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limitlesslearning
Connected, engaging at-home education in Mapleton!



Limitless Learning Spotlight

Have you ever wondered why ice floats in your cup of water? It's all because of something called density.

Trailside Academy's sixth grade science teacher, Mr. Klimper, shows that science is all around us as he explores and explains density with a few basic kitchen items. Check out this fun remote learning video he put together for his class.

See more messages of kindness, support, and remote learning from all Mapleton schools on our [Facebook page](#)! Be sure to check your school's webpage for additional videos and remote learning photos.

#MPSCConnected

Successful home-based instruction in Mapleton will take the kindness, the compassion, and the support of our entire community. As we introduce this new system, we want to hear from you! How is it going? How can we help? What tips do you have, or what advice do you need? Share your experiences using #MPSCConnected, or email Communications@mapleton.us.

News & Announcements

Technology assistance

As we dive into Limitless Learning, we want to make sure you and your child have everything you need for a successful and strong finish to the school year. If your child is experiencing any of the following issues with his/her device, please email the IT Help Desk at helpdesk@mapleton.us or call the Help Desk at 303.853.1057.

- Physical repairs/damage - keys falling off, battery won't charge, the screen is cracked, etc.
- Technical issues/concerns - won't turn on, needs to refresh or reboot, etc.
- Difficulties using/navigating the device - password needs reset, log in is incorrect,

needs specific apps, etc.

Please include the following information:

- Student's first and last name
- Student's school and grade
- Your contact information – home phone, cell phone, and email
- Please tell us if the device is a Chromebook or iPad
- The Asset tag number from the back or bottom of the device (looks like a barcode, begins with the letter A)
- A description of the problem

Your Help Desk request will be assigned to an IT technician who will contact you immediately to address the issue or schedule an appointment to swap out your device.



Great resources for tough times

We can all benefit from a little extra support every now and then. Below please find

resources for your family to help you adjust, adapt, and connect during this time.

- [What is the new Coronavirus? - Children's Hospital Colorado](#)
- [Tri-County Health Department #DoingMyPart](#)
- [Coronavirus in Colorado - Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#)
- [Parent/Caregiver Guide to Helping Families Cope with the Coronavirus Disease - National Association of School Psychologists](#)
- [Helping children cope with the stress of COVID-19 - World Health Organization](#)
- [CDC Mental Health and Coping](#)

Helplines:

CO HELP | 303.389.1687 or 1.877.462.2911

Colorado Crisis Services 1-844-493-TALK (8255) Text to Talk 38255

Parents, you are not alone!

These are tough times! CU Anschutz Medical Center has many COVID-19 support resources for families, including Zoom calls every Tuesday and Thursday where parents can connect with real people for real support. Every Tuesday you can "Find Hope Through Happiness" and explore ways to bring hope to your home each week. On Thursdays, call into the "I'm Still Standing" parent support video to make valuable connections with other parents. [For more information visit the CU Anschutz COVID-19 support page.](#)

District Nurses are available

Families are encouraged to continue to reach out to district nurses for children who may have health conditions and injuries. If you do not know who your district RN is, please

contact your school or the Integrated Services Department, 303.853.1449.

COVID-19 Resources

- [Tri-County Health Department](#)
 - [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
 - [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\)](#)
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Senior celebrations

Prom canceled

Unfortunately, due to the continuation of restrictions regarding group gatherings and social contact from CDC and the State of Colorado, Mapleton Public Schools is canceling current plans for prom.

We know this is upsetting news, as many of you have been looking forward to prom. Please know this was a difficult decision that we did not make lightly. We remain committed to protecting the health and safety of our students, our staff, and our community.

Graduation

At this time, we are also reviewing the impact the continued social distancing restrictions may have on senior celebrations and the district graduation ceremony. Please know we are absolutely committed to finding a way to hold a graduation ceremony to honor the work and achievements of Mapleton's class of 2020. We are looking at a variety of options to include a virtual ceremony, the possibility of postponing the ceremony, or a combination of creative ways for us to celebrate our amazing graduates. We are currently working with

the Superintendent's Student Advisory Group to develop options. The group meets again on Friday, May 1. Please stay tuned for updates.

'Grab & Go' meals available in Mapleton through June 30

Mapleton recognizes that when children are well-nourished, their ability to learn improves. To continue with our commitment to providing delicious and well-balanced meals to students, we are offering walk up or drive through 'Grab & Go' meals at five sites in Mapleton to ensure no one learns on an empty stomach.

'Grab & Go' meals include lunch for the day and breakfast for the next day. These meals are available to all children through age 18, regardless of what school they attend. No paperwork, proof of residence, or student identification is required. This program is for pick-up of meals only. Meals cannot be consumed on-site.

Meals may be picked up from the following locations, Monday - Friday, **between 11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m., through Tuesday, June 30.**

Global Primary Academy - 7480 N. Broadway, Denver

Clayton Partnership School - 8970 York St., Thornton

Meadow Community School - 9150 Monroe St, Thornton

Welby Community School - 1200 E. 78th Ave., Denver

York International School - 9200 York St., Thornton

On Fridays, families are encouraged to take home meals for Saturday and Sunday, too!



Mapleton's *Still* Got
TALENT
PreK–12 Virtual Talent Show

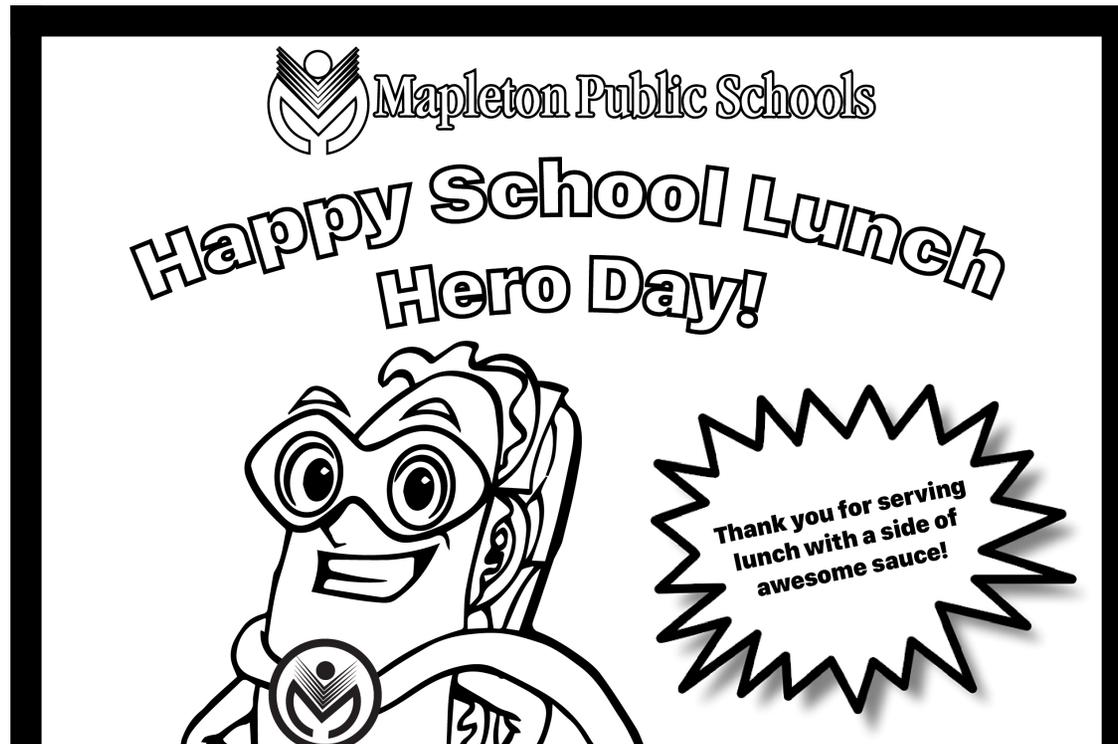
We are inviting all Mapleton students to participate in our first virtual talent show,
Mapleton's Still Got Talent!

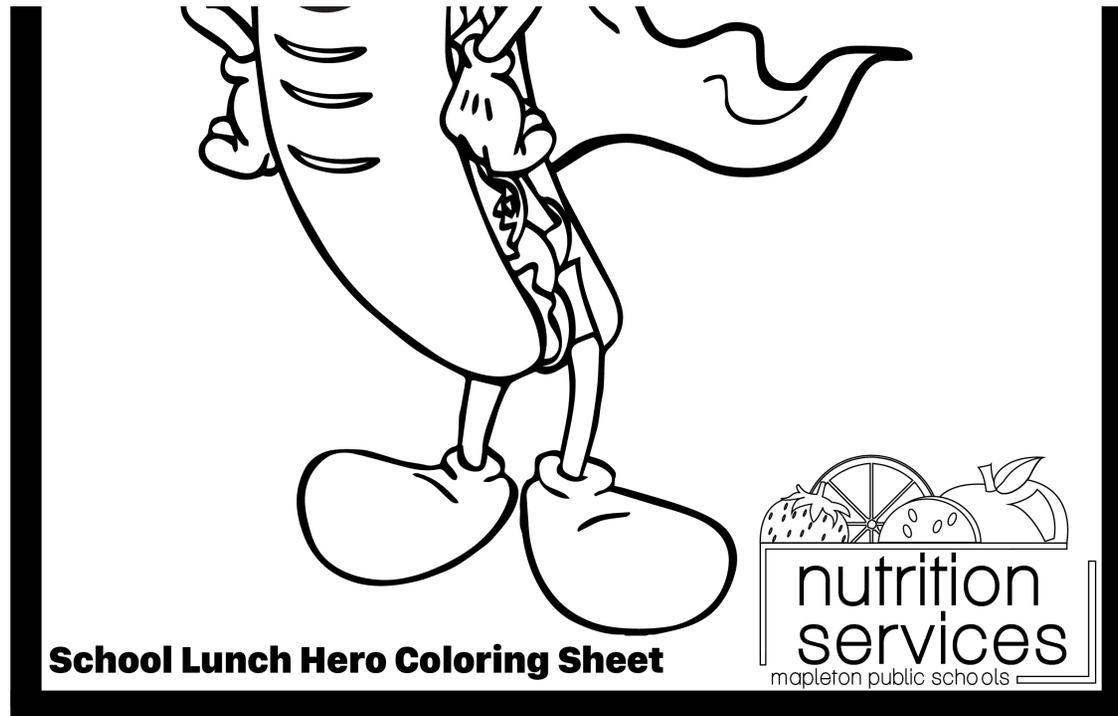
Are you a performing artist that is longing for the opportunity to perform for others? Perhaps you were planning on performing in the high school talent show, Mapleton's Got Talent: High School Edition? Maybe you are missing out on playing in that local community band or church group, to which you belong? Then, this is your opportunity to showcase your amazing talents here, for our Mapleton Community!

Mapleton's Still Got Talent: The Online Exhibitions, is designed to showcase Mapleton's talented students. The rules and expectations of the virtual talent show are as follows:

1. Complete the [Virtual Talent Show Participation Form and Media Waiver](#).
2. Create a 1-2 minute video of you performing a talent, it can be singing, dancing, acting, juggling, magic, stand-up comedy, clogging, gymnastics, color guard and many, many others.

3. Only school appropriate acts will be allowed to participate. (This includes song lyrics, body movements gestures, and content. If you are singing a song, please include song lyrics and translations of song lyrics in your email.)
4. We ask for well-rehearsed, well memorized, and polished material. In your video, please introduce yourself clearly, (Just your first name), the Mapleton school you attend, and your grade.
5. **Videos will then be shared on Mapleton’s social media platforms and the Mapleton website beginning Friday, May 1.**
6. **Video submissions must be emailed to Director of Performing Arts, Robin Cutting, CuttingR@mapleton.us, by Wednesday, April 29.**





Friday, May 1, is School Lunch Hero Day!

Mapleton's Nutrition Services staff strive to make lunchtime the favorite part of every student's day. From their friendly greetings in the cafeteria to their healthy, from-scratch, student-approved meals, ensuring all Mapleton students are getting the nutrition needed to do their best in school is the team's number one priority.

Although meals are now distributed on school sidewalks instead of cafeteria serving lines, the team's top priority remains unchanged – getting healthy meals to all students every day.

Since pausing in-person learning, Nutrition Services has been providing breakfast and lunch to students through emergency meal service. Team members arrive at five schools every Monday through Friday, rain, snow, or shine, to distribute 'Grab and Go' meals to

families. The meals contain lunch for the day and breakfast for the next day. The district is giving out thousands of meals each week. On Fridays, families are also invited to pick up meals for the weekend.

School Lunch Hero Day gives schools and communities the opportunity to thank the school nutrition professionals who serve our students each day. We encourage you to share your appreciation for your school lunch here! You can say 'Thank You' by:

- Sending us a message on Facebook
- Sending an email or video message to communications@mapleton.us
- [Printing and coloring our School Hero 'Thank You' coloring sheet](#) and delivering it to a 'Grab and Go' lunch site in Mapleton.
- On Friday, May 1, we will share the videos, messages, and cards we receive.

Thank you for helping us celebrate our school lunch heros!

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is May 4 - 8

If we've learned anything this year, it's that a great teacher can deliver an engaging lesson in a classroom or in their own living room. A lot has changed in the past few months, but the one thing that has not changed is our deep appreciation for our incredible staff. Help us celebrate Mapleton's outstanding staff by submitting a video of your child or you and your child thanking their favorite teacher or staff member. We also invite your child to write a letter to their favorite teacher or staff member sharing their appreciation. Please send us a video of your child reading the letter so we can share it with the staff member and the community! You may also send us a brief paragraph telling us how your favorite staff member helps your child achieve his/her dreams!

Please email your submissions to communications@mapleton.us

We will feature all submissions on our website and Facebook page this week!

It's Annual Update time!

What is the Annual Update?

Formerly known as registration, the Annual Update is the online process that allows Mapleton families to verify and submit the required information and confirm each child's placement for fall. Families can complete the Annual Update from anywhere with an internet connection.



How do I complete the Annual Update?

Visit the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) and login to your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account on a computer or smartphone. Once you are logged in click on **"More"** and then select **"Annual Update"**.

What if I forgot my Parent Portal Account information?

You can request an email with your account information by clicking **"forgot username"** or **"forgot password"**. Contact the main office of the school your child attends if you have questions or any problems accessing your account.

What information do I need to confirm during the Annual Update?

As a parent/guardian of a currently enrolled Mapleton student, the Annual Update process will ask you to confirm or update the following information:

- Address (Please select 'change of address' and contact your school to update your address)

- Phone numbers (home phone, cell phone, work phone)
- Email address
- Emergency contacts
- Information about your child's health conditions and/or medications
- Confirm school for the 2020-21 school year
- School Behavior Handbook
- Additional school or district policies and release

If you would like to make changes to additional information not available through the Annual Update process, please contact your child's school.

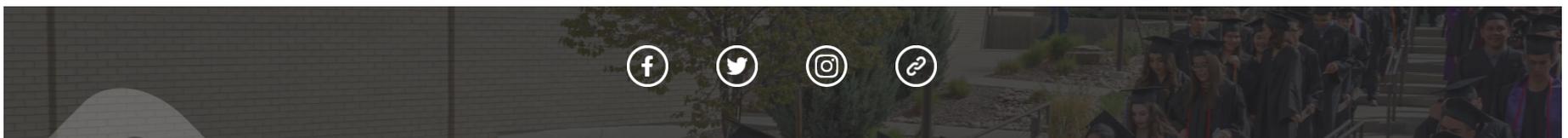
When do I need to complete the Annual Update process?

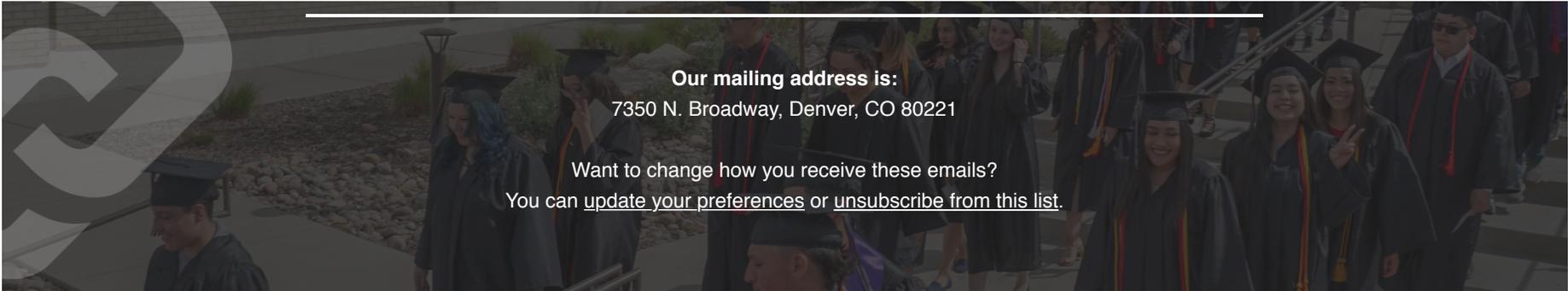
Please complete the Annual Update process as soon as possible so we can confirm your child's spot at his/her school. Completing the Annual Update is the best way to let your child's school know to save your spot as you will be returning for the 2020-21 school year.

Who do I contact for help?

If you need help along the way, please contact the main office of your child's school.

Help us improve our family newsletter! What do you want to see in the ***Learning Link?***
Email your questions or comments to Communications@mapleton.us or call 303.853.1018.





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