



**March 2020**

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### **#MPSCConnected**

Successful home-based instruction in Mapleton will take the kindness, compassion, and 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](mailto:Communications@mapleton.us).

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**Governor Polis announced the suspension of in-person learning in public and private schools across the state through Friday, April 17. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday, April 20.**

**There will be no school for students through Friday, April 17.** This applies to all Mapleton schools, including preschool, toddler care, and the employee childcare program. During this time, all student events and after school activities are postponed. We are working closely with our state and local public health partners as we monitor the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#).

All communication sent to families regarding COVID-19 is [available here](#).

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## News & Announcements

### **We miss you!**

Mapleton teachers are looking forward to reconnecting with your family through [Limitless Learning](#), our new remote learning experience. This experience, which will begin on Thursday, April 2, promises to keep Mapleton students on track with standards-based, student-driven online lessons. Although we may be socially distant, our hope for this program is for our families and staff to feel academically and educationally connected.

With so much uncertainty in our daily lives, we believe that a strong connection to your school community is vital to helping our children feel safe and reassured.

Our new online education platforms will help create these valuable and vital connections, and we look forward to going on this new academic adventure with you! Please go to [www.mapleton.us/LimitlessLearning](http://www.mapleton.us/LimitlessLearning) for more information.

### **What happens now?**

Your child's teacher will reach out via email, text, phone, or another method of communication (ClassDoJo, Remind, etc.) to provide you with more information about when, where, and how to begin accessing online material.

Your child's school director will be in touch with you regarding technology pick up. [Please click here to view the technology pick up schedule.](#) It is our intent for every student to be provided with an electronic device to support their learning. These will be checked out for the remainder of the year. Please visit our [Limitless Learning page to learn more about the distribution process.](#)

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### **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 will be 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.

At this time, we are also reviewing the impact the continued social distancing restrictions may have on senior celebrations and the district graduation ceremony scheduled for Saturday, May 16. Please know we are absolutely committed to finding a way to hold our graduation ceremony to honor the outstanding work and achievements of Mapleton's class

of 2020. It may mean postponing graduation to a later date to ensure public health or developing another creative way for families to celebrate their child graduating from high school.

## Home-based learning in Mapleton



### Preparing for home-based learning

Mapleton's remote learning plan is based on three simple ideas: supporting continuous standards-based instruction, removing barriers and ensuring access for all students, and maintaining and strengthening connectedness within the Mapleton community.

As we embrace the new adventure ahead, we want to remind our families that online learning is new to all of us. For the next few weeks, our learning will look, feel and sound different. What remains unchanged is our caring community and our dedication to the success of each student.

All schools will continue to support instruction through a variety of digital and non-digital materials and instructional activities. All materials and activities will be standards-based to help keep students on track. We are also committed to providing a device to all students in grades K-12. We are close to meeting that goal.

To ensure successful home-based instruction, please work with your school for information regarding:

- Remote learning plans
- Available remote learning resources
- Communicating with your child's teacher(s)

**Internet resources:**

Xfinity has announced an [Xfinity WiFi Free For Everyone](#) program. Through it, Xfinity hotspots across the country will be available to anyone who needs them for free. [Search for a hotspot near you.](#)

Comcast Internet Essentials is offering two free months of their Internet Essentials package starting March 16, 2020. You have to be eligible, so [read more on their website](#). You can also call 1-855-846-8376.

[AT&T](#) is opening up its public WiFi hotspots for anyone to use for free.

[Sprint](#) is providing unlimited data for 60 days to customers with metered data plans and giving 20 GB of free mobile hotspot to customers with hotspot-capable devices.

[T-Mobile](#) is allowing all customers on limited data T-Mobile and Metro by T-Mobile plan unlimited data for the next 60 days; adding 10 GB of mobile hotspot each month for the next two months for T-Mobile postpaid and Metro customers on smartphone plans, and giving Lifeline partners extra free LTE data each month.

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## **'Grab & Go' meals available in Mapleton**

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. All families will receive lunch for the day and breakfast for the next day. These meals will be 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 Friday, April 17.**

**Global Primary Academy** (7480 N. Broadway, Denver) - Pick up will be in the bus loop by GPA.

**Clayton Partnership School** (Skyview Campus, 8980 York St., Thornton) - Pick up will be in the Clayton loop

**Meadow Community School** (9150 Monroe St, Thornton) - Pick up will be on the west side of the building. **Welby Community School** (1200 E. 78th Ave., Denver) - Pick up will be in the bus loop beginning on the north side of the building.

**York International School** (9200 York St., Thornton) - Pick up will be in the bus loop

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

Gov. Polis has issued a state-wide 'stay-at-home' order to stop the spread of COVID-19, however, our lunch sites remain open. Families are encouraged to practice safe social distancing procedures when visiting our sites.

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### **How to talk to your child about COVID-19**

*The following information has been adapted from, Talking to Children About COVID-19 (Coronavirus): A Parent Resource, National Association of School Psychologists, NASP, 2020.*

For additional resources, please visit [Mapleton's Parent Resource](#) information page.

### **Stay calm, listen and offer reassurance**

- Children will react to and follow your reactions. You are their role model. They learn from your example.
- Your discussion about COVID-19 can increase or decrease your child's fear. Deep breathing is a valuable tool for calming the nervous system. Demonstrate such strategies. Do breathing exercises with your children.
- If true, remind your child that your family is healthy, and you are going to do everything within your power to keep loved ones safe and well.
- Tell your child that your family is following the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, which includes social distancing. Social distancing means staying away from others until the risk of contracting COVID-19 is under control. While we don't know how long it will take to "flatten the curve," Reduce the number of those infected, we do know that this is a critical time. We must follow the guidelines of health experts to do our part.

- Make it as fun as possible. Do family projects. Organize belongings, create masterpieces, Sing, laugh, and go outside if possible to connect with nature and get needed exercise.

### **Parents/guardians should monitor television viewing and social media**

- During a crisis, it is wise to limit television viewing of sites that increase fear. Parents should also monitor the internet and social media sites that their child/children are using as well as their own.
- Explain to your child that many stories about COVID-19 on the Internet may include rumors and inaccurate information.
- Talk to your child about factual information about this disease.
- Watching continual updates on COVID-19 may increase anxiety.
- Developmentally inappropriate information, information designed for adults, can cause anxiety or confusion, particularly in young.
- Engage your child in games or other exciting activities instead.

### **Be honest and accurate.**

- Look for the most up to date information regarding Novel Coronavirus from reliable sources, such as the [Center for Disease Control](#), [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#).

### **Model basic hygiene and healthy lifestyle practices**

- Encourage your child to practice daily good hygiene—simple steps to prevent spreading the virus.
  - Wash your hands multiple times a day for 20 seconds.
  - Compliment your child when he/she uses a Kleenex or sneezes or coughs into the bend of their elbow. Teach them the importance of throwing away used



tissues immediately after sneezing or coughing.

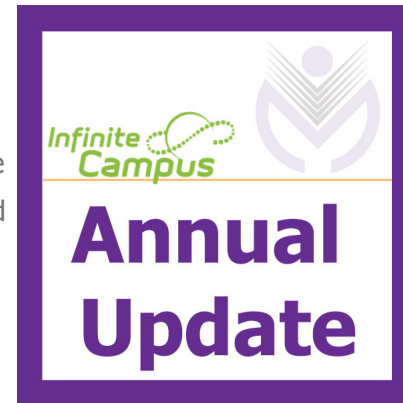
- Sadly, handshakes and hugs need to be limited to immediate family members, at least for now.

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## **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.

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## It's enrollment season!

### Did you know...?

- *Mapleton offers schools that are small-by-design, meaning our schools are small, safe, and supportive. Our students and staff say Mapleton schools feel like family!*
- *Mapleton will open two more new school buildings in August! Thanks to generous community support, Mapleton is improving school buildings throughout the district!*
- *Art, Physical Education, and Music are offered at all schools!*
- *Students are invited to participate in our award-winning Performing Arts, Air Force Junior ROTC and Athletics programs!*

Mapleton Public Schools is now accepting out of district applications for enrollment. We welcome and encourage out-of-district families to achieve their dreams in Mapleton!

Visit our website, [www.mapleton.us](http://www.mapleton.us), and select the 'Our Schools' tab.

Call our Welcome Center, 303.853.1780. Although we are not in the office, we are responding to voicemails remotely.

[Ready to submit your application? If you are new to Mapleton, click here.](#)

[If you already have a child enrolled in Mapleton Public Schools and need to select a new school for the upcoming year, click here. You will need your Infinite Campus Parent Portal Account.](#)

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## Stay healthy this flu season

How can you and your family stay healthy this flu



season? The Tri-County Health Department has the answer. Please see the fliers below for information about the flu and how to prevent the flu. **It's not too late to get your flu shot!**

[Flu facts \(English\)](#)

[Flu facts \(Spanish\)](#)



### **Hand washing - an easy and effective way to stay healthy**

Proper handwashing is one of the easiest and most effective ways to stop the spread of disease. Teaching children good handwashing habits early in life can help them lead a healthier life. Washing your hands will help keep you, your family and your children healthy.

#### **Proper handwashing steps:**

1. Use soap and warm running water
2. Scrub hands for at least 20 seconds and use a nail brush
3. Wash all surfaces, including: between fingers under fingernails back of hands wrists
4. Rinse well
5. Dry hands with a clean paper towel
6. Turn off the water using the paper towel, and then throw the towel away

[Learn more from the Tri-County Health Department.](#)

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### **Resources for families**

Mapleton makes the following resource publications available to anyone interested in seeking community resources. Mapleton Public Schools does not endorse or take responsibility for the agencies listed herein.

### **Community Resource Brochure**

- [Community Resources Brochure](#)
- [Recursos Comunitarios](#)

### **Area Health Care Resources**

- [English brochure](#)
- [Spanish brochure](#)

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## **ICYMI (In case you missed it)**

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### **DriveSafe online driving school**

Mapleton Public Schools is partnering with DriveSafe Driving Schools to offer students an interactive, online driver's education program. The DriveSafe state-certified online program costs \$74. The course is 100 percent online, no textbooks or software needed. It is self-paced, offers easy to follow lessons and is fully interactive with animations, games, and videos. The goal of the course is to increase a new driver's confidence and knowledge in a variety of driving situations. The program is designed to be equivalent to an in-person classroom experience but can be completed from anywhere with an internet connection. DriveSafe focuses on defensive and safe driving habits to help make new drivers become a

safe driver for life. To enroll in the online program, visit <http://mapletonschools.bedrivingus.com/enroll>. DriveSafe will make a donation to Mapleton Public Schools for every Mapleton student that enrolls in the program!

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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](mailto:Communications@mapleton.us) or call 303.853.1018.

