



# The Learning Link

Parent & Family Newsletter

**Friday, Feb. 23, 2024**

**The Learning Link** is Mapleton's biweekly newsletter for families. Do you have a story idea or a suggestion for our next issue? We'd love to hear from you! Email [communications@mapleton.us](mailto:communications@mapleton.us).

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## News from Mapleton Public Schools

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### Mapleton adds Teacher Preparation Pathway to CTE portfolio

Mapleton is pleased to add one more pathway to the District's growing list of Career and Technical Education opportunities. To proactively support the development of local high-quality teachers, the new Teacher Prep Pathway will prepare interested high school students for a career in K-12 education.

K-12 teaching careers are expected to see a 16.3 percent growth rate between 2022 and 2032, with 19,374 annual job openings in Colorado, and a median annual salary of \$50,180.

This pathway will be available to high school students at all Mapleton high schools. Participating students will be members of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. Additional program information will be available soon.

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## Listening and Learning tour - coming to a SAAC near you!

Senior Deputy Superintendent Mike Crawford's Listening and Learning tour is underway! Mr. Crawford is hoping to hear from as many families, students, staff, and community members as possible as he prepares to lead the district as Superintendent beginning on July 1, 2024.

Mapleton families are invited to share their thoughts, concerns, ideas, and questions at an upcoming School Accountability and Advisory Committee meeting.

### Upcoming dates and locations:

- Monday, Feb. 26 – Explore PK-8 @ 3:15 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 29 – MEC Prep @ 5 p.m.
- Friday, March 1 – Adventure Elementary @ 8:15 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 6 – North Valley @ 6 p.m.
- Monday, March 25 – Clayton Partnership @ 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 29 – Achieve Academy @ 8:45 a.m.

For questions or more information contact the Office of the Superintendent, at 303.853.1015, or [communications@mapleton.us](mailto:communications@mapleton.us).

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## It's time to complete the Annual Update!

School placement letters will begin arriving in inboxes next week! If you need to select a new school for the 2024-25 school year, please do so today!

**The following families are encouraged to complete the Annual Update as soon as possible for the best chance of being placed in their first-choice school:**

- Families with preschool students advancing to kindergarten (will be 5 years old by Oct. 1).
- Families with sixth-grade students at Adventure Elementary and Welby Community School of the Arts advancing to seventh grade.
- Families with eighth-grade students at Achieve Academy, Clayton Partnership School, Explore PK-8, Meadow Community School, Monterey Community School, and Trailside Academy advancing to ninth grade.
- Families interested in attending a different Mapleton school for the upcoming school year.



All other families are encouraged to complete the Annual Update. The Annual Update is the online process where current Mapleton families may:

- Update contact information and emergency contacts.
- Add and enroll additional student(s) in the household.
- Enroll in a new school for the upcoming school year for a current student.
- Confirm enrollment for the upcoming school year for a current student.

To access the Annual Update feature in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal:

- [Log in to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) using your username and password. **Need help logging in? Please get in touch with the main office of your child's school.**
- Once you are logged in, select the "More" button in the bottom left-hand corner.
- Select the "Annual Update" button in the screen's bottom center.
- Continue to follow the prompts to complete the Annual Update for your family.

**Learn more about Enrollment and the Annual Update process!**



**Congratulations, Pat Weir!**

Congratulations to Skyview Wolverines Athletic Director Pat Weir on being awarded the 2023-24 Athletic Director of the Year for the Colorado League!

Weir earned this honor by receiving the top number of votes from his peers in the Colorado League after an outstanding year of Skyview athletics.

Highlights from this year include sending the cheer team to nationals, league titles in boys and girls track, volleyball, girls basketball, and two competing state wrestlers!

"I did not earn this award by myself," Weir said. "Everyone from the Athletic Secretary, the Athletic Trainer, the coaches, the game workers, security, the SROs, the players, and the parents contributed. On top of all of the team accomplishments I am proud of our student-athletes who are showing up every day and working hard to get better."

By earning this title, Weir is eligible for the Colorado Athletics Directors Association (CADA) Athletic Director of the Year at the CADA conference in April.

We are honored to have Pat Weir in Mapleton and appreciate all he does to support our student-athletes and community!

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## What's JROTC up to?

Mapleton's Air Force JROTC program is coming off a very productive stretch!

First, select cadets participated in the 2024 Air Force Academy Warfare Symposium, where they were exposed to more than 150 defense contractors showcasing their newest technologies. The

cadets met with engineers, flew in flight simulators, handled military equipment, and received a pep-talk from the 2nd Air Force Commander, Major General Michele C. Edmondson.

Later, cadets visited the Colorado Veterans Community Living Centers, at Fitzsimmons. The Centers provide long-term care and supportive living environments for honorably discharged veterans, their spouses/widows, and Gold Star parents of children who died while serving in the armed forces. During their time, Mapleton's cadets helped residents to and from their rooms, danced and roasted s'mores with them, and talked with veterans about their military experience.

Finally, Mapleton's JROTC Color Guard presented the Colors before a Colorado Eagles Hockey game, in Loveland. It was a packed house at Blue Arena as the cadets stood tall for the opening ceremonies.

Nice job, cadets!

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## **Do you have a Mapleton senior? It's time to apply for an MEF scholarship!**

The Mapleton Education Foundation (MEF) provides access to post-secondary education, enables participation in district and extra-curricular programs, fosters creativity and innovation in the classroom, and engages community support to fulfill this commitment to generations ongoing. Improving access to post-secondary education is highlighted in our scholarship program.

Post-secondary education has become so expensive that many families can no longer afford it. To ensure that every high-potential student has access to post-secondary education, the Mapleton Education Foundation provides scholarships to high-need, high-potential Mapleton students. Most of our scholarship recipients are the first in their families to attend college.

**Mapleton seniors have exclusive access to a variety of scholarship opportunities through MEF. Scholarships are available for students who are interested in attending a traditional university or college.** As well as vocational or technical schools, and even apprenticeship programs in-state or out-of-state. Through a competitive application process MEF awards approximately thirty scholars annually, with scholarships totaling over \$230,000.

[Learn more here!](#)

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## **Helpful Links**

[School Calendars](#)

[What's for Lunch?](#)

[Work in Mapleton](#)

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## **Upcoming Events**

**Wednesday, Mar. 6** - 2-Hour Late Start (All Schools)

**Thursday, Mar. 7** - District Science Fair

**Monday, Mar. 11** - Collaborative Day (No School for Students)

**Monday, Mar. 18 - Friday Mar. 22** - Spring Break (No School for Students)

**Tuesday, Mar. 26** - DAAC (Link: TBD)

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Mapleton Public Schools is an internationally accredited public school district located in the Thornton/North Denver area of unincorporated Adams County. We are committed to raising expectations, providing choices for learning, and removing obstacles for all students so that we can guarantee all students achieve their dreams and enthusiastically contribute to their community, country, and world.

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