Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2023

The *Tuesday Takeaway* is a weekly e-newsletter distributed to all Mapleton staff. This quick-hitstyle newsletter contains the news you need for the week ahead!

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Welcome Back, Mapleton!

Thank you for walking the purple carpet with us as we get ready for another great school year in Mapleton! A big congratulations to our school song winners – tying for first place – Academy High School, and Monterey Community School! Check out more wonderful Welcome Back photos on our <u>Facebook page</u>.

Tuesday Takeaways is back with a new look

Welcome to the new and improved Tuesday Takeaway! The look is new, but the newsletter is still full of quick hits and good news from around the district.

To that end, we want your submissions! These will celebrate students and staff, provide school or department news, or provide important announcements that impact Mapleton staff. Please send submissions to <u>communications@mapleton.us</u>. Submissions are due every Monday by 12 p.m.

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Mapleton welcomes more than 70 new teachers

We were thrilled to welcome 72 new teachers to the Mapleton family at last week's New Teacher Orientation. They participated in workshops and trainings to get ready for a great school year, collaborated on challenges, and dug into the work of Rigorous Curriculum Design. They join a remarkable team of returning

teachers and staff dedicated to helping our students reach their full potential.

Thank you to all the enthusiastic teachers for their engagement, and to all instructional guides and content teachers who supported them with standards, planning, and curricular resources.

This orientation is always a special opportunity for new teachers, whether they are new to the profession or new to the district, to discover Mapleton's mission and values and make important connections with the many people available to support them throughout the year. Welcome aboard, new teachers!

If any new teachers would like to touch base for any reason, please feel free to contact Toni Booth, Educator Pathways Coordinator, ext.1051, or <u>Bootha@mapleton.us</u>.

Help us get the word out about Healthy School Meals for All

Beginning this year, all Mapleton students will have access to free, nutritious school meals thanks to the <u>Healthy School Meals for All</u> program, which was approved by Colorado voters last fall. We are asking for staff help to not only remind students and families about this program but also to encourage them to continue to fill out the meal benefit application, <u>available online</u>.



It's important for us to continue gathering this information to receive access to available federal funds that support programs at schools. Families who fill out the form may also qualify to receive discounted school fees, class materials, bus passes, utilities support and more.

Resources for Living Employee Assistance Program

As a new school year commences, it's crucial to emphasize the significance of prioritizing your health and overall well-being. Remember that as a Mapleton employee, you and every member of your household have access to Resources for Living, the employee



assistance program. This valuable program offers free, confidential support and operates 24/7.

Whether you prefer in-person, online, or televideo counseling sessions, the program is here to assist you. From managing grief, depression, and anxiety to maintaining a healthy work-life balance and addressing substance misuse, Resources for Living is equipped to provide aid for various challenges. To discover more about the program and arrange for its services, please visit the <u>provided link</u>.

Mapleton Education Foundation

Wolverines Welcomed Back!

Last Friday, the Mapleton Education Foundation hosted its annual Wolverine Welcome Back-to-School event at the Skyview Campus. It was great to see so many of our students and families, as we handed out more than 500 backpacks filled with school supplies, all provided by our generous partner, A Precious Child. Representatives



from our Transportation, Nutrition, and Health Services teams, as well as members of our Athletic Department, Performing Arts, and Air Force Junior ROTC Cadet Squadron, were also on hand to answer families' questions. Thanks to everyone who helped make the event a success to help students prepare for the upcoming school year.

Integrated Services

Olweus and SEL update

Integrated Services has put together a new <u>SharePoint site for all SEL instructional resources</u>. This site includes information for all programs in Mapleton, state SEL and health standards, and resources for your Olweus Bullying Prevention efforts. Any questions about the site or resources can be directed to <u>Karen Hoppis</u>, SEL and Bullying Prevention Coordinator, or <u>Jacque Ewing</u>, Coordinator Post Secondary Options/BPEG Implementation Coach.

Monthly Olweus resources

The district Olweus Bullying Prevention team has put together monthly thematic resources for all teachers for grades K-12. <u>August's theme is Community</u>. On the page, you will find articles and linked lesson plans for each grade band that coincide with the theme. Teachers that try out a lesson or two can submit their reflections and be entered to win a prize. We will also be collecting nominations for student and staff members of the month in order to celebrate people that exemplify each monthly theme. Please join us in building community across the district!

More HealthSmart materials, grades K-8

This year, K-8th grade teachers will be receiving more <u>HealthSmart materials</u> to supplement the teachers' guides and workbooks already in your building. HealthSmart teaches the essential concepts and skills students need to know and practice to adopt healthy behaviors. It covers emotional and mental health, personal health and wellness, injury and violence prevention, as well as nutrition and physical activity. Printed teacher guides and student workbooks have been purchased for grades K-5, and the 6th-8th curriculum will be available in their <u>digital format, which integrates with Canvas.</u> If you have questions or want support, please reach out to <u>Karen Hoppis</u>.

Teaching and Learning

Interim Quarter 1 Update

Quarter 1 ELA and Math Interims and Planning Resources are ready for use. Interims will be developed by Pearson and can be accessed through the Adam platform. All high school math assessments are developed by Carnegie. Please see the updated support documents on the Teaching and Learning SharePoint site. Updated documents include:

- \cdot Standards Maps-mapping the interim questions to specific standards
- · Quarterly Pacing Documents
- \cdot HS Math updated priority standards
- \cdot HS Quarterly updated quarterly pacing
- \cdot HS Pacing of lessons recommendations

Multilingual Support Services links

Thank you to all the new educators who attended our presentation overview of Multilingual Support Services. Below are the New Teacher Orientation Multilingual Program Services <u>presentation</u> and "For Future Reference" links that accompanied that presentation.

- 1. Website: Colorado English Language Development standards
- 2. Article: WIDA Focus Bulletin <u>Interactive Learning with Multilingual Learners in Content-Area</u> <u>Classrooms</u>
- 1. Article: WIDA Can Do Philosophy
- 2. Video: Why cognition is key Conceptual Reservior
- 3. Handout: Finding ELL plans 04 ELL Plan Instructions 2023-24.pdf
- 4. Handout: People I can reach out to for help 00 ELL Lead Contact Sheet 2023-24.docx

Upcoming Events

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Wednesday, Aug. 9 – Professional Development Day
Thursday, Aug. 10 – Collaborative Day
Friday, Aug. 11 – Teacher Work Day
Monday, Aug. 14 – First day of school, grades 1-12
Tuesday, Aug. 15, and Wednesday, Aug. 16 - Kindergarten start days
Monday, Aug. 21 - Preschool first day of school
Monday, Sep. 4 – Labor Day



Tuesday Takeaway Call for Submissions

Let's brag about it! Is something happening in your school that you would love to highlight or "show off?" We know you are awesome, so let's celebrate it! Please submit a paragraph and pictures detailing your good news to <u>communications@mapleton.us</u>. **Email:** <u>communications@mapleton.us</u>

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