



**October 2019**



Last month, Explore Elementary students signed their names to a board that will become a permanent part of a wall in their new school building. Global Intermediate Academy students also got the chance to sign their names to a structural steel beam that will become a part of GIA's gym. Both the new Explore and Global Intermediate Academy school buildings remain on track to open in August of 2020.

Preliminary design conversations for the upcoming renovations at Monterey Community School and Achieve Academy are underway. Once Explore has moved into their new school

building, Mapleton will begin work on converting the current Explore building into a district preschool center. To view updates on all of the capital construction improvements happening around Mapleton, visit the [Capital Construction page](#) on our website.

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## News & Announcements



### Data-driven instruction in Mapleton

Mapleton strives to ensure every student in every classroom receives the support and opportunities needed to be successful. To that end, this year Mapleton teachers are heavily focused on data-driven instruction and will be using data analysis to improve knowledge, understanding, and skills for all students. Throughout the school year, teachers will review data and additional information to uncover gaps in student understanding and find opportunities for more relevant instruction.

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

Visit the [Colorado Department of Education's website to learn more about the Colorado Measures of Academic Success assessments](#) and how schools use assessment data to drive instruction.

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### **Prioritizing the 2020 Standards**

The Colorado Academic Standards form the foundation of Colorado's public education system by defining what every graduate of a public school in Colorado should know, understand and be able to do. SB 08-212 has a provision that requires the regular review and revision of Colorado Academic Standards every six years. The most recent revision is set to be implemented beginning in 2020.

The 2020 Colorado Academic Standards are on display at the Administration Building. Families are invited to review the materials and leave comments and questions. [The standards may also be viewed online.](#)

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### **Accreditation Report**

The Colorado Department of Education bases a district's accreditation on three criteria: student achievement (based on CMAS), student growth (CMAS and ACCESS) and post-secondary and workforce readiness measures, which include graduation rate, dropout rate, matriculation rate and SAT scores.

This year, Mapleton was assigned the accreditation rating of "Accredited with Improvement Plan." Mapleton has earned this rating for the past six years. It is considered healthy, however, a rating of "Accredited" is an attainable goal for the near future.

Individual schools are eligible for one of four plan type categories based on the percentage of points earned on the School Performance Frameworks. The four accreditation categories, from highest to lowest, are Performance Plan, Improvement Plan, Priority Improvement and Turnaround.

Mapleton is pleased to celebrate **eight schools in the Performance category** and **eight schools in the Improvement category**. Mapleton has two schools in Priority Improvement and no schools in Turnaround.

**SHARE KINDNESS**

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**PROMOTE ACCEPTANCE**

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**ENCOURAGE INCLUSION**

**=**

**BULLYING PREVENTION**

**OUR ACTIONS ADD UP.**  
**TOGETHER WE CAN CREATE**  
**A WORLD WITHOUT BULLYING**

 **PACER's  
National Bullying Prevention Center.**  
Create a World Without Bullying | [PACER.org/bullying](https://PACER.org/bullying)

**October is National  
Bullying Prevention Month**

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### **October is National Bully Prevention Month**

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, more than one out of every five students report being bullied.

PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center began recognizing the month of October as Bullying Prevention Month in 2006. The organization hopes to prevent bullying in schools, neighborhoods and online through information and awareness.

### **KnowBullying app**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration created the KnowBullying app to help parents, caregivers and educators recognize bullying, have easy, meaningful conversations about bullying with children, and share successful bullying prevention tips.

To learn more about the KnowBullying app,

visit <https://store.samhsa.gov/apps/knowbullying>

### **Olweus Bullying Prevention**

Mapleton is in the beginning stages of implementing the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program in all schools. The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP) is the most researched and best-known bullying prevention program available today and has been proven to prevent or reduce bullying throughout a school setting. This grant-funded program will be taught to all school leaders this school year and introduced to students next school year.

The goals of the program are:

- To reduce existing bullying problems among students.
- To prevent the development of new bullying problems.
- To achieve better peer relations at school.

OBPP is a whole-school, systems-change program that includes school-wide, classroom, individual and community program components.

To learn more about bullying prevention and OBPP, check out [What Every Family Should Know About Bullying.](#)





During October 2019 through January 2020, Mapleton will promote the following 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**

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. A class set of books will be delivered to each school this week. Books will also be available for the community to check out at the Administration Building.

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





### **SAVE THE DATE!**

#### **Immunization clinic - Wednesday, Nov. 13**

Mapleton is proud to partner with Tri-County Health to offer immunizations at low or no cost for families.

- **Date: Wednesday, Nov. 13**
- **Time: 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.**
- **Location: Skyview Student Center, 8990 York St., Thornton, 80229**

#### **Accepted Insurance:**

- Medicaid/CHP+
- Private insurance: Please bring an insurance card or have card information available.
- Unable to bill Kaiser plans.

**Service age range:** 2 months through 18 years of age

Immunizations offered include all **school-required and recommended vaccines.**

Please **bring a copy of your immunization record**, if available.

Please share this information with students and families and have them contact the Tri-County Immunization Hotline with any questions, 303.451.0123.



#### **Taste of Mapleton is October 21 - 25!**

In honor of National School Lunch Week, Mapleton's Nutrition Services Department is encouraging students to try something new during the **2019 Taste of Mapleton, Oct. 21 - 25!**

With the introduction of seasonal menus, our chefs will be phasing out fall dishes in favor of hearty and warm winter favorites. The first featured lunch item from the winter menu will be chicken noodle soup, made in-house in Chef Gabe's production kitchen on the Skyview Campus.

Other tasty lunch items that are sure to fuel both the body and mind include homemade tomato soup with grilled cheese, roasted chicken, chicken pot pie, beef and noodles, penne with meat sauce, cowpoke burger with green chili, and homemade chili. Nearly all of the menu items listed above are made in-house. Mapleton's Nutrition Services team has embraced the creative challenge of making healthier, tastier food for children while working within Federal nutrition services guidelines. The results are delicious! Nutrition Services also proactively keeps pricing down to encourage participation in school lunch.

For students in grades K-6, meal prices are \$1.90. For students in grades 7-12, meal prices are \$2.40. Parents are also invited to enjoy lunch for \$3.25. To add money to your child's school lunch account, visit [My School Bucks](#).

Families may apply for school lunch assistance online at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>.

All information on the free and reduced federal application is confidential and will not be shared or used for any other purposes.

#### **Taste of Mapleton lunch menu:**

- **Monday, Oct. 21:** homemade chicken noodle soup, taco pizza (made from scratch!)
- **Tuesday, Oct. 22:** lasagna, breakfast burrito (both made from scratch!)
- **Wednesday, Oct. 23:** sweet chili chicken (assembled in-house), beef taco (made from scratch!)
- **Thursday, Oct. 24:** popcorn chicken bowl (assembled in-house)
- **Friday, Oct. 25:** bean and cheese burrito (assembled in-house), twisted dog (assembled and wrapped in-house)

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**ADMISSION**  
\$6 for general admission  
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Free for senior citizens and  
Mapleton students with their school ID!

**LOCATION**  
Rosa Auditorium at the Skyview Campus  
8990 York. St., Thornton, CO 80229

**YOU  
CAN'T**



**SHOWTIMES**  
Friday, Nov. 15 @ 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 16 @ 2 p.m.



**TAKE IT  
WITH YOU**

A play by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman





**Directed by Jessica Short**  
Presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service

## ICYMI (In case you missed it)

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**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).

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### **Every vote counts!**

Election Day is coming up on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Register to vote or confirm your voter registration information online at [www.govotecolorado.com](http://www.govotecolorado.com). If you have recently moved or changed your name, you will need to update your voter registration information.

### **Did you know...?**

In Colorado, if you are 16 or 17 years old you are invited to pre-register to vote! By pre-registering to vote, you will automatically be registered to vote on your 18th birthday.

You can text 'CO' to '2VOTE' (28683) on your smartphone to update or complete your voter registration information.

[Visit the Adams County Elections page for additional election information.](#)

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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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The poster features a dark blue background with a forest scene at night. A pair of hands is shown holding a clear glass jar, from which numerous small, glowing yellow fireflies are emerging and floating upwards into the sky. The overall mood is magical and serene.

 **MAPLETON**  
EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
The path to great starts here.

# Fireflies & Starry Skies

## 2019 Annual Gala

**You're Invited**

<b>When</b>	Friday, October 25, 2019   5:30 p.m.
<b>Where</b>	The Westin Westminster 10600 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, CO 80020
<b>Tickets</b>	\$130 per ticket Sponsor levels available from \$1,500 - \$12,500

# Fireflies & Starry Skies

## 2019 Annual Gala

Please join us on Friday, October 25, 2019, in celebration of the Mapleton Education Foundation's 15th annual gala. Since its founding in 1992, the Foundation has played a key role in the success of Mapleton's small-by-design schools of choice. The Foundation has also helped over 600 students achieve their dreams of going to college. This year's gala will fund Adventures in Mapleton, specifically our outdoor education programs that inspire students to become curious explorers of the great big world around them. The remaining funds will be used to support the Foundation's scholarship programs.

### Purchase Tickets

Payments or donations can be made online by visiting [www.blacktie-colorado.com](http://www.blacktie-colorado.com) and entering event code: **15mapleton**. Beef short ribs will be served as the main entrée. If you prefer a vegetarian meal, please email [ramacciottid@mapleton.us](mailto:ramacciottid@mapleton.us).

Checks may be mailed to  
Mapleton Education Foundation  
attn: Danielle Ramacciotti  
7350 N. Broadway, Denver, CO, 80221

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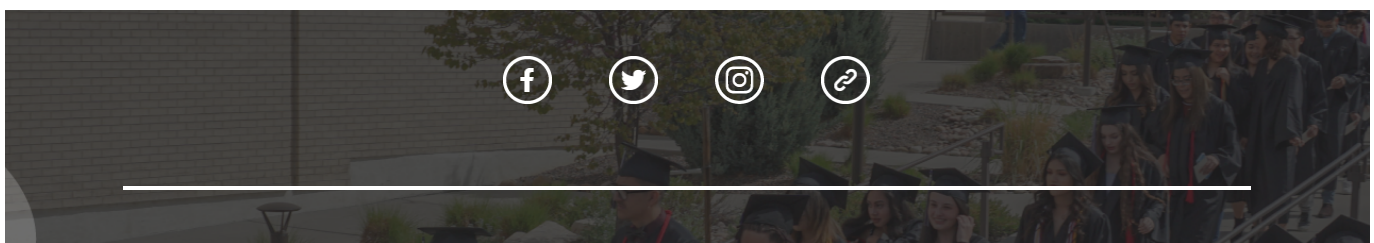
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### Reminder!

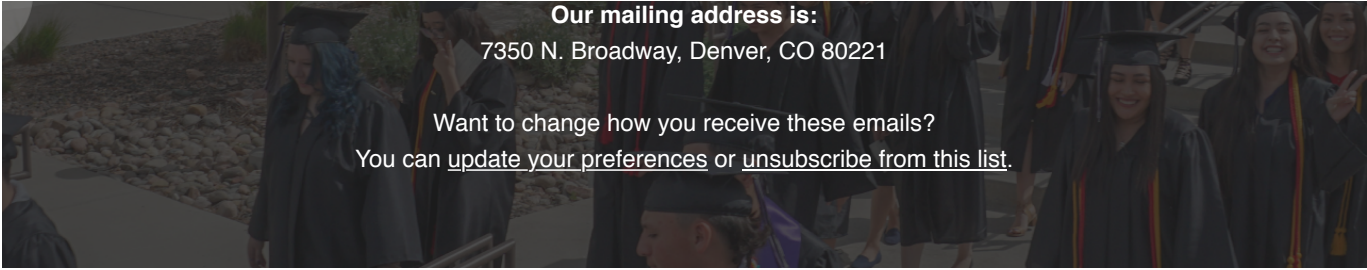
There is **no school for students on Thursday, Oct. 17 and Friday, Oct. 18**. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday, Oct. 21!

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Email your questions or comments to [Communications@mapleton.us](mailto:Communications@mapleton.us) or call 303.853.1018.







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