

# Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 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!



"Desk Pets" get habitat makeovers at Mapleton Online

After a deep study of animal habitats, Mapleton Online's first and second-grade students used what they learned to construct special habitats for their "desk pets" – small animal-shaped erasers that double as online classroom "companions." Students then researched the natural habitat of an animal of their choice and shared their presentation with Mapleton Online's third and fourth grade students.

Thank you for sharing this great story, Mapleton Online!

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## Mapleton celebrates Colorado Proud School Meal Day and Mountain Plains Crunch Off

Representatives from the Department of Agriculture and the Colorado Department of Education's School Nutrition Unit stopped by Monterey Community School to enjoy some beef and cheese burritos and celebrate Colorado Proud School Meal Day with 4th and 5th graders.



Mapleton's Nutrition Services chefs prepared a special menu served at all schools to celebrate the day, featuring several Colorado Proud businesses, many of which are already staples on Mapleton's lunch menu. The ground beef and cheese burrito was made with beef from Snowden Meats and pinto beans from Barber's Foods, and purchased through East Denver Food Hub. The tortillas were from Raquelita's, and the green chili from Tico's, all local producers.

The salad bar featured lettuce from Infinite Harvest, apples from Wag's World Orchards in Cedaredge, CO, purchased through East Denver Food Hub, and Colorado-grown watermelon.



## [How fresh is the lettuce served in Mapleton's salad bars? Take a look!](#)

And, if anyone heard collective crunching at Monterey Community School today, don't be alarmed. Students there participated in the Mountain Plains Crunch Off by sinking their teeth into locally grown apples as loud as they could. [Check out Monterey's epic apple crunch!](#)

Thank you for enjoying Colorado Proud School Meal Day in Mapleton!

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## **Colorado Free Application Days return Oct. 17-19**

Mapleton staff! Please remind your students that Colorado Free Application Days will return from **Tuesday, Oct. 17, through 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 prepare their applications and plan where they will apply. Learn [more here](#).



## **Celebrate our Classified School Employees, Oct. 9-13**

Next week, Oct. 9-13, Mapleton will celebrate Classified School Employee Week. Classified school employees perform the daily cleaning and maintenance of school property, safely transport students to and from school, prepare and serve nourishing lunches, maintain records and reports, and assist in classrooms and on school playgrounds.



Help us celebrate them by sharing stories about classified staff members who help Mapleton students achieve their dreams! Please email your submissions to [communications@mapleton.us](mailto:communications@mapleton.us).

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## **Celebrate our school directors during National Principals Month**

October is also National Principals Month, when we recognize the important roles our directors play in not only running their schools, but also in helping shape students' futures and supporting their communities. This month, and every month, we'd like to celebrate our outstanding directors and assistant directors for their daily contributions to the education of our students in Mapleton Public Schools.



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](mailto:communications@mapleton.us).

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## Mapleton Reads returns for 11th year. Let's read together!

Mapleton Reads is back for its 11th year! Please join us again for this community reading program which celebrates the importance and value of literacy. The program is a fantastic way to get students, staff, and adults in the community to talk and discuss common literature and share the joy of these texts. From October 2023, through January 2024, encourage students and their families to read one, two, or all three of the following titles.

- “You Belong Here,” by M.H. Clark (grades K-5)
- “Echo Mountain,” by Lauren Wolk (grades 6-8)
- “Long Way Down,” by Jason Reynolds (grades 9-12)

Copies of each will be available at the Welcome Center, the Administration Building, and at the main office of each of our schools. You can [read more about each book here](#).

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## Mapleton Board Vice President Tom Moe receives prestigious award for committed service

Congratulations to Mapleton Board Vice President Tom Moe for receiving the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) McGuffey Award at the organization's fall regional meeting in September. The prestigious award honors board members who bring committed and passionate service to their board work.

The CASB considered many factors when making their decision, and they were impressed by Mr. Moe's "remarkable dedication and engagement with students and the community." This ranged from his service on the Construction Advisory Committee to his support of student events, like concerts and science fairs.



In an excerpt from their award letter, the CASB wrote: "With his exceptional leadership and devotion, Mr. Moe has positively impacted the lives of countless students and community members. He is undeniably deserving of the prestigious McGuffey Award recognition."

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## October is Bullying Prevention Month

October is Bullying Prevention Month, when communities all over the country take action to create safe and supportive schools by promoting kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. We hope schools will emphasize bullying prevention this month to send a clear message that bullying has no place in Mapleton.



In fact, we'd like to hear what schools are already doing to address this issue. Please share your methods with [Integrated Services](#) so we may highlight them.

Also, as a reminder, here is the district's [bullying policy](#), with definitions, goals, and guidelines. Let's protect our students from aggressive behavior so schools are always a safe space for them to learn and grow.

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## 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!](#)

We also want to recognize the program's Staff Member and Student of the Month for September, which had the theme of communication.

# STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

## COMMUNICATION



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She is exceptional at communicating in English and Spanish so that students and families are informed of what is happening in fifth grade. In addition, she also does this for extra curricular activities including Girls on the Run and Science Fair. Professionally she keeps our staff informed of events so things can run smoothly from the culture committee.

Allison Casillo

Maryalice is amazing with her communication via Girls on the Run. She's reached out to parents and provided a calendar and important information in multiple languages and she's on top of reminding parents when and where their students need to be. She's a great teammate to have and an awesome communicator! - Savannah Martella

**MaryAlice DeAngelis**

Explore PK-8 5th Grade teacher

# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

## COMMUNICATION



“Ethan is a role model communicator in our class. He is able to give positive praise to his classmates and also give constructive feedback to make sure his classmates know what the expectations are even when teachers aren't looking.” – Zach Page Kindergarten Teacher

**Ethan M.**

Explore PK-8 Kindergarten Student

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### HealthSmart update for grades 6-8

The SEL and Prevention units for HealthSmart for grades 6-8 have 66 possible lessons and six assessment activities. In order to help schools and teachers decide what to cover, a Colorado Comprehensive [Health Standards alignment document has been created](#). Lesson titles highlighted in purple should be covered each year and would be a great place to start. The module all the way at the bottom of the [HealthSmart Staging Canvas course](#) includes only the assignments for those eight lessons. Please reach out to [Karen Hoppis](#) for assistance or support.

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## Teaching and Learning

### Interim Quarter 1 After-Action Review

Teaching and Learning Services will be conducting an After-Action Review following Quarter 1 interims. 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 when needed. The Interim After-Action Reviews will be conducted after each quarterly interim. **Quarter 1 Review will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 4-5 p.m., over Teams.**



If you are interested in giving feedback, [please sign up here](#) and you will be sent a link for the Teams session.

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## District-Approved Curriculum Unit Assessment Calendar: OCTOBER

To support the use of the data between the Interim Assessments, below are the district-approved Curriculum Unit Assessments that support classroom instruction and can provide information for future planning at IDT meetings. The assessment dates are based on the curriculum resource pacing guides and might be administered in October (see table below):

Content Area	Approximate Assessment Date	Unit/Topic Assessment
K-6 Reading DIBELS	2 x during the month	DIBELS Progress Monitoring for Students at "Below" or "Well Below" on DIBELS Benchmark
K-5 ELA Benchmark	Grades K-2: Oct 13 Grades 3-5: Oct 6	End of Unit 2 Assessment
K-8 ELA EL Reading	Week of Oct 16	Module 1: Unit 3 Assessment
K-5 Math Bridges	Oct 27	End of Unit 3 Assessment
6-8 ELA Into Literature	Oct 27	End of Unit 2 Assessment
6 <sup>th</sup> grade Math enVisions	Oct 13	Topic 2: End of Topic Assessment
7 <sup>th</sup> grade Math enVisions	Oct 20	Topic 2: End of Topic Assessment
8 <sup>th</sup> grade Math enVisions	Oct 27	Topic 2: End of Topic Assessment
6 <sup>th</sup> grade Science Inspire	Oct 27	Unit 1: Module 2 Assessment
7 <sup>th</sup> grade Science Inspire	Oct 27	Unit 1: Module 3 Assessment
8 <sup>th</sup> grade Science Inspire	Oct 20	Unit 1: Module 3 Assessment
Earth Science	Oct 9, 16, & 27	Chapters 5, 6, & 7 Assessments
Biology	Oct 6 & 20	Chapters 7 & 8 Assessments
Chemistry	Oct 6 & 27	Investigations 3 & 4 Assessments
Physics	Oct 3, 13 & 27	Chapters 5, 6, & 7 Assessments
Algebra 1	Oct 20	Unit 2: Topic 1 Assessment
Algebra 2	Oct 17	Unit 1: Topic 3 Assessment
Geometry	Oct 20	Unit 1: Topic 3 Assessment

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## 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 the Colorado Department of Education's 45-hour CLD relicensure requirement. For questions, please contact [Alexis Lauffenburger](#).

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## Register for first Gifted and Talented Professional Development course by Monday, Oct. 9

Mapleton will begin its first Gifted and Talented Professional Development course of the school year, "The Gifted Learner," with an in-person meeting on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 4:30-6 p.m., in the Trail Ridge Training Room at the Administration Building. Attendance is required for this initial meeting, but all other content will be completed asynchronously via the Canvas course for a total of 15 hours of re-licensure credit.

To register, please use this [registration link](#) by **Monday, Oct. 9, at noon**. For questions or additional information, please contact Brad Russell, Assistant Director, Teaching and Learning Services (Ext. 1905).

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## 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, 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

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### 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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