



Mapleton Public School

The Learning Link

Parent & Family Newsletter



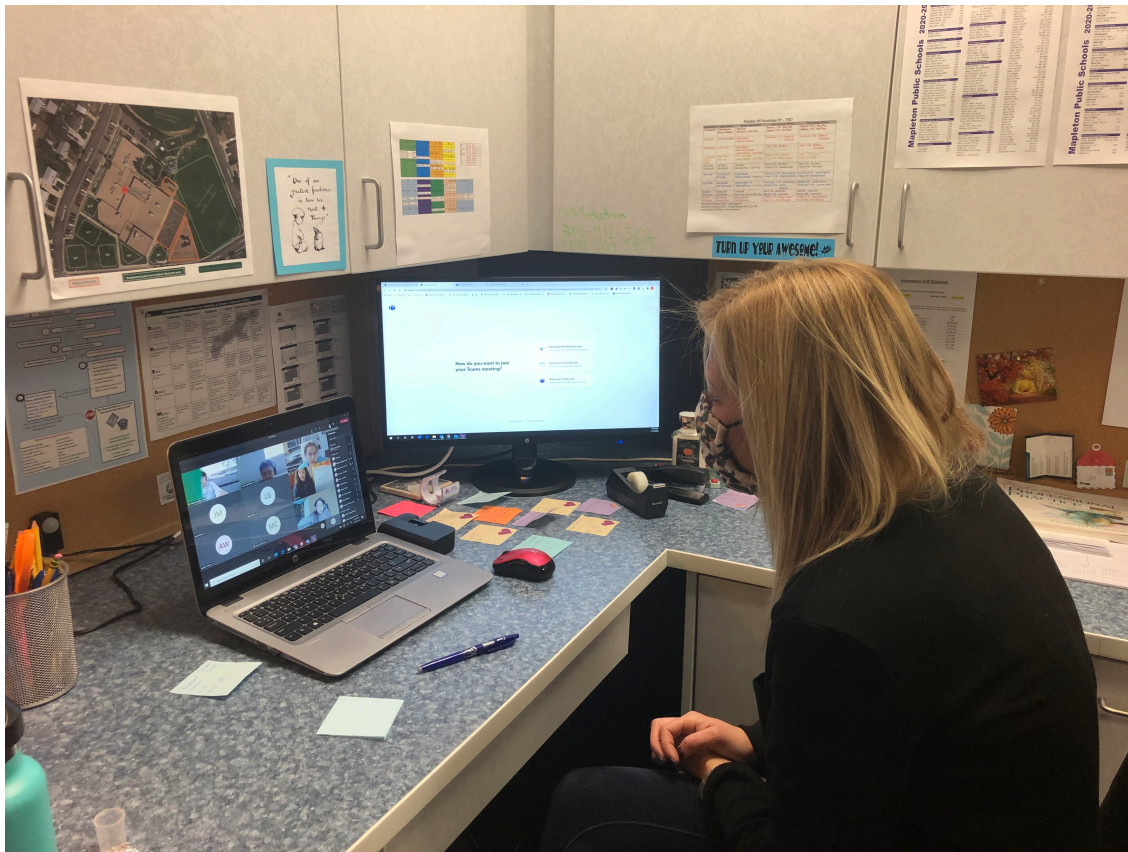
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The *Learning Link* is Mapleton's Monthly family newsletter. Do you have a story idea or a suggestion for our next issue? We'd love to hear from you! Email

communications@mapleton.us.

In this issue:

- A look at remote learning - Meadow Community School
- Board approves calendar updates, including extended breaks
- Mapleton transitions to remote learning
- Resources to make remote learning a great experience for your family
- Free meals now offered at all sites, multiple times a day, breakfast, lunch, and dinner provided
- Get your flu shot yet?



How Meadow does Remote Learning

As Mapleton makes the transition to remote learning, students and staff at Meadow Community School are feeling prepared and optimistic about the remainder of the semester.

Jill Bolton, Meadow's Director, attributed a nearly perfect

attendance record on the first day of remote learning to a variety of steps the school was able to take in preparation for this very moment. Blended learning was key in helping students become familiar with Canvas and learning in a remote setting. Blended learning is the meaningful integration of in-person and digital learning experiences. At its core, blended learning allows teachers to extend their reach in meeting the various and varied learning needs of their students. This approach supportsteachers in using technology to offer students flexible, engaging activities in a classroom or in a home-learning setting.



Meadow also conducted practice remote days, which further helped students and staff prepare for the possibility of rolling into remote learning. Teachers noted that in comparison to the remote learning that occurred last spring, they felt as though they had a better grasp on what to expect. Overall, the staff at Meadow are extremely pleased with how their students are responding to remote learning, from their attendance to their use of technology, students have shown up (even early) ready to learn!

News from Mapleton Public Schools

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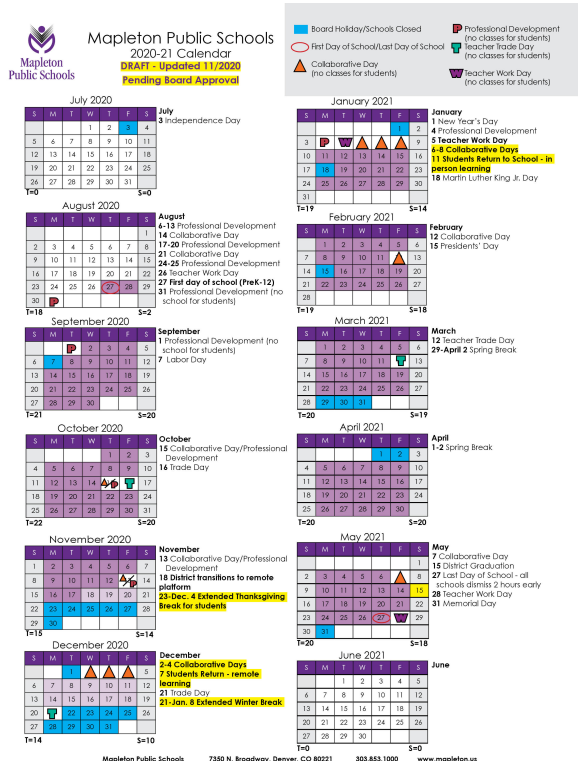
At their regularly scheduled business meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17, Mapleton's Board of Education unanimously approved a calendar change request to extend Thanksgiving and winter break for students.

The new calendar extends Thanksgiving break for students by one week, meaning there is no school for students Monday, Nov. 23 – Friday, Dec. 4. **Students will return to remote learning on Monday, Dec. 7.**

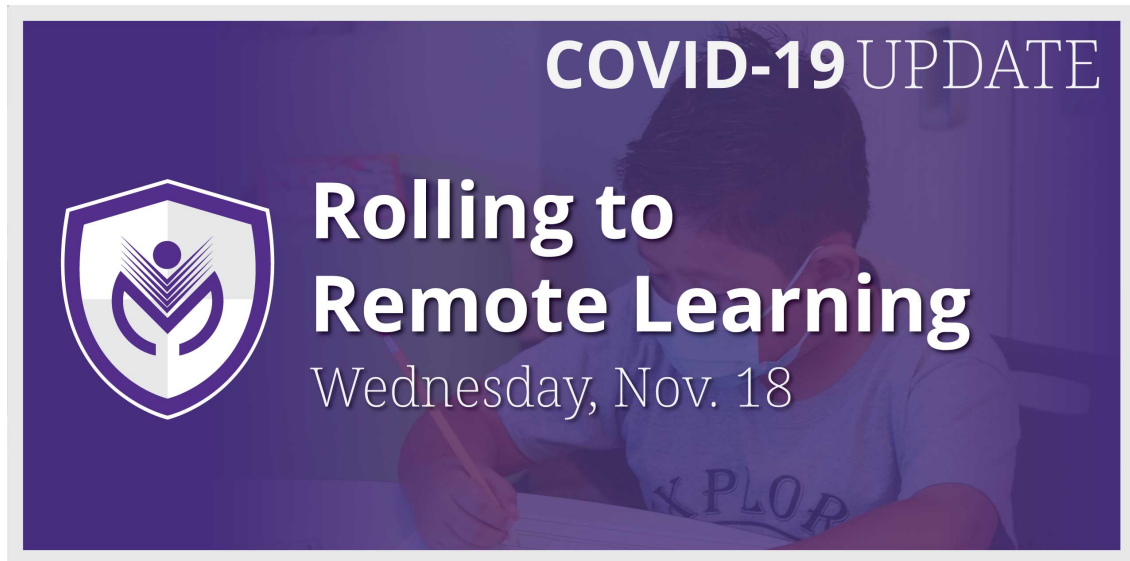
Winter break is extended by three days, meaning there is no school for students Monday, Dec. 21 – Friday, Jan. 8. **Mapleton fully intends on reopening schools for in-person learning, as well as continuing with online learning, on Monday, Jan. 11.**

[Click here to view the updated calendar.](#)

Teachers will use the additional Collaboration days to plan and prepare for second



semester, which may include school-based online options, as well as in-person learning platforms. Mapleton families are being asked to complete a survey as to whether or not they want to change their child's learning environment from in-person to remote learning at their current school. If you have yet to complete your survey, be sure to check your email for the link.



Mapleton to finish 2020 with remote learning platform

More than 4,500 students transitioned to remote learning on Wednesday, Nov. 18, as Mapleton made the difficult, but necessary decision to suspend in-person learning as cases continue to surge in the community.

We thank you for your continued trust in our plan, confidence in our schools, and partnership as we continue to turn challenges into opportunities for our families.

As a reminder, we will transition to remote learning through Friday, Nov. 20. After a two-week break, students will return to remote learning on Monday, Dec. 7, through Friday, Dec. 18. We have every intention of returning to both in-person and online learning on Monday, Jan. 11.

As we 'roll to remote,' we wanted to share some important resources as well as answer some frequently asked questions. **First, please know that your school directors and teachers will be the primary source of information about remote learning for your child's school.** Your child's teachers have an abundance of resources to help

prepare your child for remote learning, as well as pay attention to meeting your child's educational, social and emotional needs.

What will remote learning look like for the remainder of fall semester?

- Students will be expected to log on at certain times for guided lessons, live instruction and group work.
- Daily schedules will include time for synchronous (live, teacher-led) and asynchronous (self-paced, on-demand) learning. This can include live, real-time video calls and lessons, group work, and teacher assistance on various assignments and projects
- Students are expected to attend and participate in remote learning daily, on time, and ready to learn. Your child's teacher will review the attendance policy with you.

Mapleton has many resources online for families to create a positive remote learning experience, including:

- [Remote learning expectations and support, Canvas user guides](#)
- [Low-cost internet options](#)
- [Free meals for students](#)
- [Community Resource](#) - housing, food, health, mental wellness
- [COVID-19 resources and testing](#)





Mapleton's free meal program introduces new sites, times, during remote learning

As we transition to remote learning, [Mapleton's Nutrition Services](#) team is ready with free meals for our community. Below is an updated meal distribution schedule for Nov. 18 – Dec. 18.

What's new:

- **Drive-through and walk-up meals will be distributed at all schools.** *Please note: Schools on the Skyview Campus will pick up meals in the Clayton Partnership loop, and schools on the Broadway Campus will pick up meals in the Global bus loop.*
- Students will be able to pick up meals for **breakfast, lunch, and dinner.**
- **Evening pick-up times at three sites!**

Locations:

- [All schools!](#)

Dates and Times:

Meals will be distributed every **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.**

Times for all sites:

- **8:45 – 9:15 a.m.**
- **11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Additional evening pick-up time at three locations:

- Clayton, Global, and Welby will also offer meal pick up from 4 – 5 p.m.

Meal distribution site closures - All sites will be **closed Nov. 23-Dec. 1.** All meal sites will **reopen on Wednesday, Dec. 2.** On Friday, Nov. 20, students will receive seven days' worth of meals.

Capitol Improvement Updates

Construction Advisory Meeting - Valley View

[A recording of the Valley View Construction Advisory Meeting is now available](#)

[online](#). Thanks to community support and funding (\$17M!) from the state's Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant program, Mapleton is in the planning and design stages of "the new View."

When collaborating on the new school building, The Neenan Company and Mapleton Public Schools focused on supporting Project-Based Learning (PBL), a teaching method in which students learn by actively engaging in real-world and personally meaningful projects. With a focus on PBL, traditional spaces, like the cafeteria and library, were designed to function beyond their intended purposes and provide flexibility for different uses.

FYI

Free Drive-Thru Farmers Market and Resource Outreach Event Application

The Adams County Human Services and Community Safety & Well-Being Departments are working together to hold FREE Drive-Thru Community Farmers Market and Resource Outreach events. Each participating household will receive a fresh produce box with fresh fruits and vegetables, a loaf of bread, and a dozen eggs.

You must register for the event as supplies are very limited. [Register here](#)

Dates:

- Tuesday, Nov. 24 | 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov 25, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Location:

- The MAC | 3295 W 72nd Ave, Westminster
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Shots for Tots and Teens

The goal of [Shots for Tots and Teens](#) is to make sure every child receives the immunizations needed to keep them healthy – including flu shots. The program offers low- and no-cost immunization clinics throughout the year in Aurora, Denver, Thornton, and Arvada with the help of experienced immunization nurses, fire medics, paramedics, health care, and community volunteers.

New this year, Tri-County Health Department is partnering with Shots for Tots and Teens by offering immunization services and flu shots at their clinic locations, including Westminster. To make an appointment, contact Tri-County at 303.451.0123. Appointments are required to keep you and the staff safe. No walk-ins are allowed at this time. [Visit Tri-County's website](#) for additional information.



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