



The Learning Link

Parent & Family Newsletter



January 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

communications@mapleton.us.

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News from Mapleton Public Schools

Community Conversations

Thank you for tuning in for our second virtual Community Conversation! If you missed the conversation, you can [watch it here](#).

Be heard! Join us for our third virtual Community Conversation to share, discover, and be heard!

Our next Community Conversation will be held on Tuesday, March 16, at 6 p.m.

What would you like to talk about? Who would you like to hear from? [Let us know!](#)



Free COVID testing through COVIDCheck Colorado

The CDPHE is partnering with COVIDCheck Colorado to provide free COVID-19 testing at several locations throughout the Denver-metro area. This service is available to everyone. If you, your child, or other family members are showing any [symptoms](#), we strongly encourage you to get tested at a COVIDCheck Colorado site. [Click here to schedule a test](#). As a reminder, our schools are not testing sites if your child has symptoms.

On-site COVID tests offered to students

All Mapleton students will have the opportunity to be tested for COVID-19 at their school every two weeks. This saliva-based, routine testing is being made possible by COVIDCheck Colorado at no cost to Mapleton families or staff.

As a district, we have been able to keep the transmission of COVID-19 from student to student, student to staff, or staff to staff very low by implementing proven and effective layers of protection.

If you would like for your child to be



offered the opportunity to participate in this voluntary, routine COVID screening, please check your email for a link to the online consent form. If you did not receive an email, please contact your child's school for additional information. Thank you for your partnership and confidence in Mapleton Public Schools. With your trust and support, we can continue ensuring a smooth and safe reopening for our community.

Please see below for more information about this opportunity.

COVID-19 Testing FAQ

Is it mandatory for my child to participate in COVID-19 testing at school? No. It is not mandatory for your child to participate in in-school testing. This is an optional service made possible by our partners at COVIDCheck Colorado.

Is there a charge to participate in testing? This service is available at no charge.

How often will my child be tested? Testing will take place every two weeks at your child's school.

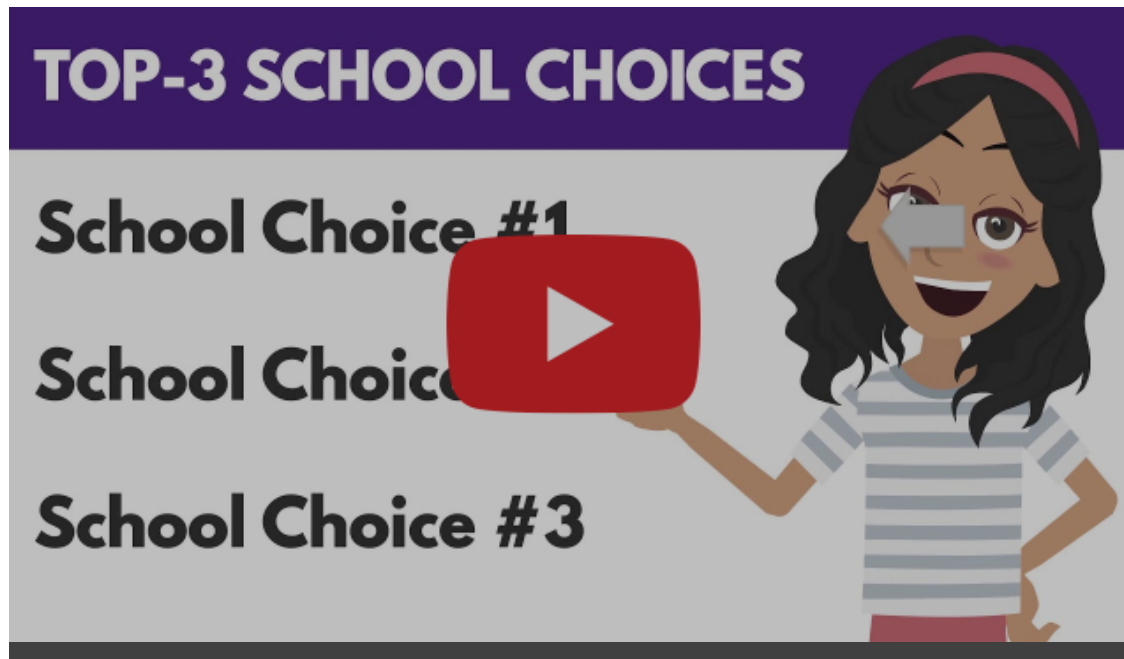
What kind of test will be used? Students will be tested using SalivaDirect. SalivaDirect is an FDA approved, highly accurate PCR testing protocol. Students will provide a small saliva (drool) sample under the supervision of a district nurse.

How and when will I receive my child's results? Results will be provided to you via text, email, or phone call within 24-48 hours. In the event you receive a positive test result for your child, a COVIDCheck Colorado pediatrician will contact you directly to answer your questions and connect you to important resources.

Can my child be tested at school if they are showing symptoms or were exposed

to COVID-19? No. If your child is showing symptoms or was exposed to COVID-19, please ensure they stay home and contact your health care provider or visit one of the [free testing sites](#) available in your area. The CDPHE is partnering with COVIDCheck Colorado to provide free COVID-19 testing at several locations throughout the Denver-metro area. This service is available to everyone. If your child is showing any symptoms, please schedule your test using the following link - <https://www.primarybio.com/l/cdphe>

Our schools are not testing sites if your child has symptoms. We are providing on-site testing as a routine way of protecting our students and staff and identifying those who may be asymptomatic. It is important to continue to keep our students and staff healthy and our classrooms open by not sending your child to school if they are sick or showing symptoms.



Discover, Choose, Succeed in Mapleton!

Prepare for the 2021-22 school year with our virtual enrollment fair!

For the health and safety of our community, our enrollment events will take place online. Learn about our schools, hear from school directors, and learn how to apply for enrollment in the Mapleton school of your choice all online!

How to attend Mapleton's virtual enrollment events:

- Select the virtual enrollment fair link - www.mapleton.us/virtualenrollmentfair
- Enjoy learning about our small-by-design schools through director videos, photos, school tours, student testimonials, and other items featured as a part of each school's virtual display.
- If you have follow-up questions, visit the school's webpage and complete the enrollment interest form at the top right of the page. The school director will follow up with you soon!

The virtual enrollment fair will be available all month. Log on at your convenience to discover, choose, and succeed in Mapleton.

It's time to complete the Annual Update

Current Mapleton families: If your **child is requesting a different Mapleton school for August 2021**, (a preschool student needing to select a kindergarten, or an 8th grader needing to select a 9th grade) we strongly encourage you to complete the Annual Update during our priority placement window, Jan. 1 -31, for the best chance of placement into your first-choice school.

If you have another child planning to start in Mapleton in the fall, please enter your placement request by completing the [Annual Update](#) by Jan. 31, 2021, for the best chance of placement into your first-choice school.

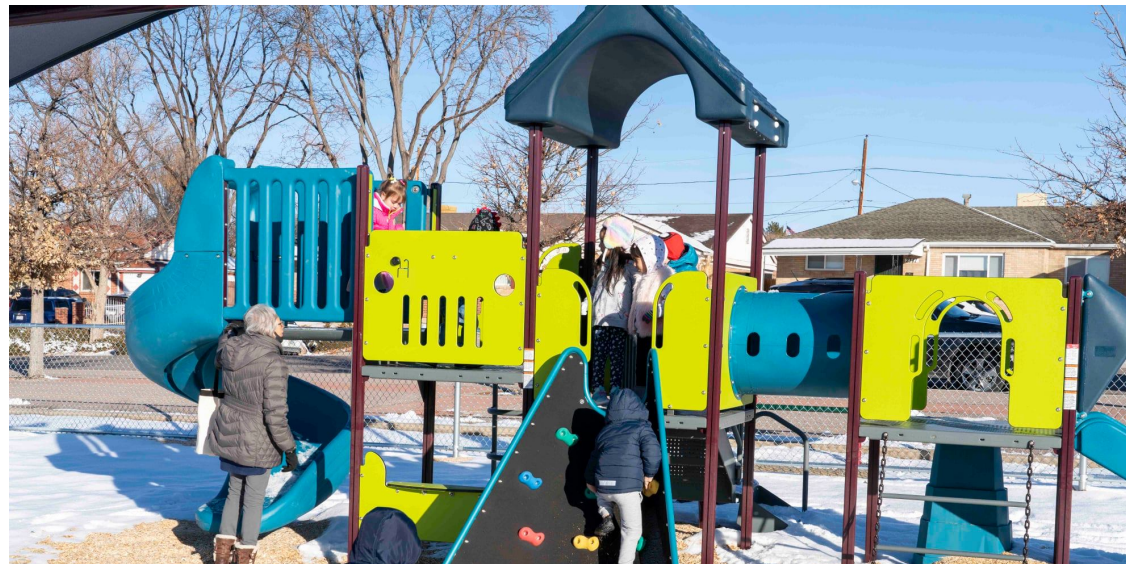
If your child is continuing on at their current school in August 2021, please complete the [Annual Update](#) by April 1, 2021. Completing the Annual Update confirms your child's placement in their current school and gives you an opportunity to update your contact information on file, if necessary.

If you are not returning to Mapleton next fall, please notify your school's main office about your plans. You do not need to complete the Annual Update



Construction begins at Valley View

On Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021, with shovels in the ground and earthmovers on-site, Mapleton officially broke ground for the new Valley View PK-8! Valley View opened in 1959 and quickly became a pillar of the neighborhood. After 60 years of serving students, Valley View closed at the end of the 2018-19 school year and was demolished in the spring of 2020. Thanks to community support and funding (\$17M!) from the state's Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant program, Mapleton is now in the construction phase of "the new View." The new school will be constructed to support Project-Based Learning (PBL), a teaching method in which students learn by actively engaging in real-world and personally meaningful projects. The learning spaces soon to be constructed are flexible, unique, and interactive. We are so excited to move into the construction phase of the new Valley View PK-8 building and look forward to welcoming both students and staff in the fall of 2022!





New playground opens at Preschool on Poze

The new year brought a new playground to Preschool on Poze students. The new play spaces were specifically designed with toddlers and preschoolers in mind and feature swings, slides, an igloo, a playhouse, a climbing wall, and more. We are so thrilled for our youngest learners and their new playground!

A chance to say 'Thank You' - January is School Board Recognition Month

January is School Board Recognition month — a time to thank school board members for their tireless work on behalf of public education.

Mapleton's five board members volunteer their time and are the stewards of the District's mission and vision. The staff and students of Mapleton Public Schools would like to acknowledge the work of current board members:

Thank you to all board members, past and present, who have helped the students of Mapleton Public Schools achieve their dreams.

Cynthia Croisant, President

Thomas Moe, Vice President

Sheila Montoya, Secretary

Steve Donnell, Treasurer

Patty Velasquez, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer





The Colorado Spirit Program provides support for feelings of worry, hopelessness, anger, loss, isolation and disconnection that many individuals are experiencing as a result of the **COVID 19 pandemic**. Through the provision of virtual community-based outreach and psychoeducational services, their mission is to empower **Adams County residents**.

Colorado Spirit is different from other programs in that Community Reach Center staff has the flexibility to meet the community where they are in dealing with the pandemic.

Colorado Spirit is:

- Completely free
- Confidential
- Available at your convenience
- Bridging the gap between needs and resources in the Adams County community

For other questions or concerns email **ColoradoSpirit@CommunityReachCenter.org**

View or download the [Colorado Spirit](#) flier-English

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