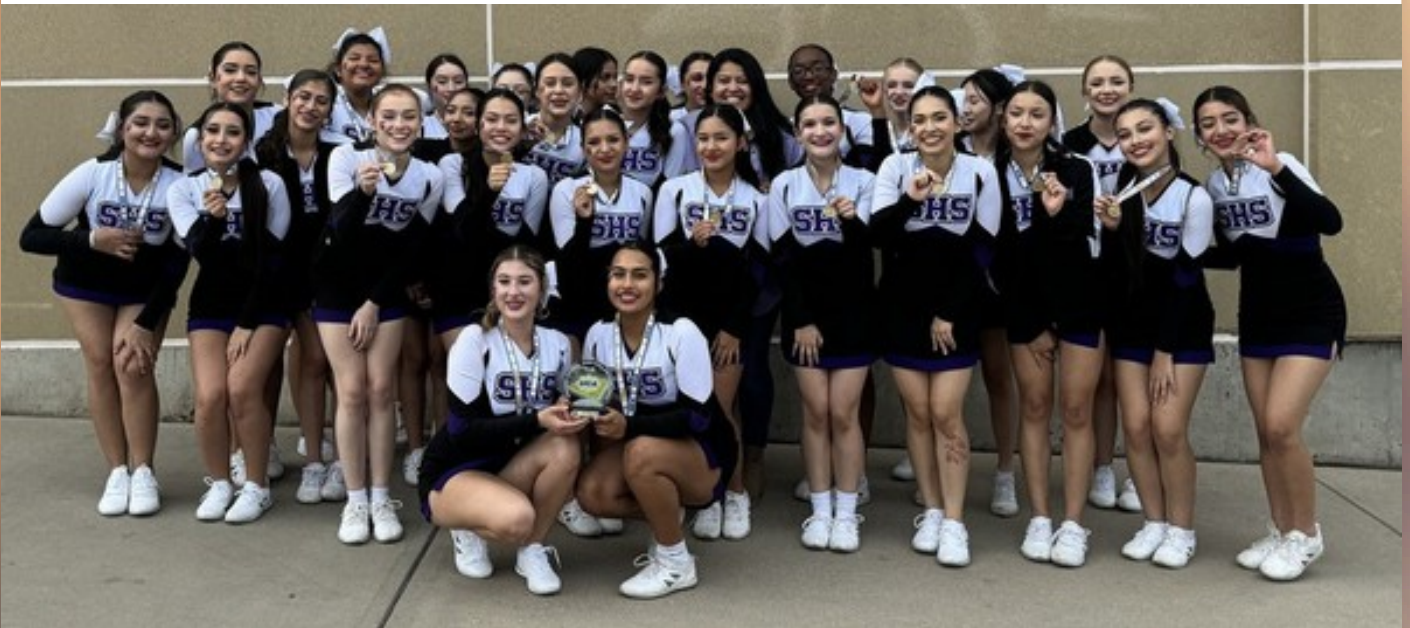


# Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 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!



## Skyview Cheerleading Team qualifies for national championships!

Wave some pom poms for the Skyview Cheerleading team! For the first time in the history of their program, they received a bid to compete in the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) National

Championships. They qualified by placing fourth overall in the "All Girls Varsity GameDay" division at the UCA Colorado Regionals this past Saturday, Oct. 14, at Denver's National Western Complex.

"I'm very proud of this team's dedication, ambition, and perseverance. They put in extensive hours of practice and are a cohesive unit," said Skyview Head Cheerleading Coach Tia Johnson. "These athletes not only care about the sport and advancing their skills, but they care about each other as well and there is no doubt in my mind that they are capable of anything they put their minds to."

The national championships will be held in February at the Walt Disney World Resort, in Orlando, Florida. Congratulations!

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## Spooky Season Entertainment in Mapleton!



### PASB presents the "Legend of Sleepy Hollow"

Performing Arts School on Broadway high school students will bring the Washington Irving classic, "Legend of Sleepy Hollow," to life on **Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 25-26, at 7 p.m. at the Mapleton Arts Center.**

The students have been preparing to tell the tale of Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman since the first day of the semester and took a great deal of ownership of the production. They are divided up between performers and technical crew, who handle aspects like construction design, prop painting, and costumes. A couple of innovative students are even using skills they learned outside of school to produce an ominous-sounding beat the audience will hear at the beginning of the play.

The school's curriculum pairs performing arts and rigorous academics and the school's director, Jackson Westenskow, said there are explicit connections between the play and his students' education. This includes how they learned about language arts when reading and analyzing the story or used geometry to develop sets. Each student also earned Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) certification, which they could use in theater jobs or construction fields down the road. Most importantly, he said the PASB model teaches creativity, communication, collaboration, and leadership skills.



Staff and students can't wait to show you what they've been working on. Admission to "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" is free to the public, but they will also offer tickets for purchase that will help the school pay for supplies like wood and paint for future productions.

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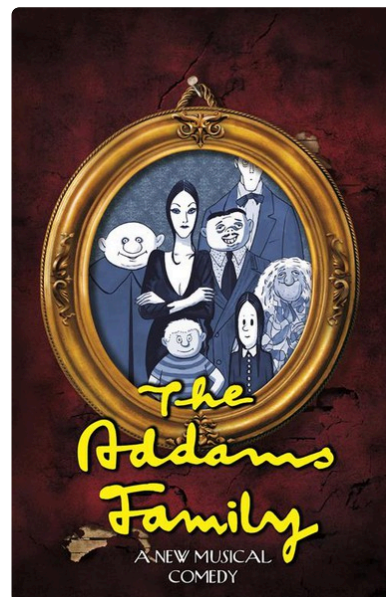
## Performing Arts presents "The Addams Family"

Come see our Performing Arts students get creepy and kooky this November as they present "The Addams Family," this year's district musical, at the Mapleton Arts Center. The musical comedy was a Broadway hit and is based on the classic ghoulish family that has appeared in TV, movies, and comic strips for more than 80 years. If you're looking for more macabre humor after Halloween, this is your show. Performance dates and times are below.

**Thursday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.**

**Saturday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m.**

**Sunday, Nov. 12, 2 p.m.**



Tickets will be available online and at the door and cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors (ages 65+) and non-Mapleton students. Mapleton students and staff, and children up to 5 years old, are FREE!

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## Celebrate a Classified staff member and/or School Leader!

There is still time to submit an appreciation for an outstanding teammate as we celebrate Classified School Employee Week and National School Principal Month. Visit Mapleton's website to check out the appreciations we've received so far!

- [Classified Appreciations](#)
  - [School Leader Appreciations](#)
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## Colorado PERA will host Benefit Information Webinar on Nov. 1

Don't forget to register for Colorado PERA's 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 run through Oct. 19

Please remind your students that Colorado Free Application Days began today and will run through this Thursday, Oct. 19. During this window, 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. So, encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity. Learn more here:

<https://cdhe.colorado.gov/cofreeappdays>.

Also, did you know that Colorado community and area technical colleges never charge to apply for admission? It's free to apply year round!

## District College Fair is Tuesday, Nov. 7

Mapleton high school juniors will attend the district's College Fair on Tuesday, Nov. 7, at the Skyview Student Center. Over 20 colleges from around Colorado, and a few from out of state, will be present, offering students an opportunity to explore their higher education options.



This will be a chance for students to learn about certain colleges and if they support their goals, and ask about majors, scholarships, and financial aid options. Please encourage students to prepare for this event in advance by researching some of their favorite schools and drafting

questions they can ask college representatives. You can [read more here](#), including a list of which colleges will attend. Below is the schedule of which schools will attend the fair.

#### School visit schedule

- **9-9:30 a.m.** Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts and North Valley School for Young Adults
  - **9:30-10 a.m.** Performing Arts School on Broadway, Global Leadership Academy, York International School, and Mapleton Online
  - **10-10:30 a.m.** Academy High School and Mapleton Early Career Prep
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## 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.

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## Teaching and Learning

### WIDA self-paced workshops

The Colorado Department of Education provides free access to WIDA courses aligned with the quality standards for CLD relicensure. These virtual self-paced workshops are available until Aug. 31, 2024, for Colorado K-12 public school educators with a school district email address, and cover various topics, including language development, science, and social studies. Educators need a WIDA Secure Portal account to participate. If you need access to a WIDA account, please [email Alexis Lauffenburger](#) with your name, Mapleton email address, and title. She will create an account for you.

[Click here](#) for more information.

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

The **November** session of Mapleton's Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Professional Development (CLD PD) Series, "Unit Plans with Multilingual Learner Considerations," is now open for enrollment.

Participants will attend the in-person session on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., in the Trail Ridge Meeting Room at the Broadway Administration Building. Participants will also have an asynchronous assignment which must be completed by Friday, Dec. 8. 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. To register, please email [Alexis Lauffenburger](#) by **Friday, Nov. 3**.

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### Bring the Butterfly Pavilion to your school

**Teachers and directors**, the Butterfly Pavilion wants to bring youth outreach programs to Mapleton's schools! The programs are designed to be engaging and informative and cover a variety of science and conservation topics for students ranging from age 3 to 18. These include programs

where students would learn about invertebrates from environments around the globe, investigate invertebrate pollinators besides honeybees, and discover bug cuisines from cultures around the world.



Each program features an interactive lesson and small group investigations, facilitated by a Butterfly Pavilion educator, hands-on explorations with live animals and/or specimens, models and media, and curriculum-aligned content that explores science and conservation topics. Click here to [learn more](#) and [here to request a program](#).

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## Upcoming Events

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**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

**Monday - Friday, Nov. 20-24** - Thanksgiving Break - 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).

**Email:** [communications@mapleton.us](mailto:communications@mapleton.us)

**Website:** <https://www.mapleton.us/>

**Location:** [7350 Broadway, Denver, CO 80221, USA](#)

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