



**December 2019**

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Have a fun and safe winter break! We look forward to having our students back in our classrooms on Wednesday, Jan. 8!

- Mapleton Public Schools Staff

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### **Academy's STEM Expo**

The Skyview Student Center was transformed into a display of innovation and intelligence for the Academy High School Technology Student Association's (TSA) fifth annual STEM Expo! After months of research, work, planning and preparation, Academy's TSA students shared their projects with high school students as well as elementary students from Clayton Partnership School. This year, students created projects to compete in multiple categories, including physics, robotics, fashion, and architecture. This special event celebrates Academy's STEM focus and allows students an opportunity to explore their interests within science, technology, engineering, and math. Winners of the expo will represent Mapleton Public Schools at the TSA State Conference in February, where they'll compete against students from all corners of the state.

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## **News & Announcements**

### **October Count update**

Enrollment in Mapleton schools is up for the eighth consecutive year. October Count data for the 2019-20 school year, released by the Colorado Department of Education, reveals that the number of students choosing to attend Mapleton's brick and mortar schools (excluding Colorado Connections Online Academy) is up to 6,884 - an increase of nearly 100 students. Including Colorado Connections Academy, Mapleton's enrollment is up to 9,161 students. Nearly 65 percent of Mapleton students receive free and reduced lunch, and 1 in 3 students are identified as English Language Learners who are not yet fluent in English (excluding Colorado Connections Academy).

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### **Capital Construction Updates**

#### **Mapleton receives BEST grant funds for Valley View!**

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, Mapleton's Board of Education unanimously and enthusiastically voted to accept BEST program funding from the Colorado Department of Education to support the rebuild of the Valley View school building.

Mapleton submitted a BEST grant to help support Valley View's rebuild last February. In May, the district was recommended as a back-up candidate for BEST grant funding. In

November, Mapleton received the good news that the state would have the ability to fund the Valley View PK-8 project through the BEST Certificates of Participation Lease-Purchase program.

The BEST grant portion of the project will be \$17,414,793.86. Design meetings for the 'New View' will begin soon

[Read all of the Mapleton's Capital Construction updates online!](#)

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## **Data-driven instruction in Mapleton**

### **DDI at Adventure Elementary**

Mapleton schools are using data-driven instruction to improve knowledge, understanding, and skills for all students. Teachers meet regularly and review data to uncover gaps in student understanding and find opportunities for more relevant instruction. At Adventure Elementary, a preschool through sixth grade EL school, teachers meet bi-weekly with the school's Instructional Guide to analyze student results in multiple assessments across all content.

When students need additional support in a specific content area, targeted help is provided to ensure students reach grade-level standards.

When asked what she would like parents to know about data-driven instruction at her school, School Director Amber VonderHofen said, "Data is important and utilized in all grade levels starting in preschool. It is the best way for us to guarantee that our students are making progress toward grade-level standards and are successful in all that they do."

How can parents support data-driven instruction at home? "Read, read, read!" said Ms. VonderHofen. "We encourage parents to talk with their child about what they are learning at school and make sure that they are reading with their child every night. A strong love of reading will translate into motivation for learning!"

*Every month we will share examples from different schools of how data-driven instruction is improving outcomes for students in Mapleton and how families can use data to support learning at home.*

### Soccer champion t-shirts

Celebrate the Skyview Wolverines boys soccer team and their incredible 4A championship by grabbing your very own commemorative 2019-20 4A Boys Soccer State Championship t-shirt! Short sleeve shirts cost \$11 and long sleeve shirts are available for \$14. The deadline to place an order is Sunday night (11:59 p.m.) on Dec. 15. Show your Skyview spirit and remind everyone that Skyview is the best soccer team in the league! <https://skyviewboysoccerstatechamps.itemorder.com/sale>

### Soccer Celebration Dinner at Jay's!

Join us for a celebration dinner honoring our state champions!

**When:** Tuesday, Jan. 14

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Where:** Jay's Grille and Bar |  
7820 Washington St., Denver,  
80229

**Who:** Everyone is welcome!  
Congratulate the coaches and players and get a chance to see the trophy up close and in person!

**Kids under 12 eat free at Jay's every Tuesday!** No reservation required. Please note, the cost of food and drinks for guests over 12 years of age will not be covered by the district or the Athletics Department. Guests will be paying for their own meals and beverages.

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# DISCOVERY

**Preschool & Kindergarten Fair 2020**

Learn about our schools that are small-by-design and discover the best school for you and your family!

Aprenda sobre nuestras escuelas que son pequeñas por diseño y descubra la mejor escuela para usted y su familia!



**Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020**

**4 - 6 p.m.**

**Skyview Student Center**

**8990 York St.**

**Thornton, 80229**

**Miércoles, 15 de Enero, de 2020**

**4 - 6 p.m.**

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**Thornton, 80229**



**Help prepare your child for preschool or kindergarten!**

**Meet with staff!**



**Learn about our full day kindergarten programs!**



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**For more information:**

**303.853.1000 [www.mapleton.us](http://www.mapleton.us)**



### Explore your options for 7th grade at Next Level: Mapleton's 7th grade discovery fair!

As you prepare for the exciting transition into middle school, Mapleton wants to make sure you have the resources you need to select the school that is best for you.

#### When:

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020

#### Time:

5 - 6 p.m.

#### Where:

Skyview Student Center,  
8990 York St., Thornton, 80229

#### At Next Level, you and your family will have an opportunity to:

- Meet directors and teachers from all Mapleton schools available to incoming 7th graders
- Learn about extracurricular opportunities available to middle school students
- Explore exciting learning opportunities available through CareerX
- Learn about middle school sports and performing arts



#### Enroll Through Infinite Campus

Enter your school preference for fall 2020 by completing the Annual Update between January 1st through January 31st.

For more information: 303.853.1000 | [www.mapleton.us](http://www.mapleton.us)



Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Skyview Student Center  
8990 York St.  
Thornton, 80229

Jueves, 16 de Enero, de 2020  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Skyview Student Center  
8990 York St.  
Thornton, 80229

**Discover** what it takes to be successful in high school and set your goals for your freshman year!

**Meet** your personal support team of high school directors and post-secondary options coaches.

**Learn** about Mapleton's choices for high school and extra curricular activities, including athletics, performing arts and Air Force Junior ROTC.

**Descubre** lo que se necesita para tener éxito en la preparatoria y establecer tus metas.

**Conoce** tu equipo de apoyo personal, los directores de preparatorias y instructores de opciones postsecundarias.

**Aprende** sobre las opciones de Mapleton para las actividades extracurriculares de la preparatoria.

#### EVENT SCHEDULE

- 6 p.m.** Presentation of the colors by Mapleton Air Force Junior ROTC
- 6:05 - 6:30 p.m.** High School 101 Presentation by Mapleton Post Secondary Options Team in the Rosa Auditorium on the Skyview Campus
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** Highway to High School Fair in the Skyview Student Center

#### Questions?

303.853.1000  
[www.mapleton.us](http://www.mapleton.us)

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## Upcoming enrollment events

If you have a student in preschool, in sixth grade at Adventure or Welby, or in eighth grade at Achieve, Clayton, Meadow, Monterey, or Trailside, it's almost time for you to choose a school for your child for the 2020-21 school year! Families who enter their school placement requests between January 1 - 31 are most likely to get their first choice school.

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](http://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.
- Attend one of our upcoming enrollment fairs! The details are below.

### Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020

- **Preschool and Kindergarten Discovery Fair** | 4 - 6 p.m. | Skyview Student Center, 8990 York St., Thornton
- **Next Level Discovery Fair for Middle School** | 5 - 6 p.m. | Skyview Student Center, 8990 York St., Thornton

**Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020**

- **Highway to High School** | 6 - 7:30 p.m. | Skyview Student Center, 8990 York St., Thornton

Families with students rolling up into the next grade level at their current school will be asked to complete the online Annual Update (formerly known as registration) in April.

Preschool applications will be accepted beginning in January 2020 and evaluation appointments will be scheduled in May. Families who complete the enrollment application and express interest in a tuition preschool spot will be offered placement by random lottery selection in the spring.

For answers to all of your enrollment questions, contact the Welcome Center, 303.853.1780.

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### **Upcoming Athletics registration**

Winter sports are well underway, which means spring sports registration is just around the corner. In the spring, Mapleton offers girls soccer, girls tennis, baseball, and boys/girls track and field.

Registration opens on **Monday, Feb. 17** and closes on **Friday, Feb. 28**. The first practice for spring sports is on Monday, March 2.

**[Visit the Skyview Athletics website for more information.](#)**

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### **Resources for families**

Mapleton makes the following resource publications available to families to provide assistance for any who are interested in seeking community resources. Mapleton Public Schools does not endorse or take responsibility for the agencies listed herein.

**Community Resource Brochure - Updated June 2018**

- [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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### High-Five Friday

The 'high-five' is a nearly universal symbol celebrating and acknowledging a job well done.

'High-five' worthy moments happen every day in Mapleton, in every school building, on every school bus and within each department. These moments are always appreciated but can often go unrecognized as our to-do lists get longer and the days seem to move faster and faster.



To encourage the celebration of Mapleton's 'high-five' moments, we are thrilled to be launching "High-Five Fridays." Every week, families, students and staff are invited to share who in the Mapleton community deserves a high-five and why. All high-five moments from the week will be shared every Friday on our district website and social media. High-fives will also be published in our monthly family and staff newsletters. To share your 'high-five' celebration, email [communications@mapleton.us](mailto:communications@mapleton.us).

[The High-Fives have been pouring in! Click here to view them all!](#)



## How to submit a High Five:

**Step 1:** Select an individual or group at your school or in your department deserving of a High Five.

**Step 2:** In an email to [communications@mapleton.us](mailto:communications@mapleton.us), answer the following questions:

1. Individual/Group deserving of a High Five:
2. Individual/Group Affiliation (school or department, grade level taught, etc.):
3. Brief Description of why Individual/Group deserves a High Five:
4. Photo if you have one, or time we can stop by to snap a photo:
5. Recognition submitted by:

Or, [click here to complete the High Five nomination form](#).

The banner is purple with a gold starburst on the left containing a Facebook logo and the text: **#MapletonReads**  
Follow us on Facebook to connect with fellow readers and engage in weekly book discussions! Visit [www.mapleton.us](http://www.mapleton.us) for a list of Mapleton Reads events!

**Mapleton Reads**  
Community Reading Program

Mapleton Public Schools logo

Three book covers are displayed: **RAIN REIGN** by Ann M. Martin, **out of my mind** by Sharon M. Draper, and **REFUGEE** by Alan Gratz.

**Rain Reign** By Ann M. Martin    **Out of my Mind** By Sharon M. Draper    **Refugee** By Alan Gratz

## Pick up a copy of each book for some great winter break reading!

From now through January 2020, Mapleton is promoting the following three book titles as a part of the district's annual **Mapleton Reads** community reading program:

***Rain Reign* by Ann M. Martin**

***Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper**

***Refugee* by Alan Gratz**

As a community-reading program, one of the goals of **Mapleton Reads** is to promote literacy by encouraging families to read and discuss the books together. The three titles selected are highly recommended for families with children of all ages to read and discuss.

The entire Mapleton community is encouraged and challenged to participate in this reading initiative as a way of conveying the importance and value of literacy. **Books are available**

**for the community to check out at the Administration Building, 7350 N. Broadway, Denver. Stop by!**

[Learn more about each book online, www.mapleton.us.](http://www.mapleton.us)

### **Upcoming events at Anythink Libraries**

Anythink Libraries offer a full menu of fun, engaging activities for all ages to keep you and your family busy during winter break.

[Kids Cafe Monday Lunch](#) - Dec. 23, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Anythink Brighton

Join us for a drop-in lunch program sponsored by the Food Bank of the Rockies. For ages 18 and under.

[Open Studio](#) - Dec. 26, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Anythink Huron

Drop in to use our sewing machines, Cricuts, 3D printers and more. Get one-on-one or group help to start a new project, finish something you've started, or simply learn something new. The Studio will help you take your skills to the next level.

[Personal Computer and Technology Help](#) - Jan. 2, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Anythink York Street

Do you need help with your computer or other tech devices? Want to know how to download ebooks or attach a document to an email? The Anythink York Street tech guide is here to help. Personalized, one-on-one sessions are by appointment only. To schedule, call Anythink York Street at 303.405.3234 for more information.

[Find more events here!](#)

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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!

DriveSafe scholarship essay competition - In an effort to teach teenagers about the importance of making safe choices, DriveSafe Driving Schools is pleased to announce the **DriveSafe Scholarship Essay Competition**. On April 15, 2020, DriveSafe will award a scholarship of \$1,500 to a high school senior or graduate who plans to attend college in 2020.

To compete for the scholarship, students must complete the application by March 1, 2020 and write an original essay of 500 words or less about safe decision-making and the role it plays not only while behind-the-wheel but in all aspects of life.

The scholarship details and requirements can be found on the scholarship web page: <https://www.drivesafecolorado.com/scholarship/>.

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### Upcoming Events

**Monday, Jan. 20** - Martin Luther King Jr Day - District schools and offices closed

**Monday, Jan. 23** - District Science Fair | 4 - 6: 30 p.m. - Project viewing in the MEC/MESA Project Center, 6:30 p.m. - Awards

**Wednesday, Feb. 12** - District Spelling Bee

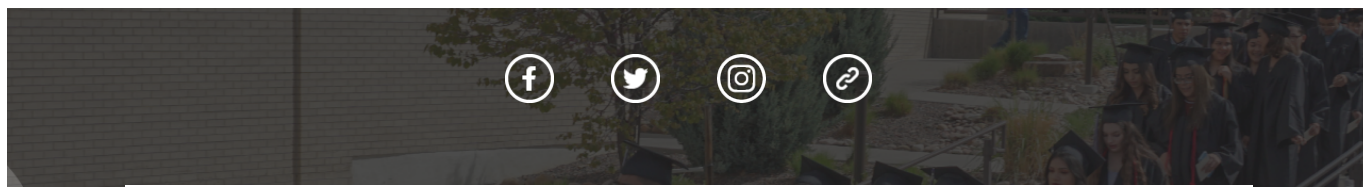
**Wednesday, April 15** - District Art Show

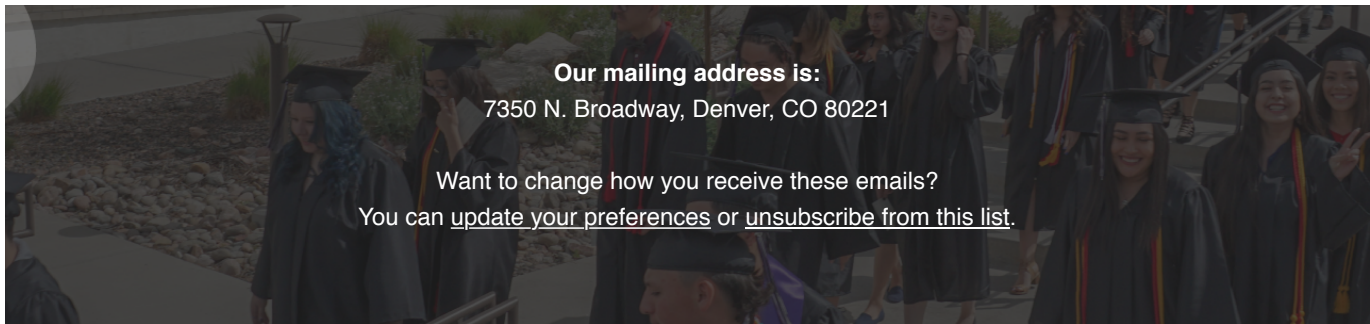
**Friday, May 8** - Celebrating Mapleton - Retirement and Awards for Excellence dinner

**Saturday, May 16** - District Graduation

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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.





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