

# Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023

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



## DONORS CHOOSE

### **Teachers can apply for up to \$800 for school materials from CDE, DonorsChoose**

In case you missed the news last week, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) is partnering with the nonprofit DonorsChoose to provide teachers with up to \$800 in classroom supplies. The funding comes from federal pandemic relief money intended to help students recover from COVID learning disruptions.

Teachers will have to describe how the materials will contribute to learning recovery in their applications. Those materials could include things like equipment for science experiments, games, and puzzles to bolster reading skills, or hands-on materials that help students learn multiplication or fractions.

In addition to the up to \$800 for supplies, each teacher can receive as much as \$200 in fees, shipping, and other costs from the CDE. Teachers can expect the materials to be shipped directly to the school shortly after. The state has until Sep. 30 to distribute the money.

To participate, teachers can visit the [DonorsChoose Colorado page](#) and submit a request. The organization will review requests and will decide which applications to fund within five business days.

The application is open now, and requests will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis until the funding runs out, which is expected to happen quickly.



## **Two Academy seniors receive National Hispanic Recognition Award**

Congratulations to Academy High School seniors Amy B. and Yeriel R., who received the National Hispanic Recognition Award from the nonprofit College Board! To earn the award, students must not only score in the top 10 percent of all Latinx students in Colorado on the PSAT/NMSQT, but also have a GPA of at least 3.5.

Amy and Yeriel can include this prestigious honor on college and scholarship applications, and many colleges around the country are known to offer lucrative scholarships to students with the award.

We're very excited for both students and the opportunities that await them. Way to go!

## **Mapleton Early Career Prep a semifinalist in national career competition**

Mapleton Early Career Prep (MEC Prep) was just selected as a semifinalist in the Career Z Challenge, a national prize competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education to help students prepare for life after graduation. MEC was among 100 schools, school districts, and nonprofits from 35 states selected as semifinalists, who will all receive \$10,000 to fund project proposals.

MEC students plan to use the money to start a student-focused store, among other uses, and students will work with community organizations to not only provide guidance on business decisions but also help find products to purchase at a reasonable rate.

Each semifinalist will be judged on the strength of their programs next summer. In August 2024, up to 10 finalists will be selected to expand their programs, with even more resources, with an opportunity to receive prize awards of \$150,000. [Read more here.](#)



## **A message from the Security and Safe School Environments team**

As the school year gets rolling, our Security and Safe School Environments team would like to make the following requests to staff.

**ID badges** - Staff must wear ID badges at all times. ID badges must be worn above your waist either on a lanyard or clipped on your garment. High school students should also be encouraged to wear ID badges as we work to make this standard procedure throughout the district.

**[Standard Response Protocols](#)** - School staff are encouraged to review the [SRP](#) prior to scheduled lockdowns and secure drills.

If you have a safety or security issue at your site, contact School Safety Director [Dan Jimenez](#), ext. 1058 for guidance and assistance.

### **Assessment team provides edCLIMBER instructions**

Our Assessment team has detailed instructions for how to use the eduCLIMBER system, such as how to log in, access or download data, and create smartFORMs. You can find those instructions here: [eduCLIMBER\\_help\\_links.docx](#).

If you have questions, please reach out to [Eleanor Burns](#), Director of Assessment, at ext. 1046.

## Integrated Services

### **Olweus Bullying Prevention Monthly Themes**

The Bullying Prevention team will introduce a new theme each month based on the principles of Olweus. In August, the theme was Community. Congratulations to GIA students Melanie F., Jose C., and staff member Nao Vang for their work building community at their school.

Every month, the Bullying Prevention team wants to honor students displaying Olweus characteristics. If you would like to nominate your students contact [Karen Hoppis](#).

The theme for September is "Communication." [Check out the resources here](#) and nominate a student or staff member of the month. Let's celebrate others in our community who communicate well!

### **HealthSmart Update K-8**

Last week schools received HealthSmart print materials for grades K-5 (or 6). Teachers can [register for website access with ETR](#) to access images, slides, and K-2 worksheets in English and Spanish. Those resources are also uploaded to the [HealthSmart page in SharePoint](#). You should refer to your printed teacher guides for full lesson plans as that is not available online for teachers who use the printed curriculum. Fourth and fifth grade teachers will have expanded digital access through Canvas for 90 days since their teacher guides are backordered until September.

Schools that have requested digital licenses for grades 6-8 have been emailed separately for each teacher to understand the Canvas integration. Teachers will also receive an invitation to a HealthSmart Canvas course to ask questions about the content and to have access to model assignments.



There is a [self-paced orientation to the curriculum](#) available on the ETR site once you [register for website access](#). [Karen Hoppis](#), x3198, is also available to support you or your school.

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# HOMECOMING

SKYVIEW WOLVERINES vs ADAMS CITY EAGLES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 | KICKOFF AT 7 PM  
GEORGE DITIRRO STADIUM

## Homecoming is Friday, Sept. 15!

Mapleton's homecoming celebration will take place on Friday, Sept. 15. As a district-wide event, all schools will dismiss two hours early so all students may participate in and enjoy the parade, and festivities. For a schedule of events and parade map, [visit our website](#).

## Upcoming Events

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**Monday, Sept. 4** – Labor Day - All schools and district offices closed

**Thursday, Sept. 7** – Campus POW/MIA 9/11 Ceremony, DiTirro Stadium, 10-10:45 a.m.

**Friday, Sept. 15** – District Homecoming! All schools will dismiss two hours early.

**Monday, Sept. 18** - Virtual Community Conversation, 6-6:30 p.m. [Join here](#).

**Tuesday, Sept. 19** - DAAC meeting, 4:30 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 25** - Professional Development for Staff - No School for Students



### 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 [communications@mapleton.us](mailto:communications@mapleton.us).

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