

Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 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!



Global Leadership Academy students celebrate September

Students at Global Leadership Academy got ready for the fall equinox with a day of rock climbing at Staunton State Park with the Colorado Mountain Club last Friday. The students stepped out of their comfort zones and overcame their fears while learning about friction and balance to belay and climb. They built confidence, teamwork, patience, and perseverance while enjoying beautiful views of Pikes Peak. Everyone had an amazing time and are eager to go back, learn more, and make the trip a regular event.

Earlier in the week, GLA kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month with an Independence Day celebration. Students participating in Spanish for Native Speakers marched through the halls presenting the traditional Grito de Dolores, which represents the start of Mexican independence and is celebrated every year in Mexico on September 16. This month, they will undertake research projects that will link their personal interests to Hispanic heritage, which they will present to their peers. Topics will include Hispanic female leaders, Colorado's Hispanic history, and Latin American biodiversity.



Thank you to the GLA team for sharing these great stories and photos! Want to be our next School Spotlight? Email your good news and photos to communications@mapleton.us.



Teachers can apply again for up to \$800 for school materials from DonorsChoose

Teachers, if you missed out on the school supply funding the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and the nonprofit DonorsChoose advertised last month, you have a **second chance**.

Governor Polis and CDE are committing more than \$7 million for the DonorsChoose program, which could potentially benefit up to 10,000 classrooms.

The application process reopened last week and will again offer grants in \$1,000 increments on a first-come, first-served basis. With shipping costs and other fees, teachers will receive \$800 worth of supplies. To apply, educators must visit DonorsChoose at [this link](#), click “create your project” and enter the campaign code “COLORADO.” The nonprofit reviews each application, funds eligible projects, and ships the supplies to each teacher’s school.

The program will prioritize teachers who applied last month but did not receive school supplies because their application was not reviewed before the funding was exhausted. Teachers who already receive supplies and resources through the grant program are also eligible to apply again.

Funds for this round are expected to go fast, too, and the deadline to apply is **Friday, Sept. 29**. Apply as soon as possible.

This October Count tell your students to be counted in!

Each year, all public school districts across Colorado participate in October Count. October Count is a statewide initiative that determines the amount of funding our schools receive from the state government. On this specific day, we record the number of students who are in attendance. This count directly impacts our district's budget for the entire academic year.



This year, October Count is on Monday, Oct. 2, however, October Count extends five days before and five days after the official count day.

Why Attendance Matters

The number of students enrolled and in attendance during the October Count window directly affects the financial resources Mapleton's schools receive. This funding supports many aspects of the education we provide our students, including classroom materials, technology, extracurricular activities, and more.

How You Can Help:

- **Mark your calendar, and be sure your families do, too:** Please mark Monday, Oct. 2, on your calendar as a day of high importance. Help ensure your students and families know how important it is to be in school on time and ready for a full day of learning.
- **Promote attendance:** Encourage your students to attend school regularly, not only on October Count Day but throughout the entire academic year. Consistent attendance is vital for their academic progress.
- **Spread the word:** Talk to your friends and neighbors about the significance of October Count Day and the impact it has on all Mapleton schools. Together, we can maximize our funding potential.

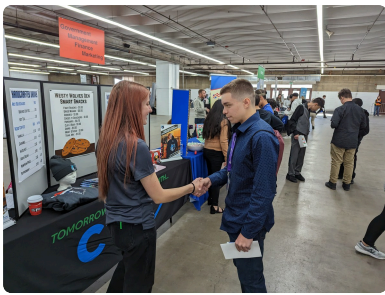


Bobbi Kyle is Transportation's August Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Bobbi Kyle, our Transportation team's Employee of the Month for August 2023! Bobbi is one of our dedicated bus drivers, and her managers gushed about how knowledgeable and responsible she is, not to mention how great she is to work with.

"Bobbi always has a positive attitude and spreads positivity to the whole department," said Phil Faustin, Mapleton's Fleet Manager. "She is always willing to pitch in and help in any capacity needed and is a true team player!"

Spread the word that her outstanding team is hiring for more transportation experts, like bus drivers. Interested candidates can look for their [next job here](#).



Mapleton to participate in Adams County Eighth Grade Career Expo on Thursday, Nov. 9

Mapleton will again participate in the [Adams County Eighth Grade Career Expo](#), on Thursday, Nov. 9, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., at the National Western Complex.

The event provides an engaging environment for students to explore possible career pathways and practice their professional communication skills. Students will be able to move around from exhibitor to exhibitor in an open house style, visiting booths and speaking to representatives from different companies and industries.

Eighth grade teachers are asked to help [prepare](#) students to make the experience as beneficial as possible. For questions, please reach out to [Jacque Ewing](#), ext. 1019.

Mapleton Education Foundation

Foundation's 19th Annual Gala is next Friday. Buy your tickets by Friday, Sept. 29!

If you haven't purchased tickets for the 2023 Mapleton Education Foundation Gala, now is the time! The 19th annual event is next **Friday, Oct. 6, from 5:30-9 p.m.**, at the Westin Westminster Hotel, so [purchase your tickets here](#) by this Friday, Sept. 29. This year, the gala will raise funds to purchase Gaga Ball Pits for our schools that serve middle school aged students, which will encourage social development, while also keeping them active and healthy.

And don't forget this year's theme is "Bowties and Blue Jeans." Still considering what to wear? Look below for some inspiration.



Integrated Services

Olweus Bullying Prevention's October theme

The Olweus theme for October is **Empathy and Bullying Prevention Month**. [Check out the Tier 1 resources here!](#)

HealthSmart teaching guides should now all be in hand

The remaining HealthSmart teacher guides for fourth and fifth grade were delivered last week, so every K-5 grade classroom teacher should now have a printed teacher's guide. If you cannot find the teacher's guide that was purchased in March of 2022, please contact [Karen Hoppis](#).

Teaching and Learning

District Interim Assessments Updates

District Interim Assessment resources have been updated for 2023-24, which also include a PowerPoint presentation that can be copied and modified to meet your needs to use with students if you choose to do so. These slides can be used with students to navigate the test platform and provide students with more information and ownership of the interim assessment.

[District Interim Assessment Information](#)
[Interim Assessment Overview for Students.pptx](#)

Additionally, a scientific calculator is now available in the assessment for each question in the high school math assessments. This aligns with the changes to PSAT and SAT for this year.

October session of Mapleton's Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Professional Development Series now open for enrollment

The **October** session of Mapleton's Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Professional Development (CLD PD) Series, "Know/Show charts with Multilingual Learner Considerations," is now open for enrollment. In this course, participants will:

- Delve deeply into grade-level standards to uncover what students need to know and show for academic success.
- Create know-show charts for grade level priority standards.
- Utilize the know-show charts as anchors for organizing language instruction alongside content

Please use this [registration link](#) to **enroll by Oct. 11**. Participants will attend the in-person session on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., in the Trail Ridge Training room at the Administration Building. Participants will also have an asynchronous assignment which must be completed by Friday, Nov. 10. The total time commitment for this course is four hours. This professional learning series is designed specifically for Mapleton educators who still need to meet Colorado Department of Education's 45-hour CLD relicensure requirement. For questions, please contact [Alexis Lauffenburger](#).

ELL Plans

All multilingual students who haven't yet demonstrated Full English Proficiency (FEP) status need updated goals in their individual ELL plans. The smartFORM template "ELL Plan 23-24SY" is available in EduCLIMBER. Please connect with your school's English Language Development Lead for support and to answer questions about this goal-development process.

Three new courses support teachers of gifted and talented students

As Mapleton's Gifted and Talented program continues to grow, we have had requests from district staff for more information about how best to support our gifted and talent students in the

classroom. In response, we will be offering three courses originally designed by CDE to be offered in a hybrid form via a Canvas course:

Course *	Hours	Description
<i>GT Course 01: The Gifted Learner (Oct. 12 start)</i>	15	<i>This course is an introduction to understanding the characteristics and needs of gifted learners and will provide you with a foundation in gifted education.</i>
<i>GT Course 02: Addressing the Social-Emotional Needs of GT Learners (Nov. 9 start)</i>	22	<i>We invite you to recognize the affective needs of gifted students, to understand the components of a supportive classroom environment as well as the impact of appropriate intervention, and to be able to respond to specific social/emotional and educational needs of gifted students in a classroom environment.</i>
<i>GT Course 03: Depth & Complexity to Differentiate for GT Learners (Feb. 8 start)</i>	22	<i>Learn the basics of GT differentiated instruction and then apply these concepts to creating activities and lessons for a group of students using the depth and complexity prompts first introduced by Sandra Kaplan.</i>

To register for the first course, The Gifted Learner, please use this [registration link](#). The first in-person meeting, where attendance is required, will be held on **Oct. 12, from 4:30-6:00pm**, in the Trail Ridge Training Center. All other content will be completed asynchronously via the Canvas course.

For questions or additional information, please call Brad Russell, Assistant Director, Teaching & Learning Services, at ext. 1905.

Upcoming Events

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Monday, Sept. 25 - Monday, Oct. 9 - October Count window (Monday, Oct. 2 is October Count Day)

Wednesday, Oct. 4 - Two hour late start - All schools

Friday, Oct. 13 - Teacher Trade Day - No School for Students

Monday, Oct. 16 - Collaborative Day - All schools

Tuesday, Oct. 17 - DAAC meeting, 4:30 p.m.



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.

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