



Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 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!



Celebrate our Classified School Employees, Oct. 9-13

This week we celebrate Classified School Employee Week to thank the important staff members who maintain and clean our properties, safely transport our students to and from school, prepare and serve nourishing lunches, maintain records and reports, and assist in classrooms and on school playgrounds.

Please take a moment to thank these employees for their hard work and share your stories about classified staff members who help Mapleton students achieve their dreams! Please email your submissions to communications@mapleton.us.

And let's thank our directors, too, for National Principals Month

And don't forget, October is also National Principals Month, when we acknowledge the crucial roles our school leaders undertake, not only in efficiently managing their schools but also in molding the future of our students and fostering community support. Whether it's this month or any other month, we want to express our appreciation for the exceptional efforts of our directors and



assistant directors at Mapleton Public Schools, as they make daily contributions to the education of our students.

Help us celebrate our school directors and assistant directors by telling us about one who helps Mapleton students achieve their dreams. Please email your submissions to communications@mapleton.us.



Colorado PERA will host Benefit Information Webinar on Nov. 1

Colorado PERA is hosting a Benefit Information Webinar for school district employees on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 5 p.m. The presentation is less than an hour and will provide an overview of all the benefits included with your PERA membership.

You'll learn how to determine when you can retire and what your income will be, as well as some built-in benefits you may not be aware of such as survivor and disability benefits.

[Register Here](#) to save your virtual seat. You can also check out other webinar opportunities, like ones for new members or about the retirement process [here](#).

If you'd like to save additional money for retirement, consider [enrolling in a voluntary PERAPlus account](#).

Colorado Free Application Days return Oct. 17-19

If you work with our upperclassmen, please tell them that next Tuesday through Thursday, Oct. 17-19, are [Colorado Free Application Days](#). During this time, all Colorado residents can apply to every one of the state's public universities, and many of its private institutions, for free. This will remove the barrier of application fees for students to pursue their dreams.

For the best chance of admission, we recommend students begin work on their applications as soon as possible. Each public four-year college and university will have a unique fee waiver process, which is why the state of Colorado [prepared this document with instructions for each school](#).



Clayton Partnership School throws "Green Party" to celebrate new CDE rating

Clayton Partnership School threw a “Green Party” last week to celebrate moving from yellow to green on the CDE’s recently released School Performance Framework. Students and staff celebrated the new rating by wearing green clothes and eating green snacks, like grapes or pickles. They even colored cookies and ice cream sandwiches green.



Staff also shared the improved data with students’ parents and students from kindergarten through eighth grade made personal goals for continued academic growth and success so the school could maintain its green rating. Those goals included younger kids learning all their letters to older students improving their writing.

Mapleton Education Foundation

Thank you for making the Mapleton Education Foundation Gala a wonderful event

Thank you to everyone who participated in or attended last week’s Mapleton Education Foundation Gala. The 19th annual event was a great success and funds raised will not only allow us to place gaga pits at all our middle schools, but will help us provide scholarships to make many students’ dreams a reality.

For those who were not all able to make it, our keynote speaker was 2021 Global Leadership Academy graduate Bahati Nabindu, a Mapleton Education scholar. You can [read more about her inspiring story here](#).



Integrated Services

Join the Special Education Task Force

At Mapleton Public Schools, we take great pride in our commitment to providing high-quality education for all. Central to our mission is ensuring students of all abilities thrive academically, socially, and emotionally within our classrooms. By collaboratively exploring strategies to enhance how we support students with diverse learning needs, we hope to drive the dialogue and development of innovative practices that will benefit students, families, and teachers alike.

During Negotiations in Spring 2023, MEA and District Administration agreed to form a task force, composed of certified staff who provide special education services to students with IEPs, to study and develop processes and possible solutions to special population caseload/workload issues. The charge of this group is to bring forward recommendations to the 2023-24 bargaining team.

Employees interested in serving on the Special Education Task Force must submit the [Special Education Task Force Interest Form](#) no later than Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023. Serving on the Special Education Task Force is voluntary. Applicants will be asked to write a short paragraph describing their interest in serving on this task force. Individuals will be selected to ensure the task force is truly representative of all Mapleton employees who support students with IEPs, based on the following:

18 licensed staff who represent:

- As many schools as possible
- A variety of positions within special populations (i.e. Special Education Teacher, Related Service Providers, School Psychologist, and School Social Worker)
- Varying years of service to Mapleton and the profession
- Both MEA members and non-members

Eight administrators who represent:

- Executive Team
- One or more central teams
- One or more schools

Committee Schedule:

- Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Dec. 13, 2023, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2023, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2023, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Interested in being a part of the Special Education Task Force? Submit your [interest form](#) by Friday, Oct. 17, 2023.

Olweus Bullying Prevention's October theme

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

October is National Bullying Prevention Month, a time to focus on preventing childhood bullying and promoting kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Every Mapleton school has a Bullying Prevention Committee to assist with bullying prevention practices, to help build community, and to help share the message that bullying will not be tolerated.

Schools also use the Sources of Strength program to harness the power of peer social networks and create healthy norms and culture, ultimately preventing suicide, violence, bullying, and substance misuse. Last week, 40 high school students at York International were trained to be Peer Leaders for the Sources of Strength program, which the school adopted last year.



The mission of Sources of Strength is to prevent suicide by increasing help seeking behaviors and promoting connections between peers and trusted adults. The program moves beyond the singular focus on risk factors by using an upstream approach for youth suicide prevention. This model strengthens multiple sources of support (protective factors) around young individuals so that when times get hard, they have strengths to rely on.

Keep an eye on these student leaders, as they are sure to make some positive changes to our community!

Visit sourcesofstrength.org to learn more about this amazing program!

Teaching and Learning

Interim Quarter 1 After-Action Review

Teaching and Learning will be conducting an After-Action Review following Quarter 1 interims on Tuesday, Oct. 18, from 4-5 p.m., on Teams. The purpose of the review is to get feedback from teachers and support providers regarding the alignment of interim, standards and curricular resource pacing. Feedback from the review will be used to adjust where needed. The Interim After-Action Reviews will be conducted after each quarterly interim.

If you are interested in giving feedback, please [sign up here](#) so we can send you a link for the Teams session.

Upcoming Events

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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, Oct. 24 - Board of Education Business Meeting, 6 p.m., Administration Building

Wednesday, Nov. 1 - Two-hour late start - All schools

Monday, Nov. 6 - Professional Development Day - 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.



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