



Mapleton Public School

The Learning Link

Parent & Family Newsletter



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March 2021

**Have a safe and healthy spring break! We will see you on Monday,
April 5!**

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

Mapleton needs your input on the 2022-23 academic calendar

We are encouraging all Mapleton families to provide feedback on the three proposed calendar options for the 2022-23 school year.

- [2022-23 Calendar Option A](#)
- [2022-23 Calendar Option B](#)
- [2022 -23 Calendar Option C](#)

[Calendar Survey](#) *(English and Spanish)*



The final 2022-23 calendar will be created using the results of this survey. The Board of Education is seeking public comment and will approve the calendar at an upcoming meeting. For additional information please email communications@mapleton.us or call 303.853.1050. The 2021-22 calendar, which was approved last spring, is available on the [School Calendars](#) page.

Pick up yummy meal kits for Spring Break

Mapleton's Nutrition Services team will be distributing seven days' worth of delicious, easy to prepare meals on **Monday, March 29, from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Clayton**



Partnership loop and the Global



Primary Academy bus loop. The grab-and-go meal kits will include breakfast, lunch, and dinner for the entire week of Spring Break and are available for free to all children under 18 years of age.

Meal kits will be distributed first-come, first-serve, and preordering is not required. For more information visit www.mapleton.us.

P-EBT benefits

Mapleton is working to ensure that all children 18 and under have nutritious meals during the pandemic.

This year, Mapleton is providing free lunch to all students at all Mapleton schools. Children in the community are also invited to order free meals for curbside pick-up through Nutrition Services.



However, did you know filling out your family's [Free and Reduced-Price lunch program application](#) can help your family access other resources? Your household's Free and Reduced-Price Lunch program application can help your family access discounted internet and phone costs, and secure additional funds for your school.

If your household qualifies for school meals, you might also qualify for [Pandemic EBT \(funds for households to support youth nutrition\)](#) this spring! P-EBT may be available this spring to students that have filled out an application and qualified for [Free or Reduced-Price lunch](#) while learning remotely. [Learn more!](#)



FREE HALF-DAY PRESCHOOL FOR 4-YEAR-OLDS





Free half-day preschool for all four-year-olds in Mapleton!

Contemporary research shows that preschool improves not only cognitive abilities but also critical behavioral traits like sociability, motivation, and self-esteem. In fact, much of a child's cognitive development takes place before the child even enters kindergarten!

In preschool, children begin building a solid foundation for learning with early introductions to numbers, shapes, sounds, and letters. Children also grow their social skills, learning how to share, contribute and collaborate with peers. Mapleton's preschool teachers and early childhood professionals are dedicated to developing each child's pre-literacy, pre-writing, and pre-math skills, in caring, safe and compassionate learning environments.

Knowing what the research tells us about the value of preschool, we are very excited to announce the expansion of our ECE program!

For 2021-22, we will be offering FREE half-day preschool for all four-year-olds in Mapleton!

To qualify, the child must:

- Turn four on or before October 1
- Live within the Mapleton boundary

There will also be limited spots available for very affordable tuition-based full-day preschool.

[Enroll today!](#)

Questions? Contact Mapleton's ECE Services, preschool@mapleton.us, 303.853.1784.

Mapleton also offers FREE full-day kindergarten! [Enroll today!](#)

Community Conversation

Thank you for joining us for our third Community Conversation this month. If you missed the



conversation, you can **watch the recording** [here](#).



Mapleton's Community Conversations continue to be some of the most well-attended community events in district history. **Our last Community Conversation for the school year will be held on Tuesday, June 15, at 6 p.m.** [Register here!](#)

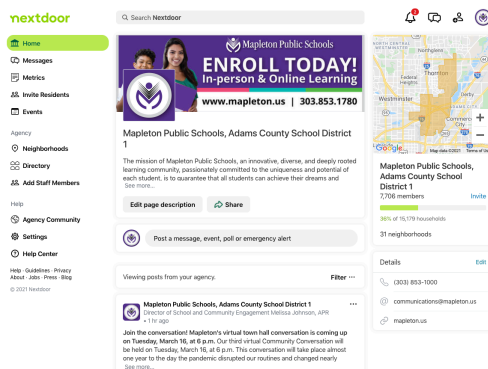
For our upcoming conversation, we would like to discuss our capital improvement projects. Over the last 10 years, most of Mapleton's school buildings have been renovated or rebuilt. When we started on our capital construction master plan, nearly all of our facilities were more than 50 years old and many 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!](#)

Mapleton is now on Nextdoor!

[Find us on Nextdoor!](#) Mapleton Public Schools is now on Nextdoor, the neighborhood hub for trusted connections and the exchange of helpful information. We will be posting timely information, news and events, so be sure to connect with us on Nextdoor today!



Air Force JROTC returns Monday, April 5

We are pleased to announce Mapleton's Air Force JROTC program will return on Monday, April 5! For the continued health and safety of our students and staff, the program will reopen with the following guidelines:



- Cadets will meet during zero hour only. A zero hour bus will be made available for cadets needing a ride from home to the Skyview Campus.
- Half of the cadets will meet on Mondays and Thursdays, and the other half will meet on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Cadets will be asked to follow frequent testing protocols and adhere to our health and safety measures, including the wearing of masks, social distancing, frequent hand washing, etc.

We are looking forward to having our cadets back in action! If you have questions, or if you are interested in joining Mapleton's JROTC program next year, students should contact their school director or the JROTC office, 303.853.1221, or 303.853.1222.

Livestream the Skyview Wolverines!

Season C sports have begun! We're so excited to be working with Loclyz Medica Services to provide live-streamed home games this season for our Skyview Wolverines fans!



Live stream the games [here](#).
[Click here](#) for the full Season C schedule.

Zero-hour High School Orchestra is BACK!

We are excited to announce that zero-hour high school orchestra returned on Friday, March 19! Registration is open to all high school students, grades 9-12.



Reopening our program will require continued attentiveness to our layers of protection, as well as adherence to additional measures designed to assure the health and safety of the Mapleton community. Additional measures include:

- All participating students will commit to daily health screenings.
- All participating students will be asked to follow frequent testing protocols.
- All concerts will be live-streamed.
- Only high school orchestra students may participate in zero-hour at this time.

[Submit your online registration today!](#)

Dates: March 19 – May 21

Time: 7:15 a.m. - 8:05 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: Rosa Auditorium on the Skyview Campus (8990 York St. Thornton, 80229)



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