

Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 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!



Trailside Academy's Danielle Cerna a finalist for Colorado Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Trailside Academy teacher Danielle Cerna, being named one of the seven finalists for the Colorado Department of Education's 2024 Colorado Teacher of the Year! Danielle teaches sixth grade math and science at Trailside and is also the founding member of the Mapleton Mentorship Program. This program plays a crucial role in supporting new Mapleton teachers as they enter the profession, providing them with

guidance to ensure their successful transition into the classroom.

The Colorado Teacher of the Year program honors an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled K-12 classroom teacher to represent the entire profession in Colorado. The sole finalist will be named by the end of October and will become the state's nominee for the National Teacher of the Year competition. We are incredibly proud of Danielle!



Explore K-8 wins Homecoming float competition

Congratulations to Explore PreK-8 on their trophy-worthy Homecoming float! Explore took first place in the float competition during the homecoming parade last Friday, thanks to their *wild* take on the Barbie theme. York International School and Valley View Innovation School placed second and third, respectively. A big congratulations to our Skyview Wolverines, who beat the Adams City Eagles 43-0 at the homecoming game! For more pictures be sure to visit Mapleton's Facebook page.



And speaking of Skyview Football, this year the team's seniors each asked a teacher who was special to them to wear their jerseys at the Homecoming game to represent them. Isaiah P., a defensive end who attends Mapleton Online, asked his English teacher, Kate Miya, to wear his jersey. The two both started at the school early in the pandemic and Miya has taught Isaiah in some capacity for the last three years. She said she was honored by his request.



"A lot of people have this perception that you don't get close to people when you're in an online environment, but we've been able to have this great relationship just like I would with a student in the classroom," she said. "He is the nicest person and such a hardworking student."

First DAAC meeting of school year is tonight at 4:30 p.m.

The first District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) meeting of the school year will be held this afternoon, Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 4:30 p.m. The committee will review areas of study for the upcoming school year.

The meeting will be held on Microsoft Teams

[Join Teams Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 232 664 230 85

Passcode: WfjBba

This committee meets monthly to review district updates, provide input on budget preparation, and make recommendations to the Board of Education.

Help us keep schools safe from vaccine-preventable diseases

Vaccination rates among K-12 students have lagged recently, but it's not too late for our students to get caught up on routine and school-required vaccines. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment compiled a toolkit of resources to share with families.

It's easy for families to get the information they need.

- COVax4Kids.org helps people find out if their children are eligible for low- or no-cost vaccines and helps them find a provider who gives them.
 - COVaxRates.org makes it easy for parents and guardians to look up vaccination and exemption rates for schools and child care facilities in Colorado so they can make the best decision for their children.
 - COVaxRecords.org shows people how to request vaccination records for their children.
 - ChildVaccineCO.org has more information on routine vaccinations, as well as where to find a provider who offers low- or no-cost vaccines.
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Missed last night's virtual Community Conversation? Watch the recording!



Last night was the first Community Conversation of the 2023-24 school year. If you weren't able to see it live, you can [watch the recording here](#). Our Board of Education shared information about our improved school ratings, October Count, and key findings from our parent and student survey, among other points of pride.

Marchi Mini-Grants applications due in three weeks

Teachers have three weeks left to apply for this school year's **Marchi Mini-Grant Program**. The program, named in honor of Mapleton principal Lisa Marchi, provides funding for teachers to implement innovative, standards-based, hands-on learning opportunities in their classrooms. Award sizes range from \$1,500 - \$3,000 per grant and projects must be posted by **Monday, Oct. 10**, to be eligible. [Read more and apply here.](#)

Integrated Services

Olweus Bullying Prevention's September theme is Communication

A reminder that Olweus theme for this month is **COMMUNICATION**. [Check out the resources here!](#) Please nominate a student or staff member of the month, and let's celebrate others in our community who communicate well!

Teaching and Learning

September session of CLD PD Series will be cancelled unless more teachers enroll

Teaching and Learning needs at least four more participants for the **September** session of its Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Professional Development (CLD PD) Series, "Culture & Equity: Translanguaging" or else it will be cancelled. The department requires a minimum of ten participants to hold the session, so if teachers would like to attend, they need to sign up by Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 9 a.m.

In this course, participants will:

- Understand the concept of Translanguaging and how it can support equitable teaching and learning
- Study the relationship(s) among translanguaging, code switching, and multilingualism
- Learn and apply strategies that support translanguaging practices in the classroom

Please use this [registration link](#) to enroll. Participants will attend the in-person session on Thursday, Sept. 21, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., in the Trail Ridge Training room at the Broadway Administration Building. Participants will also have an asynchronous assignment which must be completed by Friday, Oct. 20. 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](#), ext. 1003.

Multilingual Redesignation Information

All multilingual learner status updates are now reflected in Infinite Campus. Our system has identified more than 140 multilingual students who are ready to move to their first year in Full English Proficient Monitoring (FEP M1) status based on performance on ACCESS 2023 and other standardized academic measures. A very big THANK YOU to our team of English Language Development Leads for their ongoing support to ensure multilingual students are categorized accurately for redesignation purposes!

Upcoming Events

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Tuesday, Sept. 19 - [DAAC meeting, 4:30 p.m.](#)

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

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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