



Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, Dec. 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!

The Tuesday Takeaway will be back on Tuesday, Jan. 9. Have a wonderful winter break!

Welby Community School of the Arts - JJ's Closet



JJ's Closet

Welby Community School of the Arts Health Para Jolene Sanchez goes above and beyond to celebrate Welby's students with the introduction of JJ's Closet. JJ's Closet is an assortment of needed items as well as toys, snacks, and school supplies for students to select from as rewards for everything from good behavior to character and leadership skills. Students earn a visit to the closet by showing characteristics of respect, responsibility, courage, integrity, and kindness.

Thank you, Jolene, for making a difference in Mapleton!

Listening and Learning Tour

Senior Deputy Superintendent Mike Crawford is launching a Listening and Learning tour to hear from as many families, students, staff, and community members as possible prior to taking over as Superintendent on July 1, 2024. Input gathered from the Listening and Learning tour will be used to inform *Mapleton Momentum*, a collaboratively created two-year plan for improvement.



Why Momentum?

The formula for momentum is $P = M \times V$, where P is Momentum, M is Mass and V is Velocity. To determine Mapleton's Momentum, or that which carries the district forward, the information gathered during the Listening and Learning tour will be used to write Mapleton's unique formula for momentum, where **P** is **Mapleton's acceleration toward fulfilling the district's mission**, **M** is **who we are**, and **V** is **what we do to make progress**.

Mapleton Momentum will serve as Mr. Crawford's entry plan as Superintendent, and as the pre-work for Mapleton's next Strategic Plan, to be implemented in 2026.

Please note the following important dates:

Employee Input

School Director 1:1 Meetings

- December 15-February 15

Mapleton Education Association

- Tuesday, Jan. 16, 4:30 p.m. MEA Rep Meeting

School Staff – Open Focus Groups

- Wednesday, Feb. 7, 7:30-8:30 a.m. | Skyview Campus (Late Start Day)
- Wednesday, Feb. 7, 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Skyview Campus
- Wednesday, March 6, 7:30-8:30 a.m. | Broadway Campus (Late Start Day)
- Wednesday, March 6, 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Broadway Campus

Operations – Focus Group

- Friday, Feb. 23, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Central Administration – Focus Group

- February 16, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Student Input

High School Student Ambassadors

- Thursday, Jan. 18
- Thursday, Feb. 15

Middle School “walk and talks”

- Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7:30-11 a.m. (Trailside, Achieve, Explore)
- Wednesday, April 10, 7:30-11:30 a.m. (Monterey, Clayton, Meadow, York)

Family/Community Input

School SAAC Meetings

- Directors: Please send Laura Milani your meeting schedule.

District Accountability/Advisory Meetings

- Tuesday, Feb. 20, 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 26, 4:30 p.m.

Community Ambassador Meeting

- Thursday, Feb. 1

Survey Suite - Studor Education (Third Party Consultant)

- Dates TBD
- Family and Student Surveys (available in English and Spanish)
- Staff Survey
- School and Department Leader Survey

Change to Board of Education meetings

Beginning in January, Mapleton's Board of Education meetings will move from Tuesday evenings to Wednesday evenings. Board Study Sessions will be held the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at the Administration Building. Board Business Meeting will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise posted), beginning at 6 p.m., at the Administration Building. An updated calendar is available on Mapleton's website.

Please unplug your electronics over the holiday break

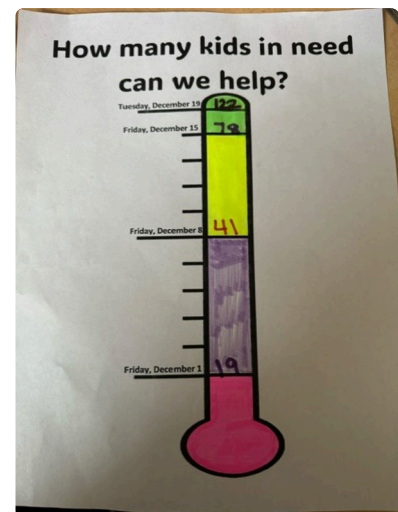
Please help us reduce our carbon footprint and save some district funds by unplugging your appliances and electronic equipment over the holiday break. Doing this can bring down our “phantom electricity” usage, which could save us as much as 10% on our electric bills. **In fact, last year we saw considerable savings following this process.**



Some examples of things to unplug are coffeemakers, phones, televisions, and computer stations. Also, lighting and HVAC schedules have been adjusted for the break so if you have something planned in a building during this time, please have it scheduled in SchoolDude.

Exciting update from Clayton Partnership School!

Thanks to generous donations from staff and the work and dedication of Clayton's fourth graders, 122 pairs of used eyeglasses were collected and sent to the Sight Learning Foundation, an international nonprofit that provides eyeglasses to students who need them but cannot afford them. Way to go, Clayton!



Thank you for sending us your latest round of "High Fives!"

Here's four more "High Fives" we received last week from staff thanking their teammates for making Mapleton even better! Keep sending them to us. We'll publish more in the Tuesday Takeaway after the break.

If you know someone who deserves a "High Five," submit your appreciation using [this form](#).

Kelly Johnson, Academy High School

"Kelly is AMAZING in all aspects! She is very communicative and is extremely helpful, as I am the health assistant that sees both Clayton and Academy! Kelly, thank you, YOU ROCK!."

Submitted by Izela Madera

Lindsay Schultz, Academy High School

"She puts her students' success and wellbeing first. She is passionate about her content and that passion and compassion drives students to want to succeed in her class! She is also always there to help me try out new strategies and ideas."

Submitted by Kayla Ramos

Gabriella Hernandez, Global Intermediate Academy

"Gabby, you're one of a kind and a fantastic teammate. My first year of teaching could not have come this far without your leadership and willingness to pitch in ideas so that I can become a better teacher each day. Thank you for being who you are. Go Dream Team!"

Submitted by Kao Nou Vang

Maria Porix and Stephanie Morse, Achieve Academy

"After seeing several near misses in our parking lot at dismissal time, Maria and Stephanie made signs and obtained traffic cones to block the entrance of the parking lot at the end of the day. Thanks for keeping our students and families safe!"

Submit a High Five!

Teaching and Learning

ACCESS test preparation for students

Find test preparation resources for ACCESS Online and ACCESS Paper on the [ACCESS Test Practice and Sample Items](#) webpage. On the page, you'll find things like sample items for ACCESS Online, ACCESS Paper and the ACCESS braille accommodation, as well as resources to help prepare students for testing with test demos and test practice items.

A word from WIDA: Before your students take ACCESS Online, make sure you and your students are familiar with the new look and feel of the DRC INSIGHT Secure Student Browser. Review the resources on the ACCESS Test Practice and Sample Items webpage to ensure that students are ready to show all that they can do on the assessment. Learn more by watching [DRC Technical Enhancements for 2023-2024](#), a recorded webinar in the WIDA Secure Portal.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Dec. 20- Wednesday, Jan. 3 - Winter Break - No school for students

Tuesday, Jan. 2 - District offices reopen

Thursday, Jan. 4 - Teacher Work Day - No school for students

Friday, Jan. 5 - Collaborative Day - No school for students

Monday, Jan. 8 - Students return

Monday, Jan. 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)

Tuesday, Jan. 16 - DAAC, 4:-6:30 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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