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# The Learning Link

Parent & Family Newsletter



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## April 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

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### Take a Peek at PK!

Friendships, fun, laughter, and learning await your child in Mapleton's Early Childhood Education Program! Our ECE programs are inclusive, engaging, and taught by experts in early childhood education. We are now enrolling 3-and-4-year-olds for half-day and full-day programs. Also, half-day preschool is FREE for all 4-year-olds in Mapleton!

If you are interested in securing your spot for the 2021-22 school year, contact [Terri Stowell](#), ECE Services Secretary, ext. 1784. For location and tuition information, please [view the 2021-22 program flier](#).

[Visit our ECE website to take another peek at Mapleton's PK program!](#)

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## News from Mapleton Public Schools

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### COVID-19 vaccination opportunities in Mapleton

We are excited to share that Mapleton Public Schools is partnering with Thornton Fire to host a free COVID-19 vaccination event for eligible Mapleton students, staff, and family members. Currently, vaccines are available in Colorado for those 16 years of age and older.

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## Vaccination Clinic Information and Registration

If you and/or your child would like to receive the COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer), please review the information below and pre-register using the appropriate link. All Mapleton students must have a signed consent form to receive the vaccine.

Mapleton's Nurse Administrator will be on-site to answer any questions.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 27

**Location:** Skyview Campus, 8990 York St., Thornton, 80229

### Times:

- **2 - 4 p.m.** | Students and staff ONLY | [REGISTER HERE](#)
- *(Please note: Family members are not able to schedule vaccines during school hours. Also, Transportation can be made available for students not on the Skyview Campus from 2 – 4 p.m. Please contact your school director if you are interested in this option for your child.)*
- **4 – 7 p.m.** | ALL students, families, staff | [REGISTER HERE](#)
- *All eligible family members welcome!*

### Consent Form

All students must have a signed consent form to receive the vaccine. Please return the completed consent form to your child's school or bring it with you to your vaccine appointment if you plan on joining your child.

- [Consent to Receive the COVID-19 Vaccine \(Pfizer\)](#)
- [Consentimiento para Recibir la Vacuna Contra COVID-19 \(Pfizer\)](#)

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### Upcoming Clinics

A second clinic will be held on Sunday, May 2, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Skyview Campus. A registration link will be available soon.

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### Additional vaccination opportunities:

clinic located in the parking lot of the Ball Arena, 1000 Chopper Cir., Denver. The clinic is open Monday - Friday, from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. [More information](#).

### Children's Hospital

Children's Colorado is debuting a new COVID vaccine appointment system for community members ages 16 and older. To sign up for additional information about the Children's Hospital vaccine [visit their website](#).

### COVID-19 vaccine facts

[Read more facts about the COVID-19 vaccine](#).

### Children's Hospital Colorado

- [General COVID Information](#)
- [The COVID-19 Vaccine: What's Going On?](#)

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [Facts about COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [FAQs About the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [How to find credible COVID-19 information](#)

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### Virtual Camp 2025 registration open for current 8th graders

Camp 2025 is an opportunity for current 8th-grade students to prepare for success in high school as they work toward graduation in 2025.

This year, Mapleton's teachers and post-secondary coaches will be joined by high school peer leaders and college admissions representatives in leading 8th graders through virtual high school and college preparatory activities.

Camp 2025 will be set up as a Canvas Classroom that students will attend from **10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m., Tuesday, June 8, - Friday, June 11.**

As a part of Camp 2025, students will:

- Participate in high school prep activities and lessons.

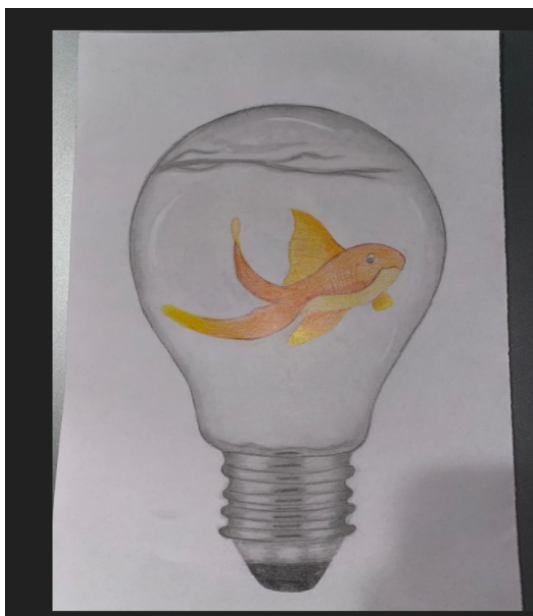
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- Enjoy virtual tours of college campuses to discover what they are looking for in a campus experience. Students will virtually tour:
  - University of Colorado Boulder
  - University of Colorado Denver
  - Metropolitan State University of Denver
  - Front Range Community College

Ready for the virtual high school prep experience you've been waiting for? Register today!

**To sign up, complete the [Virtual Camp 2025 registration form](#) by Friday, May 21.**

For questions or more information, contact Camp 2025 Coordinator Jacqueline Ewing, at [ewingj@mapleton.us](mailto:ewingj@mapleton.us).



## Virtual District Art Show

This year we are excited to honor and celebrate our talented students with a virtual District Art Show. Every piece in the show was hand-picked by district art teachers. Thank you to Susan Gerhart, Director of Athletics and Student Activities, Art Show coordinator Michelle Sauer, and the many art teachers and families throughout the district who helped to make this virtual show an enormous success. Congratulations to all of our artists! Enjoy the show!

[2021 District Art Show \(must have a Mapleton email address to view\)](#)

[Art Show Winner Video](#)

## Virtual District Science Fair

This year Mapleton celebrated the curiosities of our many young scientists with a virtual science fair.

The science fair offers our students many rewarding experiences. By asking thoughtful questions, testing a hypothesis, and conducting an experiment, our students apply their skills to real-world problems and become leaders in creating real-world solutions.



School-based science fairs were held beginning in January. The winners of the school-level fairs were invited to participate in this special virtual district-level science fair.

Congratulations to all participants on your outstanding projects! [View the projects and help celebrate our winners!](#)

Thank you to Susan Gerhart, Director of Athletics and Student Activities, Justin Cochran, Science Fair Coordinator, and the many teachers and families for dedicating time to make the virtual science fair a huge success.

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## Graduation 2021 is Saturday, May 15!

Mapleton is intending to celebrate the class of 2021 with an in-person graduation ceremony on the field at DiTirro Stadium! This year nearly 400 seniors will receive their Mapleton diploma.

To ensure a special and safe celebration, this event will follow the [CDPHE's outdoor event guidance](#), including mask and social distancing requirements and capacity limits. **Under current guidance, we expect to limit each graduate to 4 same-household guests.** Seating arrangements, parking plans, arrival times, and additional important event information are [available online](#). The ceremony will also be live-streamed in English and Spanish. A link will be available on Mapleton's website prior to the event.

Please check the [Graduation 2021](#) webpage for updates and additional information.

## Colorado P-EBT benefits

You might be eligible for Pandemic-EBT benefits this spring. [Pandemic-EBT \(P-EBT\)](#) is a program that provides a one-time payment to provide extra food benefits for qualifying families.

### **If your family has already qualified for the Free and Reduced Food program during this school year,**

then you may also be eligible for P-EBT, and there is nothing further you need to do. You will automatically receive P-EBT benefits beginning in late May, unless you already have an EBT card (benefits will be loaded in late May to existing EBT cards if you have one).



If you are not already in the Free or Reduced meal program you will need to complete the application this school year. Families who qualify for Free and Reduced School Meals may also receive additional benefits such as discounted school fees, discounted internet, phone services, and additional funds for your school.

### [Apply for Free and Reduced Meal Program](#)

Applying for free and reduced school meals is fast, easy, and secure. Even if you think you may not qualify, we encourage you to [submit the form](#) as soon as possible. This is the only application you need to complete. If you are not on the Free and Reduced meal program, if you qualify then you will also be automatically eligible to qualify for the P-EBT program.

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## Community Conversations

Mapleton's Community Conversations continue to be some of the most well-attended community events in district history.

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

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

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discuss our capital improvement projects. 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!](#)



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