



Mapleton Public Schools

# The Learning Link

Parent & Family Newsletter

**Friday, April 19, 2024**

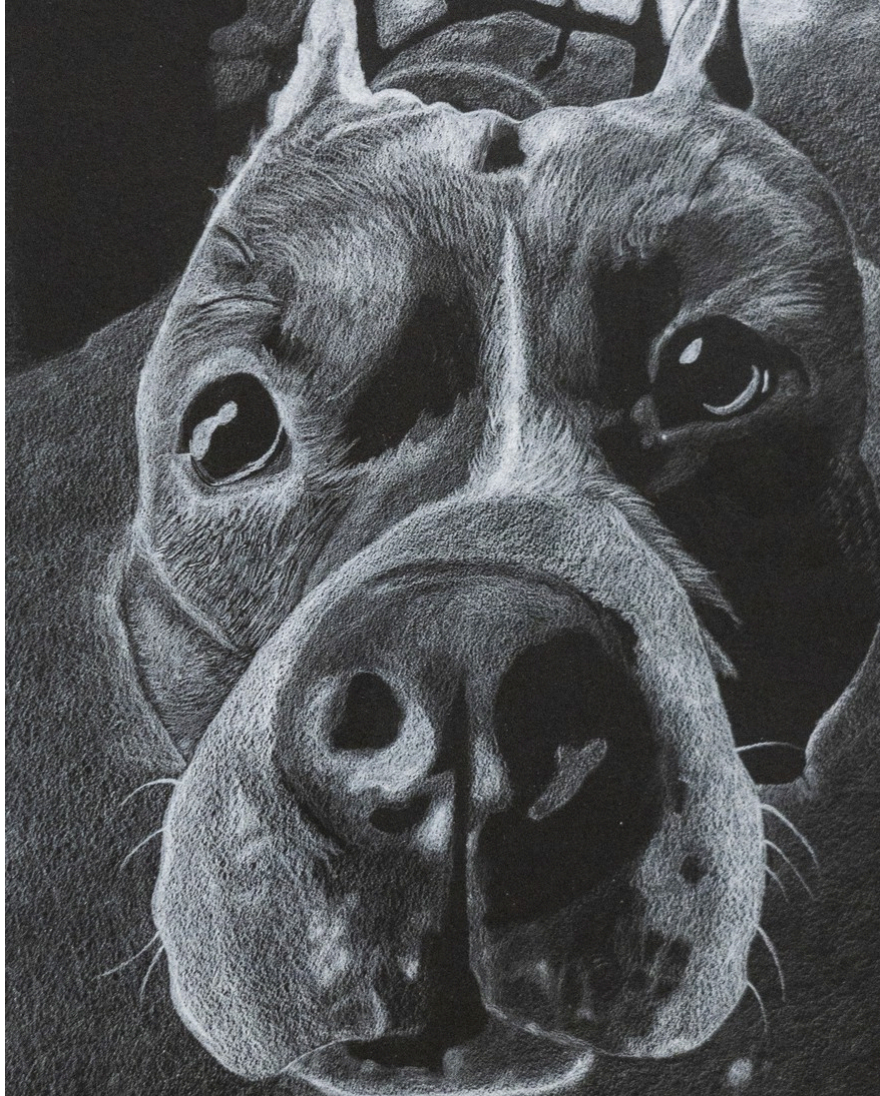
**The Learning Link** is Mapleton's biweekly newsletter for families. Do you have a story idea or a suggestion for our next issue? We'd love to hear from you! Email [communications@mapleton.us](mailto:communications@mapleton.us).

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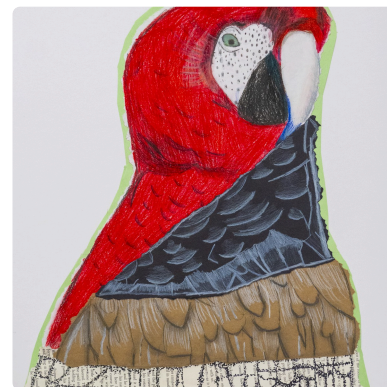
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**Congratulations to Mapleton's outstanding artists!**



This annual District Art Show, held on Wednesday, April 17, featured 513 projects submitted from Mapleton students grades K-12, making it the largest art show to date!

Congratulations to MESA 11th-grader, Nevaeh L., on winning Best in Show for 9-12th grade for her dog portrait, "Ariel." Also, congratulations to Achieve Academy 3rd grader, Elaiza S., on winning Best in Show for K-8th grade with her colorful painting titled, "Macaw."



Art show participants were nominated by their art teacher as a way to honor and celebrate creative work and learning. A juried show, art show categories include 2-D, 3-D, Sculptural, Age Group, School, Judges Choice and Best of Show. Judges selected winners based on originality, creativity and craftsmanship.

Mapleton's Arts program encourages students to make connections about concepts in art and design to history, literature, politics, science, and mathematics. Through inquiry, discovery, and creation of work, Art Education provides students with unique experiences and skills that will benefit them for a lifetime.

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**New Skyview record holder!**



### Wednesday was a big night in Mapleton!

At the Northglenn Invitational, Academy High School junior Sofia Cabrera shattered Mapleton's 32-year-old record in the discus! The record was set in 1992 by Kim Walczyk with a 130-06 set. History was made when Sofia broke the record with a 133-04 set on Wednesday, April 17! Congratulations, Sofia!



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## News from Mapleton Public Schools



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# Join Us!

Please join us to say "See you Later" to Superintendent Charlotte Ciano! Light refreshments will be served, great memories will be shared, and eras will be celebrated! We hope to see you there!

Thursday

# May 30

2:30-4:30 p.m.



at the Mapleton Arts Center  
7480 Broadway, Bldg 4, Denver, CO 80221

### Help us say "See you later" to Superintendent Ciano

After serving as Superintendent of Mapleton Public Schools for nearly 24 years, Superintendent Charlotte Ciano is retiring. Join us for a special community event celebrating her time, work, and legacy in Mapleton.

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**Anythink York Branch to close on Friday, May 15**

Next month, Anythink's York Street branch will be closing its doors and moving to its new location, 2211 Eppinger Blvd – just four blocks north of the Skyview Campus. While we are sad to see the library go, we are looking forward to visiting [Anythink's new building](#) and enjoying many new experiences, opportunities, classes, and of course, books. The new Anythink building is scheduled to open in October 2024. Library services will be provided via Bookmobile at Thornton Community Park throughout the summer and into the fall.

**Anythink York Street will close permanently at 5 p.m. Friday, May 17.** This means after Friday, May 17, students, staff, and community members will no longer be able to visit the Anythink Library on the Skyview Campus and the building will be closed.

**If your child currently goes to Anythink York Street after school, this will no longer be an option after Friday, May 17.** Please make plans to ensure your child is picked up from school right after the bell. There is no after-school care or supervision on the Skyview Campus once school is released for the day. For their safety, students are not allowed to wait for friends or siblings in another school building or in another area on the Skyview Campus.

### **Transportation Services**

Mapleton is pleased to provide school bus transportation to all students at no cost. For information about bus routes or to submit a bus rider application for your child, please contact Mapleton's Transportation Services team, 303.853.1095, or talk to your school director.

### **YMCA After School Care**

YMCA Metro Denver offers Out of School Time Care to students ages 5-13. For locations in Mapleton and registration information, visit [YMCA's website](#).

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## **Graduation 2024**

Mapleton's class of 2024 is just one month away from graduation day! Please note the following important dates and information.

### **Friday, May 17**

- **7:30 a.m. – Senior Scholarship Breakfast**
  - This event honors members of the class of 2024 who received a scholarship to help them pursue their post-secondary dreams.
- **10:30 a.m. – Graduation practice (mandatory)**
  - All graduates are required to report to the Rosa Auditorium on the Skyview Campus (8990 York St., Thornton, 80229) for graduation practice.
- **12:30 p.m. – Senior BBQ at the Skyview Student Center**

### **Saturday, May 18 – Graduation!**

- **8 a.m.** – Graduates must arrive at the Rosa Auditorium on the Skyview Campus
- **10 a.m.** – Graduation begins, DiTirro Stadium on the Skyview Campus

Event details, including parking, weather updates, and a link to the live stream of the event are available on Mapleton's website.

### Mortarboard Decoration Information

Mapleton students in the class of 2024 **will be allowed** to decorate the tops of their mortarboards (caps). Cap decorating is optional, and it is perfectly fine for students to not decorate their caps. Learn more about the [dos and don'ts of mortarboard decorations](#).

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## It's almost prom night in Mapleton!

**Prom 2024 is on Saturday, April 27**

Mapleton juniors and seniors are invited to attend Prom 2024 on Saturday, April 27. Prom will be held at Coors Field, 2001 Blake St., Denver, 80205, from 7-11 p.m. The theme this year is Casino Night.

Tickets are available to 11th and 12th-grade students and their guests. Guests must be 9th-12th grade students and under 21 years of age. If you have a junior or senior who would like to bring a guest that does not attend Mapleton Public Schools, your child must have their school director fill out a guest pass. [Download the guest pass here](#).

[Tickets are \\$40 per person and may be purchased online.](#)

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## Mapleton night at Skyzone

Mapleton Freshmen Ambassadors are pleased to announce the first ever **Mapleton Night at Sky Zone**! All **current Mapleton high school students** are invited to join us on **Tuesday, May 7, from 7-9 p.m.** for a **FREE** evening of trampoline fun.

The details:

- The event is limited to the first 200 participants to arrive.
- Students must arrange their own transportation.
- All participants must sign the waiver which is available on the Sky Zone website.
- Freshmen Ambassadors will be selling snacks and more at the event.
- Please contact Hannah Drager ([dragerh@mapleton.us](mailto:dragerh@mapleton.us)) or Kathryn Condon ([condonk@mapleton.us](mailto:condonk@mapleton.us)) with questions.



**Mapleton Sky Zone Night Flyer.pdf**

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## Attendance Matters - How Mapleton schools are making every day count

When Edgar Torres started at Academy High School as its new school director in 2022, he was shocked at how low its average daily attendance (ADA) was the previous year, hovering at about 79-80 percent. He acknowledged part of the problem was the country as a whole was still recovering from the pandemic and families were readjusting, but he knew things had to change.

"Plenty of studies show that if you come to school, you're more likely to get higher grades, or pass, or receive credits," he said. "And students need credits to walk across the stage at the end of their senior year. That's the most important thing."

In November, Mapleton's Board of Education voted unanimously to approve a [new Student Attendance and Chronic Absenteeism policy, JH/JHB](#). The new policy, [available here](#), combines policy JH, Student Absences and Excuses, and policy JHB, Truancy, and outlines Mapleton's structured approach to promoting school attendance and combating chronic absenteeism.

The revised policy affirms Mapleton's unwavering commitment to consistent school attendance. Through early detection, parent/guardian collaboration, strategic interventions, and a commitment to providing resources necessary to support regular attendance, Mapleton seeks to achieve the highest possible attendance rates, ensuring that all students have equitable access to the educational opportunities affording to them.

Hear from our students and staff as to why they think Attendance Matters.

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## Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (S-EBT) Program

Summer EBT helps families buy food during the summer months. If you qualify, you will get \$40 per child for each month when school is not in session. This amounts to up to \$120 per child. You'll receive a card pre-loaded with money in the mail.

### You are eligible if...

- You already participate in SNAP, TANF or Medicaid
- Your child attends a school that offers the National School Lunch or School Breakfast program, and you qualify based on income.

### How can you receive benefits?

- Make sure your school has a meal benefits form or household income application on file.
- Make sure your school has your current address and parent/guardian information.

Your family will automatically qualify if you participate in SNAP, TANF or Medicaid. EBT cards will be mailed by the Colorado Department of Human Services. For more information on student eligibility and common questions, visit the [Colorado Department of Human Services webpage](#).

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## Mapleton is hiring!

Mapleton Public Schools (Adams County District 1) is dedicated to attracting and retaining high-quality teachers, administrators, and support staff and is committed to providing focused professional development programs and competitive compensation packages to its employees.

Please check our [Careers page](#) for a full list of current job opportunities in Mapleton Public Schools.

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## Helpful Links

[School Calendars](#)

[What's for Lunch?](#)

[Work in Mapleton](#)

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## Upcoming Events

**Friday, April 19** - Teacher Trade Day

**Thursday, April 25** - Mariachi, Honors Orchestra Performance, 6-8 p.m.

**Friday, April 26** - Solo and Ensemble Festival, 4:30-8:30 pm.

**Saturday, April 27** - Prom, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 1** - 2 Hour Late Start (All Schools)

**Monday, May 13** - Collaborative Day (No school for students)

**Saturday, May 18** - Graduation, Class of 2024!

**Monday, May 27** - Memorial Day (District Closed)

**Thursday, May 30** - Last day of school! (2 hour early dismissal, all schools)

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## About Us

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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