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# The Learning Link

Parent & Family Newsletter



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## October 2020

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](mailto:communications@mapleton.us).

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## Celebrating 10 years of Air Force JROTC in Mapleton!



Ten years ago, Lt. Col. William Arrington joined the Mapleton team and helped build our Air Force JROTC program from the ground up. Today, we celebrate the success of the program and the hundreds of cadets who have participated as a part of the Stealth Squadron. Do you have a favorite JROTC memory to share? Email your story to [communications@mapleton.us](mailto:communications@mapleton.us) and help us celebrate a decade of excellence!

## News from Mapleton Public Schools



### Let's connect!

How are you staying connected to your community? In these extraordinary times, we are all discovering new ways to make valuable, and often virtual, connections. **Mapleton Connects** is

beneficial relationships between our schools and our neighbors. We all have a role to play in keeping our community safe, healthy, and strong. Let's explore it together through **Mapleton Connects!**

We are looking forward to discussing this, as well as other opportunities in Mapleton at our first virtual **Community Conversation on Monday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m.** What do you want to know about Mapleton? Please take a few minutes to fill out [this brief questionnaire](#) to help us better serve our community.

Our virtual Community Conversation will be hosted on Microsoft Teams. [Sign up to be a part of the conversation](#), and check back for more updates.

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### **Keep Mapleton healthy! Our commitment to staying safe, staying healthy, and staying open for students**

The move to Level 3 of Safer at Home will introduce new restrictions aimed at quickly reducing the spread of COVID-19 in Adams County. [Visit Tri-County Health Department's website](#) to learn more about the updated Safer at Home Public Health Order.

This week, Mapleton shared a message about the district's continued commitment to staying safe, staying healthy, and staying open for students. [The letter is available on our website](#). We remain diligent in the implementation of our multiple layers of protection and prevention, and we thank our community for supporting these efforts.

### **Tri-County Health Department Guidance Documents**

- [Best Practices for Local Recreation](#)
- [Community Resources](#)
- [Guidance for Small Gatherings](#)
- [Halloween Safety Tips](#)

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### **Important Nutrition Services reminders**

Children that eat well, learn well. Because we know good nutrition is an important part of a good day at school, we are excited to share that the USDA passed an extended waiver making it

Our Nutrition Services team is working hard to make sure all families have access to meals.

**If my child's cohort rolls to remote learning, am I able to pick up breakfast and lunch for my child?**

Yes. If you would like to pick up meals for your child during remote learning, please contact your school's kitchen manager by 7 a.m. the morning you would like to pick up a meal. Please leave a message with the following details:

- Your name
- How many children you are picking up meals for
- What time you will be picking up the meals (between 8:45 – 9:15 a.m.)
- Your phone number

Alternate pick up times may be arranged directly with your kitchen manager depending on availability and scheduling.

**If my child attends Mapleton Online, how do I access meals for them?**

Mapleton Online students are invited to preorder and pick up free breakfast and lunch at three locations in Mapleton. To ensure we have enough meals available, [please preorder meals](#).

- **Times:**
  - Mondays and Wednesdays | 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. (students will receive meals for two days on Mondays and meals for three days on Wednesdays)
- **Locations:**
  - Global Primary Academy, 7480 N. Broadway, Denver, 80221
  - Welby Community School, 1200 E. 78th Ave., Denver, 80229
  - Clayton Partnership School, 8970 York St., Thornton, 80229

**My child does not attend a Mapleton school. Are they eligible for free meals?**

Yes! Our meal program is available to all children in our community under the age of 18. Community members are asked to follow the same instructions for our Mapleton Online students. Please see the above process and links.

**My child is attending school in-person. Do they have access to free meals?**

Yes. Free meals will be available in all school buildings every school day for ALL students attending in-person learning. Students participating in in-person learning do not need to pre-order meals.

meal. Applying for school meals helps families and schools. Families can receive no or low-cost meals and discounted school fees, bus passes, utilities, etc. By applying for school meals, families are also helping their school and district receive additional school funding, qualify for grants, and additional nutrition programs. Information provided during the application process is confidential and protected. To fill out an application visit here:

<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict>

## Capital Improvements



### Construction Advisory Meeting - Valley View

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 in the planning and design stages of "the new View."

Join us for the second virtual Construction Advisory Meeting to review the current plans and learn more about the Valley View PreK-8 rebuild.



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- 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. | [Click here to join the meeting](#), or call in (audio only) | [1 720-647-5769](#), Phone Conference ID: 355 315 603#

Moving into 2020, the projects funded with the 2016 bond are now more than two-thirds complete. To reflect the progress we have made, we are introducing a new format for our capital improvement public meetings that will allow us to take a deeper look at each project and explore our next steps as a district and as a community. This new format will also help us to better involve community members especially interested in a specific project. We are offering two meeting times, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to provide more opportunities for community members to join the conversation.

## Teaching & Learning

### What is Blended Learning?

Masks,

hand sanitizer, and blended learning – three new components of a successful school day in

Mapleton. Although probably not as visible as the hand sanitizer dispenser on the wall or the social distancing

stickers on the floor, blended learning is perhaps one of the most important things happening in Mapleton's classrooms every school day.



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 supports teachers in using technology to offer students flexible, engaging activities in a classroom or in a home-learning setting.

In Mapleton, the purpose of blended learning is to:

- Enable teachers to collaboratively design responsive learning paths and engage students in higher-level thinking to meet the needs of all learners, and

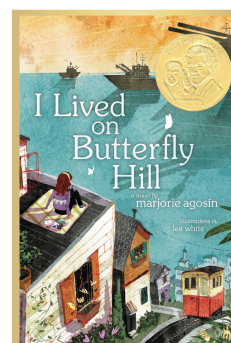
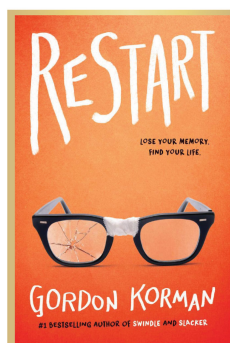
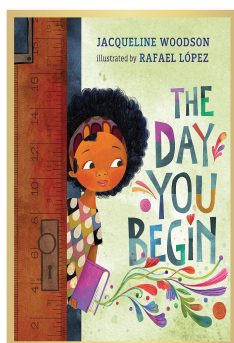
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## Mapleton Reads 2020



# Mapleton Reads

## Community Reading Program



Mapleton is promoting the following book titles as a part of the district's annual **Mapleton Reads** community reading program:

***The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson**

***Restart* by Gordon Korman**

***I Lived on Butterfly Hill* by Marjorie Agosin**

**Mapleton Reads** celebrates the importance and value of literacy by encouraging a love of reading among our students, families, community members, and staff. The entire Mapleton community is encouraged to participate in this reading initiative. To learn more about each book and to view upcoming book discussions and book reads, visit our website [here](#). To check out a copy of each book, visit our Administration Building, 7350 N. Broadway, Denver, 80221, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## FYI

### 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

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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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### **Important winter weather reminders**

Cold weather can sometimes cause Mapleton Public Schools to delay school start times or close schools for the safety of students and staff. We will try to give families plenty of notice before a weather-related school delay or closure. Mapleton will be using a two-hour delayed start on those days when storms hit overnight but may be gone by mid-day.

On a delayed start day, the school will begin two hours later than the usual start time. For example, if school normally begins at 8:10 a.m., a two-hour delay would mean it begins at 10:10 a.m. Bus pick-up times would also be delayed by two hours. If your child is normally at the bus stop by 7:30 a.m., on a late start day they would need to be at the bus stop by 9:30 a.m.

A two-hour delay would also mean morning (AM) preschool is canceled. Full-day preschool will begin two hours late, and afternoon (PM) preschool will start on time.

Families will be notified of either a late start or cancellation through Infinite Campus with either a call, text or email. If you don't have an Infinite Campus Parent Portal account, please contact your child's school to create one or update your contact information. Local television and radio stations will have weather-related delays and closure information as well as Mapleton's Facebook and Twitter pages and website, [www.mapleton.us](http://www.mapleton.us).

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- 2-ply
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- Inner Layer: 60g cotton liner - 100% Cotton



DIGI MASK

- Durable, machine washable, 100% cotton construction
- Disposable, wash tested outer layer fabric
- Comfortable, breathable inner layer, 100% cotton
- 2-ply
- Top Layer: 260gsm heavy spandex interlock - 88% poly / 12% Spandex
- Inner Layer: 60g cotton liner - 100% Cotton



**Skyview Wolverine masks are back!**

Skyview Wolverine masks are \$8 each. To place an order or for additional information, contact [Susan Gerhart](#), Director of Athletics and Student Activities, 303.853.1248.



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