



# The Learning Link

A newsletter for Mapleton parents and families



November 2019

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## 4A Class Champions!





On Saturday, Nov. 16, the Skyview Wolverines boys soccer team ended their playoff run with an incredible 2 – 1 win over two-time defending champions, Air Academy. The Wolverines made Mapleton history by claiming the Class 4A boys soccer state title, finishing their championship season undefeated, 18-0-2, overall.

Congratulations to our outstanding student athletes, Head Coach Justin Thomas, and Assistant Coach Dave Penny , for bringing home the trophy! The trophy will go on tour this December, visiting each high school in Mapleton for one day.

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Skyview Wolverines winter and spring sports are coming up next! Schedules and registration information are [available online](#).

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## News & Announcements



### Capital Construction Updates

#### Mapleton Arts Center - The MAC

In Mapleton, we believe that all students deserve the opportunity to perform on Broadway! The district's Performing Arts program continues to grow in both opportunities and student participation. Nearly 900 students throughout the district play in the band, orchestra, choir or marching band, or perform in the color guard or theater program. Unable to accommodate all students in the current Performing Arts space on the Skyview Campus, teachers and students can be found rehearsing early in the morning and throughout the school day in hallways or tucked into corners of the busy Skyview Student Center.

The Mapleton Arts Center, or the MAC, is the last building to be constructed on the Broadway Campus, and will help support the district's booming Performing Arts program and create exciting community partnership opportunities. The MAC will feature an auditorium with seating for 900 people, indoor and outdoor performance areas, classroom space, and much more. The MAC will also have a black box theater, which is a simple performance space that allows for flexible and creative stage use and audience interaction.

Neenan is in the final design phase of the MAC and expects to break ground on the building before the new year. The MAC will be located north of Global Primary Academy, in the northwest corner of the Broadway Campus. The MAC is expected to open in 2021, and will be available for use by all students from all Mapleton schools.

Construction on the new Explore PreK-8 is on time, and crews are beginning to work on landscaping around the building. Explore's current sixth graders, who will be the first group of seventh graders in the new building, had an opportunity to tour their new school and are excited to move in this August. A live camera feed of the progress is available [here](#).

Global Intermediate Academy is also on track to open in August 2020. Construction of the stairway is complete, windows have been installed in classrooms, and crews will soon begin construction of the library, made from Kalwall. The material will allow for unique illumination throughout the building.

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

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

In the book, "Driven by Data," Paul Bambrick-Santoyo introduces the idea of data-driven instruction as a philosophy for schools that focuses on two simple questions.

1. How do we know if our students are learning?
2. And if they are not, what do we do about it?

Bambrick-Santoyo continues to share, that "by making these two questions the center of their work, successful schools made a fundamental break from traditional education. What

matters is not whether the teacher taught it, but whether the students learned it."

At Monterey Community School, a school that became a Performance school this year, data-driven instruction has been the focus of School Director Brett Drobney since he joined Mapleton last year. Teachers participate in weekly, data-driven meetings to identify gaps and misconceptions in each student's understanding of recent lesson plans. From there, teachers use the data to inform the "why" they want students to be able to articulate after each lesson plan, and revisit or restructure lessons accordingly.

Academic improvement at Monterey is also informed by the use of Istation. Istation is a computer-based reading assessment that helps teachers and parents identify a student's strengths as well as areas of growth.

To learn more about how data-driven instruction works at your school, contact your child's teacher or school director.



## DISCOVERY

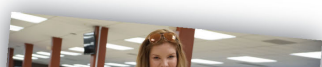
Preschool & Kindergarten Fair 2020

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!



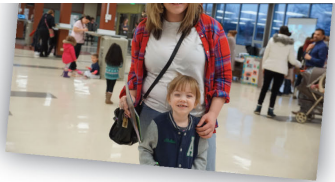
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020</b> <b>4 - 6 p.m.</b> <b>Skyview Student Center</b> <b>8990 York St.</b> <b>Thornton, 80229</b>	<b>Miércoles, 15 de Enero, de 2020</b> <b>4 - 6 p.m.</b> <b>Skyview Student Center</b> <b>8990 York St.</b> <b>Thornton, 80229</b>
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**Meet with staff!**







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



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



**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:**

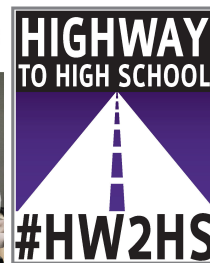
- Meet directors and teachers from all Mapleton schools available to incoming 7th graders
- Learn about extracurricular opportunities available to middle school students
- Explore exciting learning opportunities available through CareerX
- Learn about middle school sports and performing arts



#### 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 Rose 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, 8890 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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### **Prioritizing the 2020 Standards**

During the Board business meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19, Mapleton's Board of Education voted to approve the revised Colorado State Standards for all available content areas to be used to plan instruction for students, grades PreK - 12.

The 2020 Colorado Academic Standards were on display at the Administration Building for public comment, but no feedback was received. [The standards may also be viewed online.](#)

The following content areas have revised standards:

- Reading, Writing and Communicating
  - Science
  - Social Studies
  - Mathematics
  - Visual and Performing Arts
  - World Languages
  - Comprehensive Health and Physical Education
  - Computer Science
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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](#).




**#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

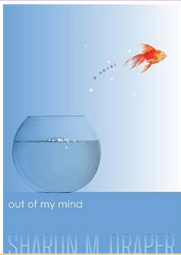
Community Reading Program




Mapleton  
Public Schools



**Rain Reign**  
By Ann M. Martin



**Out of my Mind**  
By Sharon M. Draper



**Refugee**  
By Alan Gratz



**Grab a book and start 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.

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

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**York International senior, Jeremy N., becomes first Mapleton student in more than a decade to make Colorado's All State Choir**

As one of Colorado's most prestigious and recognized performance groups, qualifying for All State Choir is no easy task. The audition process is competitive and requires incredible skill and

preparedness on part of the student. York International senior, Jeremy N. was up to the task!



Auditions are scored on a point system by qualified judges from the Colorado region. Once selected, students are given six songs specific to their choir for the All State Choir Concert. Students must rehearse and memorize their part before their second audition. Accepted students are placed in one of three choirs – the Mixed Choir, the Tenor/Bass Choir, and the

Treble Choir. Jeremy will be performing in the Tenor/ Bass Choir.

The Colorado All State Choir program runs from Thursday, Feb. 20, through Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DPCA). The concert will be held on Saturday, beginning at 4 p.m., at the Buell Theatre located in the DPCA. For more information, visit: <https://aschoir.com/>

We are so proud and excited for Jeremy to represent Mapleton this February! Stay tuned for more information as we near the event date.

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### **Kelly Grenham is named the Colorado Association of School Nurses Nurse of the Year!**

Congratulations to Mapleton's own Kelly Grenham on receiving the Colorado Association of School Nurses Nurse of the Year award!

This award recognizes the importance and work of school nurses by honoring a school nurse who has demonstrated excellence in school nursing practice and leadership in school health. Nominees for this award are evaluated on their contributions in three categories, including providing excellent school health care to students, developing professional relationships within schools, and advocating for student health through legislation efforts.

In Colorado, there are more than 500 school nurses, and we are thrilled to share that this is the second time Kelly has been recognized as the CASN Nurse of the Year. Her first nomination was in 2011.

"I am a little overwhelmed by it all, to be honest," Kelly said. "At the ceremony, there were six superstar nurses nominated, and to be standing next to them was pretty amazing."

Working in a smaller district, Kelly said she appreciates the meaningful relationships she is able to build with families by working with them year after year. "I came home when I



**Colorado Association of School Nurses  
2019 SCHOOL NURSE OF THE YEAR**

came into school health,” Kelly said. “What other jobs are there where you get to support people in such a meaningful way? Our job is about helping students do and feel their best every day, so they can be their very best in and outside of school.”

Kelly was nominated by Kathleen Keelan, Mapleton’s Director of Integrated Services. In her nomination essay, Kathleen wrote, “Kelly is a lead nurse here and embodies what an exceptional school nurse does in every way...I truly think she should be the CASN School Nurse of the Year. Kelly reminds me every day of what Florence Nightingale meant when she said, ‘Let us never consider ourselves finished nurses...we must be learning all of our lives.’”

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## ICYMI (In case you missed it)

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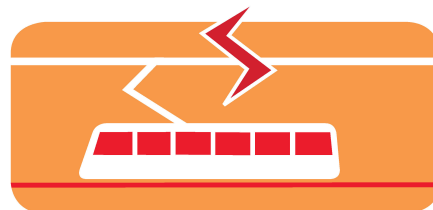
### Train safety

RTD wants you and your children to be safe around trains. RTD is currently running test runs of the N Line, the 13-mile commuter rail that will provide service from Union Station through Denver, Commerce City, Northglenn and eventually north Adams County. With two of the seven stations located in/near Mapleton, 88th Avenue and 104th Avenue, RTD is partnering with Mapleton to raise awareness about safety on and near trains.

Please note that RTD has installed a temporary barrier to prohibit public access to the pedestrian underpass at Original Thornton - 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue Station. RTD is encouraging parents to remind children that is both dangerous

and illegal to trespass at the stations along the future N Line or enter the commuter rail guideway during construction. The overhead electric wires are dangerous and full of

**Those wires  
are dangerous!**



**The wires above the train  
are full of electricity.**

**Don't try to reach the wires or  
throw things at the wires.**

**be safe around trains**

For more information  
go to [rtd-denver.com](http://rtd-denver.com)  
or call 303.299.6000.



electricity. Do not try to touch them or reach them with an object.

The underpass will open to the public with the N Line in 2020. For questions about the N Line construction, please contact RTD at 303-299-6000 or visit [rtd-denver.com](http://rtd-denver.com)

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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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# SKYVIEW CAMPUS LAB

**Mon. – Thurs. | 3:45 – 6:45 p.m.**

**The Skyview Campus LAB (Learning After the Bell) is officially open for the 2019-20 school year!**

The LAB is hosted at the MEC/MESA Project Center on the Skyview Campus (8980 York St., Thornton), and is open from 3:45 – 6:45 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Seventh through 12th-grade students in Mapleton are invited to use the LAB for tutoring, computer access, or for a safe, quiet place to work and study after school. Spanish tutoring is available on Thursdays.

Transportation to major neighborhood stops is provided, with buses departing the LAB at 6:30 p.m. Healthy snacks are offered by Nutrition Services.

For more information, please call 303.853.1972 or email [SilipoJ@mapleton.us](mailto:SilipoJ@mapleton.us).

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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 that Zero Hour classes will be canceled for that day as well as morning (AM) preschool. Full-day preschool will begin two hours late and afternoon (PM) 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).



On Friday, Oct. 25, more than 450 Mapleton supporters attended the Mapleton Education Foundation's 15<sup>th</sup> annual gala. Thanks to our generous friends and partners, we met our goal, raising more than \$278,000! This means all Mapleton's sixth graders will be able to go on the outdoor adventure of a lifetime at either Cal-Wood Education Center or Keystone Science School.

With those funds, the Foundation will also be able to award post-secondary scholarships to more than 45 students, helping to make their future dreams a reality.

We would like to once again thank our community for their continuous dedication to

Mapleton's students. A special thank you to our partners at Mountain States Toyota, Neenan Archistruction and Crescent Point Energy, just to name a few, for helping to bring exciting adventures to Mapleton students.

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### Reminder!

All schools are closed the week of Nov. 25 - 29. Mapleton's Administration Building will be closed Nov. 28 - 29. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday, Dec. 2.

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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.

