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Get the big picture at Big Picture College and Career Academy!





Big Picture College and Career Academy is enrolling 9th - 12th grade students

Why choose Big Picture? Just ask these students!



"It's been a great place for me physically and mentally," said Jorrell, a senior at Big Picture College and Career Academy.

"This school lets you express yourself through different projects. It really helps you discover what your true passion is."

Jorrell is on the Skyview Wolverines Track team, is into business, marketing, and most recently quantum physics. He considers his teachers to be some of his closest friends and appreciates that they ask him every day what they can do to help him reach his goals.

"Most people won't know what they want to do when they leave high school, but Big Picture students will graduate knowing exactly what we want in our next adventure," said Jorrell. "Big Picture inspires all of us to become the best version of ourselves."

Melissa, a junior, enrolled in BPCCA as a freshman to help her break out of her comfort zone. "I'm not forced to be in one certain group at this school," Melissa said. "I've been able to branch out and grow personally and academically. I think about how I was as a freshman and I've changed a lot. Oh, and I met actors!"

As a part of Leave to Learn, Big Picture's creative and engaging spin on traditional field trips, Melissa got the chance to see a play at the Denver Performing Arts Center and meet the actors.

"There are just so many amazing experiences I get here that I could not get at any other high school," said Melissa. "When I talk to friends about my school they say, 'wow, it seems like you are in a whole new world!'"

George, a junior, admits that BPCCA was not his first-choice school, but once he walked through the front door, he was hooked.

"This school has allowed me to tackle everything I want," said George. "I enjoy doing everything, and I have so many passions and interests, and Big Picture helps me explore every single one. I've shadowed owners of a music shop and doctors at a hospital, I've visited an occupational therapy clinic, I've visited teachers in schools, car mechanics...I've done a little bit of everything. The Leave to Learn experiences are very hands-on and the

learning is limitless.”

[Read more about BPCCA](#), and [meet the school director \(and Mapleton alumni!\) Brian Barringer](#).

News & Announcements

2021-22 academic calendar

Thank you to the more than 600 students, staff, and parents who contributed to the creation of the 2021-22 academic calendar. The calendar was adopted by the Board of Education during their regular business meeting in February.

[The approved 2021-22 calendar includes:](#)

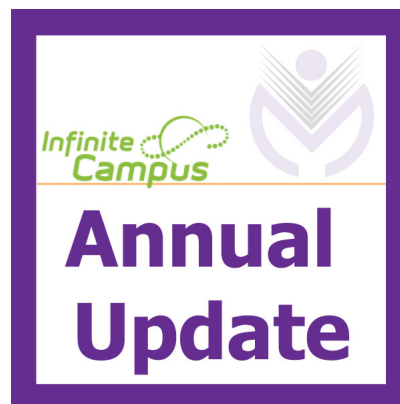
- A full week off in November for Thanksgiving
- Two full weeks off for winter break
- Spring break starting the third week of March (similar to other districts in the metro area)
- Student and staff school year end date prior to Memorial Day in May

[The 2020-21 academic calendar is available online](#). School-specific calendars will be available in the spring.

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 by the end of March, 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.

Global Intermediate Academy and Global Leadership Academy receive IB MYP authorization

Following a multi-year, rigorous authorization program, Global Intermediate Academy and Global Leadership Academy received the good news of their authorization into the

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP) in February. Mapleton's Board of Education approved the authorization at their February business meeting.

With this recent IB MYP Programme authorization, Mapleton now offers IB programming at all Global schools and York International, which has been an IB authorized school for several years.

The IB curriculum framework connects students to the world beyond school through meaningful fieldwork, inquiry, and global mindedness. IB learners strive to become inquirers, thinkers, and communicators.



The Mapleton Performing Arts Department presents: **The Wizard of Oz**

Join us for Mapleton's first full-length musical performance in more than 15 years!

Showtimes:

- Thursday, March 12 @ 7 p.m.
- Friday, March 13 @ 7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 14 @ 2 p.m.

Please note: The play will run two hours long and will include an intermission.

General Admission: \$6

FREE for senior citizens and Mapleton students with their school ID!

Location: Rosa Auditorium at the Skyview Campus, 8990 York St., Thornton, CO 80229

By L. Frank Baum With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg Background Music by Herbert Stothart Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard Orchestration by Larry Wilcox Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company Based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by Turner Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by Warner Bros.

Free tax assistance

This tax season, Mapleton is partnering with the Denver-based Piton Foundation to provide free tax preparation services to families through Tax Help Colorado. IRS-certified Mapleton juniors and seniors from Global Leadership Academy and Academy High School will help prepare and file tax returns free of charge for household incomes that were less than \$56,000 in 2019.

The free tax assistance will be offered at Global Leadership Academy/Global Intermediate Academy (7480 N. Broadway, Denver, 80221), every Tuesday until Tuesday, March 17.

Students have been trained to ensure that the individuals that they serve get the best refund possible by helping them claim tax credits meant to help working families. This tax service is free and confidential.

For more information, visit TaxHelpCO.org.



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**Now enrolling grades PreK-12
for the 2020-21 school year!**

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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!

Mapleton offers several resources to help you choose the best school for your child for the upcoming school year. To learn more about our schools that are small-by-design, we invite you to:

- Visit our website, www.mapleton.us, and select the 'Our Schools' tab.
- Contact our schools directly to schedule a visit.
- Call or visit our Welcome Center, 303.853.1780. The Welcome Center is located on the Skyview Campus, 8990 York St., Thornton, 80229, and is open Monday through

Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., no appointment necessary.

[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. If you do not have one, please contact the main office of your school.](#)

2020 Mile High City Drill Meet

Save the date for the first Air Force JROTC Drill Meet held at the Skyview Campus (8990 York St., Thornton)!

Saturday, April 4 | Opening Ceremony begins at 8:30 a.m.

Units Scheduled to Compete:

*Air Academy High School,
Colorado Springs, CO
Adams City High School, Commerce City, CO
Douglas High School, Box Elder, SD
Gateway High School, Aurora, CO
Glenwood Springs High School, Glenwood Springs, CO
Mitchell High School, Colorado Springs, CO
Skyview Campus Wolverines, Thornton, CO
Vista Ridge High School, Colorado Springs, CO
Westminster High School, Westminster, CO*



The event will also feature a very special precision drill demonstration by the United States Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team from Washington D.C!

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PROM 2020

A Roaring Good Time!

Desserts and drinks will be served

STONEBROOK MANOR

**650 E 124th Ave
Thornton, Colorado**

**Tickets on sale at your schools April 17th - May 1st.
\$40 per ticket *NO TICKETS AT DOOR***

May 2, 2020

8:00 PM - 11:00 PM



Wednesday, April 8

SAY *yes* TO YOUR Prom DRESS

Mapleton's Prom Dress Event

Bring a family member or friend to this special event with hors d'oeuvres, brand new and gently used prom gowns, formal jewelry, handbags, drawings for gift cards to hair and nail salons, and more!

Time:

4:30 - 6 p.m.

Venue:

North Valley School for Young Adults
8990 York St., Thornton, 80229

No entrance fee and each student may select a dress and accessories free of charge!



Drawings for
gift cards to hair
and nail salons

Formal jewelry

Handbags

Prom gowns



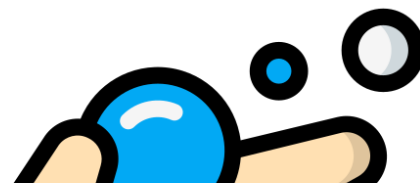
PROM TICKET DRAWING

Each guest will be entered into a drawing to win two tickets to prom! Three sets of tickets will be given away throughout the afternoon.

Please contact Danielle Ramacciotti for more information at 303-853-1033 or RamacciottiD@mapleton.us.

Stay healthy this flu season

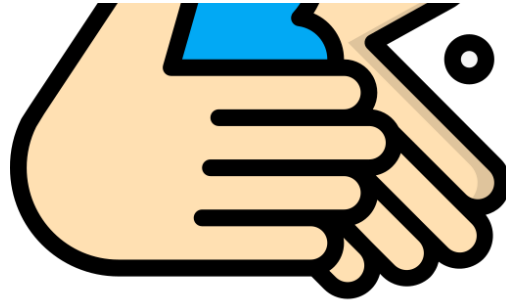
How can you and your family stay healthy this flu season? The Tri-County Health Department has the answer. Please see the fliers below for



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 hand washing is one of the easiest and most effective ways to stop the spread of disease. Teaching children good hand washing 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 hand washing 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.](#)

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](#)

ICYMI (In case you missed it)

Paw Pass replacement payments can now be made online

Families now have the option to pay for Paw Pass replacements online using [MySchoolBucks](#). Paw Pass replacements are \$3.00. Families may use their existing [MySchoolBucks](#) account to order a replacement



Paw Pass, or create an account. The Paw Pass helps Mapleton's Transportation Department offer an additional layer of safety and security for all students who ride a Mapleton bus from home to school and from school to home. As a reminder, any Mapleton student who rides the bus from home to school and from school to home needs a Paw Pass.

STEP is accepting new volunteers!

The Mapleton Public Schools Senior Tax Exchange Program (STEP) provides opportunities for Mapleton's senior citizens to reduce their property taxes by volunteering at one of Mapleton's many district-wide events or individual schools.

STEP is for senior citizens 60 years of age or older who own a home within the Mapleton boundaries. As a STEP volunteer, senior citizens may earn up to \$154.50 (a rate of \$5.15 per hour for a maximum of 30 hours) to apply toward property taxes. Shortly after the first of the year, the Adams County Treasurer will automatically deduct the amount earned as a STEP volunteer.

To apply, visit Mapleton's Administration Building, 7350 N. Broadway, Denver, 80221, to fill out an application. Please bring your photo ID so we may conduct a background check. Call 303.853.1018 for more information.

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!

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 13 - Teacher Trade day - no school for students

Monday, March 23 - Friday, March 27 - Spring break - all schools closed

Wednesday, April 15 - District Art Show

Monday, April 20 - No school

Friday, May 8 - Collaborative Day - no school for students

Saturday, May 16 - District Graduation

Thursday, May 28 - Last day of school - all schools dismiss two hours early

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.

