

Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 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!

Please join Mapleton Public Schools' Board of Education in honoring



Cindy Croisant

For her 16 years of service as a member of the board

Tuesday, Nov. 28 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

**Administration Building
7350 Broadway, Denver, 80221**

Join us for a special reception honoring Board President Cindy Croisant

Today, Tuesday, Nov. 28, everyone is invited to join the Board of Education at a special reception honoring outgoing Board President, Cindy Croisant. Cindy has served as a passionate, dedicated, and courageous member of Mapleton's Board of Education for 16 years. During her time on the

Board, Cindy was the driving force behind many transformative reforms to ensure all students achieve their dreams. Join us in thanking her for her service to Mapleton Public Schools!

Reception for Cindy Croisant, Board of Education President

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 4:00 p.m.

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Help us welcome our new and returning Board of Education members!

You are also invited to stay for the Board of Education meeting, where Daisy Lechman, District B, and Michelle Ramos, District D, will be sworn in for their four-year terms.



Mapleton Holiday Shop and Giving Drive returns!

Help the Mapleton Education Foundation make its third annual Mapleton Holiday Shop and Giving Drive a success! The Shop will take place at the Skyview Campus on **Saturday, Dec. 16, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Integrated Services has invited Mapleton families in need of support this holiday season to select gifts in the Foundation's pop-up toy store and wrap gifts at our wrapping station – all while their kids watch holiday shows and make holiday crafts. This special event is made possible by our generous partners at A Precious Child and YOU! Please join us in spreading some holiday cheer by supporting this year's event. There are

several ways to get involved!

Host a Drive: We are now accepting the following new items by Friday, Dec. 8:

- Hygiene products
- Hats
- Gloves
- Coats
- Socks
- Toys (ages 0-15)
- Wrapping paper
- Large/Oversized gift bags
- Gift cards

Donate to the Holiday Shop: Through the [MEF Donation Page](#), or the [2023 Holiday Shop Wishlist](#)

Sign-up to volunteer at the Holiday Shop: [2023 Holiday Shop Volunteer Sign-up](#)

Reach out to MEF at mef@mapleton.us or 303.853.1033 to learn more!

**Please note, this is an invitation-only event. The Integrated Services team is contacting families to directly extend an invitation to the event.*



So many "High Fives!" Thank you for sharing your appreciation for your teammates!

We are thrilled to share all of the "High Fives" we received over the last couple weeks that celebrate our incredible staff! "High Fives" is a way for you to recognize colleagues who make a positive impact on the Mapleton community. "High Five" submissions will be published in the Tuesday Takeaway every week.

Do you know someone who deserves a "High Five"? Submit your appreciation using [this form](#).

Candice Manseau, Trailside Academy

"I want to give a special high five to Candice Manseau, an incredible instructional para at Trailside Academy. Candice is truly loved by both teachers and students alike. She goes above and beyond to support teachers and takes care of all students as if they were her own. Her dedication to supporting young readers is commendable, and her constant focus on instructional priorities is contagious. Candice is an invaluable member of our Trailside Crew, and we are grateful to have her on our team."

Submitted by Courtenay Hammond

Kimberly Camacho, Adventure Elementary

"Kimberly has been an incredible asset to our school. She works tirelessly to support students with disabilities and specific learning needs. She is an advocate for students and collaborates very well with teachers and staff to ensure students can access learning."

Submitted by Meagan Ackerman

Beronica Gutierrez, Admin/Integrated Services

"Thank you for volunteering and taking on translating for IEP meetings when your plate was already full. You never stray away from responsibility or hard work. You have a true commitment to quality that shines through everything you do. I know it does not happen without hard work and I am grateful for it and for you."

Submitted by Alicia Howard

Cyndi Valdez, Finance

"Having all the patience in the world while I learn the process in my new role. Thank you so much for all your help!"

Submitted by Olivia Lopez

Jessi Short, Performing Arts

"Doing an incredible job directing the Addams Family!"

Submitted by Kirby Dillman

Zach Brake, Performing Arts

"Getting students excited about jazz and improvisation!"

Submitted by Kirby Dillman

Karen Hoppis, Explore PK-8

"In her first staff meeting with us, Karen shared incredibly helpful and tangible resources to use immediately with students. She is actively connecting with kids, making it a priority to learn staff and student names, and creating systems that impact our daily workflow."

Submitted by Anonymous

Nicole DiPaolo, Explore PK-8

"Nicole's vision, persistence, and passion for Girls on the Run made this season a tricky incredible one. Each participant was recognized and celebrated by staff and students alike. The peer connections and visible physical and personal growth of each participant were made because of Nicole."

Submitted by Anonymous

David Johnson, Explore PK-8

"David Johnson is deeply committed to kids and doing right by them. He sees and celebrates the individual shine of every kid. He figures out what makes them tick. He motivates and challenges kids to be the best version of themselves each and every day, and students visibly reach for his high expectations. His understanding of curriculum, standards, and accommodations for students is equally as masterful as his school leadership and classroom/relationship management."

Submitted by Anonymous

Lori Schellin, Global Intermediate Academy

"The dedication to your craft (teaching) and the commitment you have for your students have my highest commendation. I admire the workmanship you possess. You are always the first to arrive every day and it inspires me. The quality of your work shows in your speech, conduct, and relationship with your students. Thanks for being a shoulder I can stand on. If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants."

Submitted by Nao Vang

Krystin Zwolinski, York International School

"I don't think our team could have gotten through the last few years without Ms. Z. From I.B. Coordinator to I.G. to long-term substitute teacher to thinking partner extraordinaire, Krystin tackles every challenge head on and with a calm, problem-solving mindset. She never seems ruffled by having to be the go-between for new district mandates and information and our staff, and she always has time to help walk us through the tough spots. She does so much for everyone in our Elementary hallway that we could never thank her enough."

Submitted by Anonymous

Luis Vega, Global International School

"Luis is a dedicated and passionate educator who gives up his personal time to support and build relationships with MANY of the students at GIA, not just the students in his classes. He coaches, hosts after school clubs and study hours, connects with parents, leads student council and gives so much to our GIA family. Most importantly, he genuinely cares about the success and well-being of our students, and they love him back."

Submitted by Alli Blankenship

Gabby Hernandez, Global International School

"Ms. Gabby strives to find ways to connect with and build strong relationships with her students (past and present). She's an insightful, creative, and innovative teacher, and always has new solutions to challenges that come her way. She coaches and attends sporting events to support her students and colleagues and takes on many leadership positions to help her GIA family be the best we can be. Her dedication is seen and appreciated by many."

Submitted by Alli Blankenship

Sadie Albrecht, Achieve Academy

"Although Sadie and I do not work closely every day, she has made me feel comfortable at Achieve and has included me in the planning of community events. Sadie makes me feel welcome and I hope to continue to get to plan events and connect with her in the future."

Submitted by Tawnnie Crisante-Schene

Sarah Kitchen, Achieve Academy

"Sarah has given me a lot of good advice on work/life balance and planning. She is one of several people who have made this semester at Achieve enjoyable for me. I am excited to continue working with her and sharing ideas."

Submitted by Tawnnie Crisante-Schene

Amy Voss, Achieve Academy

"Amy is awesome! She has made me feel so welcome and is there for me when I need to vent or share ideas. I admire her work ethic and passion for teaching. Amy is a great colleague."

Submitted by Tawnnie Crisante-Schene

Submit a High Five!

Mapleton students make their case at legal awareness competition

Mapleton had a fantastic showing at the University of Colorado Law School's Marshall-Brennan Moot Court Competition on Saturday, Nov. 18. The annual competition is an opportunity for high school students from the Denver-Metro area to display their oral advocacy and critical thinking skills, as well as learn about careers in the law.



The district sent 35 civics students, its largest contingent ever, from Academy High School and Mapleton Early Career Prep. Over the course of the semester, they prepared legal arguments for a fictional case involving the Fourth and 14th Amendments, using previous real cases to support their arguments as precedent. Then at the event, the students presented their arguments in front of judges, law students, and other members of the law community. The students represented Mapleton incredibly well and made us all very proud.

Mapleton Education Foundation



Give where you live on Colorado Gives Day, Tuesday, Dec. 5!

Please support the Mapleton Education Foundation on Colorado Gives Day, Tuesday, Dec. 5, when you can increase your impact.

Thanks to leading Incentive Fund partner, First Bank, and community partners from around the state, the \$1 Million Colorado Gives Day Incentive Fund amplifies the amount of every donation made on that day.

Here's how it works: All nonprofits receive a percentage of the fund equal to the percentage they raise for Colorado Gives Day of the \$1 Million Incentive Fund. Colorado Gives Day is a great way to support the Mapleton Community. You can donate on the MEF Colorado Gives Page at <https://www.coloradogives.org/organization/mef-co>.

Integrated Services

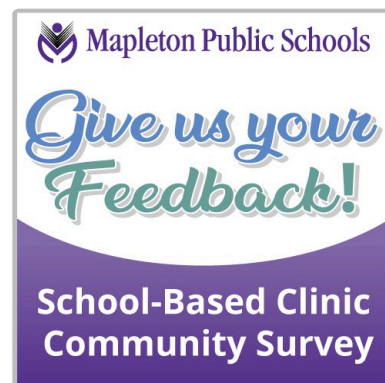
School-based clinic - Staff survey

Last year, Mapleton received a grant from CDPHE to explore opening a school-based clinic on the Skyview Campus. This grant has allowed us to partner with an organization called *Youth Health Care Alliance (YHA)* to engage the community in this project.

On Monday, Nov. 13, surveys were dispersed to four stakeholder groups: parents, community members, staff, and students in grades 7-12. **As a part of the Mapleton team, your feedback is important!**

Please consider completing the survey. The staff survey will also be accessible from Nov. 13 through Dec. 8. [Access the survey here.](#)

After survey data is collected and analyzed, we will offer three opportunities to participate in a focus group. We welcome your participation in one of these upcoming focus groups. Stay tuned for additional information.

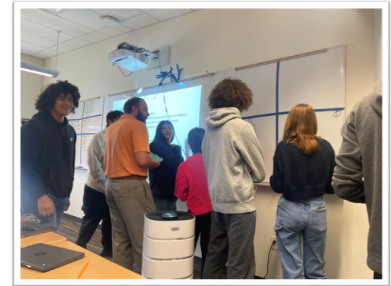


School-Based Clinic Staff Survey - Click here!

Teaching and Learning

High School Math Lesson Studies

We hosted two rounds of successful lesson studies in both Algebra 1 and Algebra 2. The group picked the focus of Active Learning to create conditions for increased collaboration among students in these math courses. A strategy highlighted was collaborative group work that gets students out of their seats and working on whiteboards with specifically designed questions that will facilitate students carrying more of the cognitive load. We look forward to continuing this work in the second semester!



District-Approved Curriculum Unit Assessment Calendar: DECEMBER

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 December (see table below):

Content Area	Approximate Assessment Date	Unit/Topic Assessment
K-6 Reading DIBELS	1-2 x during the month	DIBELS Progress Monitoring for Students at "Below" or "Well Below" on DIBELS Benchmark
K-5 ELA Benchmark	Dec 8	End of Unit 4 Assessment
K-8 ELA EL Reading	Dec 1	Module 2 Unit 2 Assessment
K-5 Math Bridges	Dec 19	End of Unit 4 Assessment
6 th grade ELA Into Literature	Working through Unit 3	Unit 3 Assessment (Jan 12)
7 th grade ELA Into Literature	Working through Unit 3	Unit 3 Assessment (Jan 19)
8 th grade ELA Into Literature	Working through Unit 3	Unit 3 Assessment (Jan 12)
6 th grade Math enVisions	Working through Topic 4	Topic 4: End of Topic Assessment (Jan 16)
7 th grade Math enVisions	Working through Topic 4	Topic 4: End of Topic Assessment (Jan 24)
8 th grade Math enVisions	Dec 7	Topic 3: End of Topic Assessment
6 th grade Science Inspire	Dec 14	Unit 2: End of Unit Assessment
7 th grade Science Inspire	Working through Unit 2: Module 2	Unit 2: Module 1 Assessment (Jan 19)
8 th grade Science Inspire	Dec 11	Unit 2: Module 2 Assessment
Earth Science	Dec 12 & 19	Chapters 10 & 11
Biology	Dec 11 & 19	Chapters 12 & 13
Chemistry	Dec 5, 15, & 19	Investigation 7, 8 & 3-d Benchmark
Physics	Dec 12 & 19	Chapters 11 & 12
Algebra 1	Dec 7	Unit 2 Topic 3
Algebra 2	Dec 19	Unit 2 Topic 3
Geometry	Dec 19	Unit 2 Topic 2
HS ELA	Dec 19	Writing Across the Content Areas

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Nov. 28 - Board of Education Business Meeting, 4:00 p.m. - Reception, 6 p.m. - Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 6 - Two-hour late start - All schools

Wednesday, Dec. 20- Wednesday, Jan. 3 - Winter 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.

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