 **Design theme:** Designed to resemble a tree house, GPA elegantly merges the comforts of home with the feelings of creativity and independence found in a great outdoor adventure.

Global Leadership Academy | 9 - 12 | 7480 N. Broadway, Denver 80221

Design-Build Team: The Neenan Company

Actual cost: \$19.9 million

Construction start: Winter 2017 | **Ribbon cutting:** January 2019 **Design theme:** To fulfill the 'marketplace' theme of the Broadway Campus, GLA's interesting stairways, gathering spaces and classroom designs feel like an international terminal buzzing with academic activity.

Welby Community School | PreK - 6 | 1200 E. 78th Ave., Denver 80221

Architects: Humphries Poli

Builders: Golden Triangle Construction

Actual cost: \$11 million

Construction start: Summer 2017 | **Ribbon cutting:** August 2018 **Design theme:** Welby's renovation brought a gym, music room, preschool classrooms and new front entrance and main office to this school community. The design and colors of the building reflect the local environment, including the prairie, wetlands, tundra and mountains.



Check out photos and videos of Mapleton's new school buildings online, <u>www.mapleton.us</u>, and on our Facebook page!





Above: The John Dewey/Global building was demolished to make room for the new Global Intermediate Academy building.

Below: Blue brick lines the front entrance of Trailside Academy. The brick on the back of the building is the same brick used to construct Coors Field!

Safety grant brings important upgrades to four schools

A generous grant from the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management School Security Disbursement Program will support the purchase of security equipment and software at Achieve Academy, Meadow Community School, Monterey Community School and York International School. These purchases will help standardize Mapleton's security systems, ensuring all schools have updated and important safety features, including wireless access control systems, cameras, and secure entry ways.

Installation of the new safety features will begin this summer at Meadow Community School and York International School. Both schools will receive new front doors and frames, secondary doors and security equipment. Achieve Academy and Monterey Community School will receive the same upgrades next summer.

We need your support! Help inform Mapleton's construction program as a member of CAAC!

Help us build Mapleton's future! Be the first to learn about Mapleton's construction projects, tour construction sites and share your thoughts and ideas on how we can best build for the future of Mapleton's children.

The Construction Accountability Advisory Committee (CAAC) is charged with meeting monthly to receive reports on the status and implementation of bond projects, and to provide monthly updates to the Board regarding their activities. The committee will provide enhanced accountability and fiscal responsibility for the 2016 bond program, and will ensure that each bond construction project is accomplished in accordance with the construction plan approved by voters.

Meetings are held the first Friday of every month at 11:30 a.m. at Mapleton's Administration Building, 7350 N. Broadway, Denver, 80221. Lunch is provided. For more information, contact the Superintendent's Office, 303.853.1015.

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IN PROGRESS

Trailside Academy | PreK - 8 | 2300 W. 68th Ave., Denver 80221

Design-Build Team: Sampson/RB+B **Estimated Project cost:** \$21 million

Construction start: July 2018 | **Ribbon cutting: August 16, 2019 Design theme:** Trailside Academy is located in Midtown, Mapleton's newest neighborhood. The school was named after the many trails that converge in the area. The design and color palette was influenced by urban art.

Explore PreK-8 | PreK - 8 | 104th Avenue and York Street Design-Build Team: CRP Architects/ JHL Constructors

Estimated Project cost: \$22 million

Construction start: March 2019 | **Anticipated opening**: Fall 2020 **Design theme:** Designed in recognition of the farming and ranching roots of the area, this new school building will have subtle details and clever design elements that will make it look and feel like a barn.

Global Intermediate Academy | 4th - 8th | 7480 N. Broadway, Denver, 80221

Design-Build Team: The Neenan Company **Projected cost:** \$16 million **BEST grant contributions:** \$11 million

Construction start: Spring 2019 | **Anticipated opening**: Fall 2020 **Design theme:** As the final school to be constructed on the Broadway Campus, GIA will be home to 4th-8th grade students. The campus library will be a part of this school, with windows directed at the PreK-3 building to honor where students came from, and pointed at the high school to honor where students are headed.

CareerX | 7480 N. Broadway, Denver, 80221 Architects/Builders: The Neenan Company

Projected cost: \$3 million

Construction start: Winter 2019 | **Anticipated opening**: Fall 2019 **Design theme:** This space will feature design studios, collaborative areas, and work spaces for hands-on learning with a variety of tools and technology.

ON DECK

Arts Center | 7480 N. Broadway, Denver 80221 Architects/Builders: The Neenan Company

Mapleton believes all students should have the opportunity to perform on Broadway! The Arts Center on the Broadway Campus will feature artistic angular designs and classic, sophisticated performance elements. The auditorium will accommodate 900 guests. The building will also include outdoor performance spaces, classrooms and gallery space. Completion of the building is scheduled for early 2021.

Valley View

In February 2019, Mapleton submitted an application to receive funds from the state's Building Excellent Schools Today program. This program has supported the construction of several Mapleton schools, including all schools on the Skyview Campus, Adventure Elementary and Global Intermediate Academy. Funds from this program help Mapleton stretch every bond dollar ensuring essential upgrades can be made at all schools throughout the district. BEST is a highly competitive grant program, with nearly 80 applications submitted from school districts in all corners of Colorado every year. In May, Mapleton learned Valley View's application was wait listed for funds. This means Mapleton could receive funds to rebuild Valley View, should another district be unable to provide the necessary match to receive BEST funds, or if additional funds become available. More information will be available in November. In May, Valley View hosted a special 'Turn Out the Lights' celebration. Valley View will close at the end of he 2018-19 school year and will be demolished in the fall. Mapleton will rebuild "the New View" in the coming years.



THANK YOU, Mapleton community, for helping our children achieve their dreams! We appreciate you!









Did you know...?

What once provided shade and shelter is now celebrated as art in several Mapleton schools. The large oak tree that stood in front of the John Dewey Middle School/Global Campus was removed in 2018 due to the deteriorating health of the tree and to make room for the construction of new schools. To honor the tree, Mapleton recruited the help and talents of a local artist who was able to re-purpose the tree into unique art pieces that now hang in Global Leadership Academy and Big Picture College and Career Academy. Global Intermediate Academy will also receive a piece of tree art once construction of the building is complete. At Global Primary Academy, the stump of the tree now serves as a table for young readers in their new library. To honor the deep roots of the Mapleton community, with each construction project, the district looks for creative ways to honor the past while building for the future.

Library initiative seeks to inspire lifelong learners and readers New books coming to school library shelves near you!

"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book." – Dr. Seuss

In a time when many schools are reallocating their funds away from libraries, Mapleton Public Schools is embarking on a multi-year, district-wide library initiative doing just the opposite.

Assuring all students have access to high-quality reading materials is a top priority in Mapleton. To address that priority, this year's library initiative successfully provided three schools with thousands of new books selected to support lifelong learning skills, stimulate imagination and play, provoke curiosity and discussion, and offer inspiration and reflection. Over the next few years, Mapleton will refresh library collections in all schools.

before."



Global Primary Academy, Adventure Elementary and Welby Community School were the first schools to receive new library collections, with each school receiving more than 11,000 new books for their bookshelves.

"It is a pivotal time for Mapleton schools, when you think about all the years when we weren't even able to update, not to mention replace, libraries," said Jim Lefebvre, Mapleton's library coordinator. "But now, we will see kids reading like never

Help your child develop a love of reading!
Adding just ten minutes of reading a day outside of school can improve a child's reading skills by increasing their exposure to print and introducing them to new words. By reading for an additional ten minutes every day, a student has the potential to read around 700,000 words each year!

For each library, books were purchased to reflect and bolster state standards, the school's specific model and student interests. Mr. Lefebvre said that this is especially important to support Mapleton's schools that are small-by-design.

"We have schools with different teaching models that fit a lot of different learning styles," said Mr. Lefebvre. "We want to make sure our books are unique for those particular learners and for that community."

The new books at Global Primary Academy are organized by subject, including fiction, autobiographies, social sciences, natural sciences, mathematics, language and technology. Adventure's library received books that included new release fiction, as well as Caldecott and Newberry award winners to help support the Expeditionary Learning model and the bilingual education program. Welby's library is now stocked with books that range from award-winning picture books and high-interest fiction, to memoirs and a nonfiction collection.

Providing students with new books helps meet curricula demands while also engaging students in their interests. "One of the things we really want to do is give students the opportunity to love learning and to love books," said Dona Kito, a long-time Mapleton educator and current learning consultant for the district. "We know that, with access to these books, those two factors will overlap. We have to teach and prepare them so that they can go anywhere and use the resources they learned and used in their school library."

Dirt, sticks, rocks and water

Mapleton designs nature-based playgrounds to bring learning outdoors

What if schools designed outdoor spaces to be used in an infinite number of ways? What if, instead of filling play spaces with plastics, metals and commercial equipment, outdoor spaces were designed to complement and highlight natural elements, such as trees, boulders and shrubs?

Mapleton Public Schools is doing more than just asking about such possibilities. Designs of the new play spaces at Welby Community School, Explore PreK-8, and Global Intermediate Academy are rooted in nature. These outdoor play spaces will serve as an extension of the classroom, providing students with a connection to nature and encouraging creativity.

Nature-based play spaces are driven by the desire to connect students to the natural resources around them. By creating spaces focused on environmental education and interpretation, Mapleton hopes to provide the community with safe spaces to explore and experience nature, to inspire environmental stewardship and to foster an appreciation for nature.

There is a wealth of information supporting nature-based

playgrounds and the many benefits of play areas designed with and around nature. When kids have places to run, jump, splash, climb, create and get dirty, they tend to have improved cognitive function and gross motor skill development, increased creativity and reduced rates of aggression.

Work on the Welby outdoor learning park will begin this summer. The Board of Education approved the selection of Designscapes Colorado, Inc., to install landscape, irrigation, pollinator gardens, a tree house structure, a native prairie scavenger hunt, interpretative signage and entry gateway. The park will be ready for student and community use in November.

The unique landscape around the new Explore PreK-8 building and a generous grant from Great Outdoors Colorado is making it possible for Mapleton to construct impressive nature play spaces for all ages. The new playgrounds will feature a range of recreational experiences and interactive equipment made with real wood from the site's existing trees and imported logs and rocks. The space will include discovery



Renderings for the nature-play spaces at Explore and GIA detail the exciting features that will be available to students and the community in the very near future!

pathways, a zipline, log jam with ropes, beams and barrels. Mapleton is integrating pieces by Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds, natural play designs that provide innovative, engaging and unstructured childhood play in natural settings. The new Explore building and outdoor learning space is expected to be completed by fall 2020.

At Global Intermediate Academy, playground designs also incorporate pieces by Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds.



The Bienenstock equipment will help form a highly interactive play experience, inspire curiosity, as well as promote daily contact with the natural environment and outdoor space. The new Global Intermediate building and outdoor play space is expected to be completed in 2020.

Six Mapleton coaches recognized as Coach of the Year

This year, six Skyview Wolverine coaches were honored as Coach of the Year by the Colorado League. To receive this recognition, coaches must be nominated by their peers in the Colorado League, Mapleton's 3A/4A conference division.

Justin Thomas, head coach for the Skyview Wolverine boys soccer team, was nominated for Coach of the Year for the second year in a row. Under his leadership, the boys soccer team claimed the title of undefeated League Champions for the third season in a row. The team made it to the third round of the State playoff games, with seven members of the team being nominated to the All Conference and one team member being named League MVP.

James Williams, the head coach for the girls volleyball team, was also nominated as Coach of the Year for the first time this fall. The team celebrated the nomination of three team members to the All Conference, among many other victories.

Delfino Rodriguez, Skyview Wolverines wrestling head coach, was recognized as Coach of the Year for the second year in a row. Rodriguez started as head coach for Mapleton in 2013, with only four students on the team. Today, the program has exploded in popularity. In February, Skyview became Colorado League champions, winning the Thornton High School tournament. Additionally, three Skyview wrestlers, Ezra H., Nabil K., and Brandon G., all won the first place title in their respected weight classes and earned their spots on the First Team All Conference lineup. To cap off a successful season, several Skyview wrestlers were invited to participate in the CHSAA State Wrestling Tournament. Skyview wrestler and team captain, Jaslynn G., made history as one of two girls to place at the state wrestling tournament. Jaslynn placed fifth in her weight class after pinning Trevor T., of Pagosa Springs. Training since she was five years old, Jaslynn hopes to continue following her life-long passion for wrestling in college.

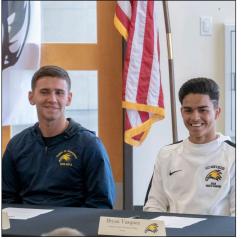
Christopher Kemm, Skyview Wolverine girls basketball head coach, led the team to their first Colorado League championship in nearly two decades. In what is considered to be the team's strongest season in Skyview history, the athletes finished with an overall record of 20-4 and went undefeated in league games. After winning the Colorado League championship against Weld Central, with a score of 57-28, Skyview earned the number 13 seed in the CHSAA 4A state tournament, and a bye in into the first round of competition. This is Coach Kemm's ninth season coaching varsity girls basketball and perhaps his most memorable to date.

Steve Reffel, head coach for the Skyview Wolverine boys track team, earned his first nomination as Coach of the Year. Coach Reffel led the track team to League Champions for the third year in a row. From the team, 11 girls and 20 boys were nominated to All Conference.

LB Musch, Skyview Wolverines baseball head coach, earned the Coach of the Year recognition in his third season with Skyview's baseball team. Coach Musch led the boys to a Colorado League Championship and a second place finish at Regionals. The team completed a perfect 14-0 in league action and finished the year 19-3 overall.







Skyview's top athletes sign letters of intent at Signing Day celebration

Four of Skyview's top 2019 senior athletes signed their letters of intent at Mapleton's Signing Day celebration in April.

Sophia T., captain of the Skyview girls basketball team, will play for the Blue Storm at Southwestern Illinois College. This season, Sophia helped lead the Lady Wolverines to their first Colorado League Championship in 17 years.

Skyview Wolverines football player, Robbie B., signed his letter of intent to play at Western State University. At the event, head football coach Pat Weir shared a photograph of Robbie taking on two players at once, displaying Robbie's strength and determination on the field.

The final two athletes, Noah E. and Bryan V., both signed to continue their soccer careers at Laramie County Community College. The duo helped lead their team to an undefeated regular season and a third straight Colorado League title.

Academy graduate prepares to take flight after earning Air Force JROTC scholarship

"Taking flight" after graduation is more than just figurative language for one Academy High School graduate. After being accepted into the highly competitive and prestigious Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force Flight Academy Scholarship program, 2019 graduate Julyssa C. will soon be flying high and achieving her dreams in aviation.

Julyssa was one of 120 recipients from around the country selected to receive a \$20,000 scholarship to attend a two-month aviation program at one of six partnering universities during the summer. Julyssa is headed to Kansas



State University, where she will work toward her Federal Aviation Administration Private Pilot Certificate and 12 college credits.

The application process took a lot of work and nearly a year to complete. She received the good news of her acceptance in May.

"I'm really excited," Julyssa said. "It's what I've always wanted and now it's here."

Julyssa started in Mapleton's Air Force JROTC program as a freshman. She is one of 30 cadets to complete a full four years of the program. Julyssa was inspired to become a cadet because of the discipline instilled by the Air Force JROTC program. She said she is grateful for choosing this high school path, as the support she has received from her peers and mentors, Lt. Col. William Arrington, Mapleton's JROTC Senior Aerospace Science Instructor and Chief Master Sgt. Robert W. Rodewald, Mapleton's Aerospace Science Instructor, has provided her with a family-like atmosphere that she will never forget.

Julyssa is most excited about being able to inspire her peers to believe that hard work and dedication leads to success. "I hope that our younger cadets are inspired by this," she said. "I want them to know that sometimes our biggest failures or upsets can turn out to be really beautiful things. Everything that happens is truly for a reason. Hopefully, this new opportunity will lead me to future opportunities."

Following two months of intense training, Julyssa will begin her undergraduate degree at the University of Colorado, Denver, this fall. She hopes to eventually transfer from CU Denver to one of six United States services academies.



The path to great starts here.



Congratulations, 2019 scholarship recipients!

The Mapleton Education Foundation is thrilled to award \$287,000 in scholarships this year to Mapleton's deserving seniors. Congratulations! A big thank you to our donors who provide the following scholarships that help change and shape our student's lives:

Alan T. Hull Scholarship Building America's Future Scholarship Business Services Scholarship Crescent Point Scholarship Corecivic Back on Track Scholarship Frank Family Scholarship John G. Byrd Scholarship Legacy First Generation Scholarship Legacy Technical Scholarship Marco Olivas Scholarship Music Educator's Scholarship Rising Star Scholarship

First annual 'Say YES to your Prom Dress' event was a spectacular success

The Mapleton Education Foundation's first annual 'Say YES to your Prom Dress' event was a festive evening of friends, formal wear, sequins and sparkles. On the evening of Wednesday, April 3, the Student Center at North Valley School for Young Adults was transformed into a boutique for Mapleton prom-goers. More than 80 new and gently used dresses, as well as jewelry and handbags, were generously donated to make this first event an enormous success. Students were invited to 'shop' the dresses and take home their perfect dress at no charge. Students also had a chance to win gift certificates to hair and nail salons, as well as free tickets to prom. This year's prom set a new record, with more than 450 students in attendance.







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Partnership Spotlight



Crescent Point

Crescent Point Energy is a dedicated Mapleton Education Foundation partner and supporter of Mapleton students. Crescent Point donates everything – from their time, to food and school supplies – to ensure all Mapleton students have access to the resources they need to be successful in school. We invited Crescent Point to share their thoughts about this partnership in our first Partnership Spotlight.

How and why did you first become involved with the Mapleton Education Foundation?

"We became involved with the Mapleton Education Foundation back in 2015. It is very important to us as a company to be a part of and give back to the communities in which we operate and do business. Our corporate sponsorships and donations initiatives are typically focused on the areas of education, youth sports, and health, safety, and wellness. It is always very important to us to partner with an organization where we can provide not only financial support, but hands on volunteering support, as well. When going through our extensive process of selecting organizations to partner with, it quickly became apparent that the Mapleton Education Foundation was going to be a great fit for our initiatives. They provide an impressive amount of opportunities for youth in the area and we were excited and honored to help build upon those opportunities."

In your opinion, what makes this partnership unique?

"This partnership is unique because, even though our organizations come from two very different industries (oil and gas and education), we have found many ways to align different initiatives. We enjoy being able to help further the education of those who could very well be in the oil and gas industry in the future. The partnership brings not only a lot of learning opportunity for the students of Mapleton, but also a great learning opportunity for our staff as they volunteer and get to know the kids and their families in the area."

What can we look forward to seeing next from this partnership?

"We look forward to continuing to support the Mapleton Education Foundation by funding scholarships and other educational programs and opportunities while also giving our time to help with any initiatives the Foundation could use assistance with."

Mapleton Education Foundation's mission is to nurture the greatness in every student by affording opportunities and supplying necessary resources to turn dreams into reality.

The Foundation provides access to postsecondary education, enables participation in district and extra-curricular programs, fosters creativity and innovation in the classroom, and engages community support to fulfill this commitment to generations ongoing.



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FREE MEALS FOR KIDS!

Free breakfast and lunch at four Mapleton schools!

Mapleton is pleased to offer nutritious breakfast and lunch to children 2-18 years of age throughout the month of June at no charge, courtesy of the USDA Summer Food Program. For menus or additional information visit www.mapleton.us. Please note, supervision is not provided at any Mapleton Summer Food site.

Adventure Elementary | 7725 Conifer Rd., Denver, 80221

- Breakfast: Mon. Fri. | June 3 June 28 | 8:30 9 a.m.
- Lunch: Mon. Fri. | June 3 June 28 | 12 12:30 p.m.

Meadow Community School | 9150 Monroe St., Thornton

- Breakfast: Mon. Thurs. | June 3 13 | 8 8:30 a.m.
- Lunch: Mon. Thurs. | June 3 13 | 12 12:30 p.m.

Welby Community School | 1200 78th Ave., Thornton

- Breakfast: Mon. Fri. | June 3 21 | 8 8:30 a.m.
- Lunch: Mon. Fri. | June 3 21 | 11:30 a.m. 12 p.m.

York International School | 9200 York St., Thornton

- **Breakfast:** Mon. Fri. | June 3 17 | 8 8:30 a.m.
- Lunch: Mon. Thurs. | June 4 27 | 11 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

Share your good news! Tell us how you are achieving your dreams #TheMapletonWay



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