



# The Takeaway

Wednesday, Feb. 21

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The *Tuesday Takeaway* (on a Wednesday) is a weekly e-newsletter distributed to all Mapleton staff. This quick-hit-style newsletter contains the news you need for the week ahead!

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The Skyview Lady Wolverines Basketball Team once again finished their regular season as Colorado League Champions after routing Adams City High School 63-29 last week in the championship game. With the win, the team earned the 12th seed in the 2024 CHSAA 5A State Playoffs, where they played Littleton Lions in the first round last night, barely losing 42-46. Congratulations on another great season!



### Pat Weir named Colorado League Athletic Director of the Year

Congratulations to Skyview Wolverines Athletic Director Pat Weir for being awarded the 2023-24 Athletic Director of the Year for the Colorado League!

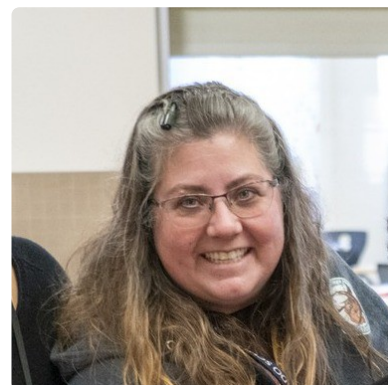
Weir earned this honor by receiving the top number of votes from his peers in the Colorado League after an outstanding year of Skyview athletics. Some of this year's highlights for the district include sending the Cheer Team to the national championships, league titles in boys and girls track, volleyball, girls basketball, and two state wrestlers who competed at state!

By earning this title, Weir is eligible for the Colorado Athletics Directors Association (CADA) Athletic Director of the Year at the CADA conference in April. We are honored to have Pat in Mapleton and appreciate all he does to support our student-athletes and community!

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## MEC-Prep Internship Coordinator receives national honor

Congratulations to Mapleton Early Career Prep (MEC-Prep) Internship Coordinator Lisa Hollingsworth on winning the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Rising Star Award, a national honor!



The ACTE is dedicated to empowering educators to deliver high-quality CTE programs that ensure all students are positioned for career success. Their Rising Star Award recognizes new career development professionals at the secondary level, new to the profession who have made significant contributions to CTE and the counseling profession, demonstrating innovation and professional commitment early in their careers.

Hollingsworth has been with Mapleton for nine years, the last two of which as MEC's internship coordinator. She helps MEC's students find and acquire internship and shadowing opportunities, books guest speakers to tell her students about different companies and career fields, and oversees the school's Career and Technical Student Organization. Last year, MEC-Prep students participated in 149 internship opportunities. So far this year, that number has increased to 189 internships!

Congratulations, and thank you for helping Mapleton students achieve their dreams!

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## Get ready for "Rounding" in Mapleton

If you or a loved one has experienced a hospital stay, you have likely seen nurses and doctors doing their rounds. Rounding in the medical field involves the care provider checking in with patients: asking how they are doing, checking their vitals for changes, and making sure needs are being met. The purpose of rounding with patients is to give the medical professionals the information they need to ensure the comfort and care of their patients.

The Executive Team will be incorporating a "Rounding" process over the next few weeks. The purpose is similar to the purpose of medical professionals rounding with patients. **The goal is to get feedback so that we can make sure employees have a great place to work where they feel empowered and appreciated.** We plan to talk with about 30 different individuals playing different roles in the organization.

**Rounding is not evaluative.** It is a practice used for employees to give formative feedback regarding District conditions and practices. The feedback is meant to inform the improvement of

the services we offer in each school and department. It is a means to collect information and take action to improve work environments and support to employees

During a rounding conversation, you will be asked specific types of questions, such as:

- What's working well?
- What has been challenging?
- How could I be helpful?
- Do you have the resources and support you need?
- Who has been helpful to you?

During rounding conversations, executive team members may take notes to facilitate follow-up action to meet any indicated needs or recognize mentioned colleagues.

When you have the opportunity to engage in a rounding conversation, please use courage and compassion to provide feedback about your workplace, the District's support of your work, and your needs as an employee.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in Rounding. Your feedback is valuable and helps the District make progress toward our goal of attracting and retaining the best employees to support Mapleton employees.

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## Listening and Learning - open forum for staff

Incoming Superintendent Mike Crawford will continue hosting the following Listening and Learning sessions for staff.

### Operations Staff

- Friday, Feb. 23, 9-11 a.m.
- Location: Operations Building, 591 E. 80th Ave., Denver

### All staff

- Wednesday, March 6, 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Location: Broadway Campus

**All staff are invited and encouraged to attend!** Please come share your hopes for the future of Mapleton and what you believe to be our biggest challenges and greatest opportunities.

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## Support Skyview Unified athletes through Denver Polar Pool Plunge

Our Skyview Wolverines Unified Special Olympics team is ["Freezin' for a Reason" on Sunday, March 3](#), at the Denver Polar Pool Plunge to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics Colorado. A portion of funds raised will go directly to support our Skyview Unified athletes. Please see the button below for logistical information and join us in plunging and/or running the 5K at Washington Park on March 3.





## Support the Skyview Wolverines Unified Special Olympics Team!

### Awards for Excellence - Get your nominations ready!

Nominate one of your colleagues who has significantly contributed to the mission of Mapleton Public Schools for the District's 41st annual Awards for Excellence. Nominations will be accepted for four categories:

- Licensed Employee of the Year
- Classified of the Year
- Administrator of the Year
- Rookie of the Year



All nominations must be submitted by using [this link](#) no later than Sunday, March 10. You can [find more information here](#). The awards will be presented at the Awards for Excellence/Retirement Ceremony at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Denver-Westminster, on Friday, May 3. Make your nomination soon!

## Nominate one of your colleagues!

### Employee Wellness in Mapleton - we want to hear from you!

Help redesign Mapleton's employee wellness program! The Talent Management team is hoping to learn more about what employee wellness looks like to you. Please take a few moments to complete a brief survey to help design a culture of health and well-being in our workplace. Please complete the survey by next Thursday, Feb. 29.

[Employee Wellness Survey](#)

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## Academy High School seniors prepare for their future at annual Senior Interview and Resume Day

Academy High School seniors practiced how to put their best foot forward to get the jobs they want at their annual Senior Interview and Resume Day, last Wednesday, at the Skyview Student Center. The event provides students the chance to fine-tune their interviewing skills before they apply for jobs or scholarships.



The students met with more than 30 current and retired professionals in fields like healthcare, real estate, public relations, sales, and finance, who volunteered to interview the students, review their resumes, and provide feedback about how they could improve.

Congratulations to all the Academy seniors for their hard work leading up to the event, and thank you to all the gracious volunteers for their time!

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## Mapleton Air Force JROTC wraps up busy week

Mapleton's Air Force JROTC program had a busy and impactful week. First, select cadets attended the 2024 Air Force Academy Warfare Symposium, where they engaged with over 150 defense contractors, flew in simulators, and received guidance from the 2nd Air Force Commander, Major General Michele C. Edmondson.



Cadets also visited the Colorado Veterans Community Living Centers, a long-term care facility for honorably discharged veterans, their spouses and widows, and Gold Star parents of children who died while serving in the armed forces. The cadets helped the residents to and from their rooms, interacted with them, and talked with veterans about their military experience.

Finally, the JROTC Color Guard presented the Colors at a Colorado Eagles Hockey game, at a packed house at Blue Arena. Nice job, cadets!

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## 100 High Five submissions since November!

How is this for a milestone? We have now received 100 High Fives submissions since the program launched last November, thanks in no small part to this week's 19 notes! That's a lot of appreciation for your colleagues. Don't stop now! How soon can we get to 200?

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

**Kari Horn, York International School**

"Kari Horn has taken on an entirely new role this year as a part of the Studios team at York, as they transitioned the Library to a Studios rotation. Not only is she getting kids checking books in and out more than ever before, but she has them engaged daily in meaningful activities and is building a classroom community with each class. No matter the behaviors that come her way, she deals with them all with grace, compassion, care, and understanding. I have not seen another para who is so dedicated to the school, community, and work she is doing. You rock, Kari!"



*Submitted by Anonymous*

**Aundrea Jaramillo, Preschool on Poze**

"Thanks for jumping in and working hard with your new crew! I know a shift is difficult and you have done a great job. Thanks for always putting kids first and caring so much for our little learners! I appreciate it!"

*Submitted by Ryan Fiore*

**Manuela Medina, Preschool on Poze**

"Thank you for always helping when needed, not only with our toddlers, but with Flex! I appreciate your positive attitude ALWAYS! It makes the hallway in our building shine! Thanks for always being the person we can count on!"

*Submitted by Ryan Fiore*

**Ryan Fiore, Preschool on Poze**

"Thank you for helping not only in Flex but the classrooms that need support the most. You have shown true dedication to our students and staff. I appreciate it more than I can say. You are doing some hard work and it shows with the success of the students!"

*Submitted by Marina Trujillo*

**Crystal Duran, Preschool on Poze**

"Thank you for helping support our Flex Classroom and the classrooms that feed into Flex. I also appreciate you helping with our before/aftercare program as well. You go above and beyond for our students and staff. Words can't express my appreciation for you!"

*Submitted by Ryan Fiore*

**Alyse Burkitt, Welby Community School of the Arts**

"Alyse has nurtured a strong academic culture in her classroom where her students feel valued and have voice, choice, and ownership over their learning!! They truly are excited to come to school every day!"

*Submitted by Anonymous*

**Maiong Ly, Welby Community School of the Arts**

"Mai is so in tune with what her students need and does an amazing job providing real-time, individualized feedback for each of them. It is always great being in her room!"

*Submitted by Anonymous*

**Lisa Hollingsworth, Mapleton Early Career Prep**

"Lisa, your dedication and hard work have truly made a difference at MEC. Thank you for consistently going above and beyond to ensure our team's success. Your positive attitude and willingness to tackle challenges inspires us all. Keep shining bright! 🌟 #TeamAppreciation"

*Submitted by Raul Velazquez*

**Camille Galaviz, Monterey Community School**

"Camille is amazing and cares about the students and it shows. She's been amazing to work with."

*Submitted by Shabana Waheed*

**Jake Martinez and Jenna DeNileon, North Valley School for Young Adults**

"I was extremely grateful to Jake and Jenna for their empathy, professionalism, and compassion during a student/parent meeting that I attended last week. Their compassion for ensuring that one of our young students had a voice in her education was appreciated. It was extremely evident that they both care a great deal for the success of North Valley students!"

*Submitted by Erica Branscum*

**Kate Dentino, Academy High School**

"Kate welcomed us in her room last week to observe her math lesson on probability. I appreciated the active learning strategies, student feedback, and culture for student learning that we observed on our visit. Thank you for opening your room for others to learn and grow in the profession!"

*Submitted by Erica Branscum*

**Charley Bolster, Clayton Partnership School**

"Thank you, Charley, for welcoming us into your room to observe your reading lesson with your second graders. Your students were actively engaged and ready to share their reading successes with us. I greatly appreciate you opening up your classroom for others to learn and grow!"

*Submitted by Erica Branscum*

**Hannah Winters, Performing Arts School on Broadway**

"Recognizing Hannah Winters' diverse contributions is essential. As leader of the yearbook club, union representative, and GT coordinator, she demonstrates creativity, advocacy, and dedication. Hannah's efforts in organizing staff events, like baby showers and Secret Santa exchanges, foster a positive workplace culture. Her leadership and unwavering commitment inspire us all. We extend heartfelt appreciation to Hannah for her exceptional contributions. (From Chips/Salsa <3)"

*Submitted by Andrea Rodriguez and Claudia Bullon*

**Mapleton Online Staff and Students**

"The Technology Department would like to share our sincere gratitude for the thoughtful posters and goodie bags that the Mapleton Online staff and students gave the IT team. We appreciate each and everyone of you!"

*Submitted by Todd Pugliese*

**Nichole Nemecheck, York International School**

"One day these first graders will look back and know how very lucky they were to be taught and loved by Ms. Nemecheck! She is calm, consistent and cares deeply about each of her students' learning today and in the future. When you are in her classroom, you can't help but smile!!"

*Submitted by Anonymous*



**Carrie Parker, York International School**

"Working in a K-12, sometimes you feel like you work in three buildings at the same time, but sometimes it's the perfect place to be! Carrie is a first grade teacher who is sharing her expertise in teaching phonics with some high needs middle schoolers. (The most amazing part, though, is the middle schoolers think they are the ones lending a helping hand!!) Being a part of this community makes each of us stronger!"

*Submitted by Anonymous*

**Nick Bice, York International School**

"Nick is the strength in the storm for so many kids. They rely on his ability to steer them through the roughest waters. We are lucky to have such a compassionate teacher in our building."

*Submitted by Anonymous*

**Kari Dusenbery, York International School**

"Kari has taken on a lot of responsibility in researching and developing York's MTSS structures. Our students continue to show growth because we have structures in place to catch them before they fall! Her commitment to developing Academic Advisory and providing additional small group support is dramatically reducing the number of failing classes among York's middle school students."

*Submitted by Anonymous*

**Nouree Yang, Global Intermediate Academy**

"Nouree goes above and beyond each day to ensure her students are learning academically, are taking accountability, and feel supported and successful. She is a continuous learner, taking the initiative to research, learn, and try new strategies to support her students. She is insightful, has a contagious, positive attitude, and helps her peers grow as well. We are so thankful to have Nouree on our GIA team!"

*Submitted by Alli Blankenship*

**Submit a High Five!**

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## Mapleton Education Foundation

**Mapleton Education Foundation's Scholarship application is now open to Mapleton seniors**

The Mapleton Education Foundation's 2023-24 scholarship application is now open to Mapleton seniors! Applications are due Friday, March 8, at 3:30 p.m., and scholarships are available for students interested in attending traditional universities or colleges, vocational or technical schools, or even apprenticeship programs in-state or out-of-state. You can



[learn more about the scholarships here](#). Please share this with your seniors so we can support their dreams and aspirations.

And the Foundation is looking for volunteers to help review those scholarship applications. **The application review period runs from Friday, March 8 to Friday, March 15.** Reviewers will be asked to score approximately 20 applications and can do so at any time that is convenient during the review week. The application platform is completely online, which is user-friendly and provides an efficient way to rank overall scores.

[If interested in participating, click here to sign up!](#) or scan the QR code to the right. Your opinion and participation in the review process are greatly appreciated!

If you have questions, please email Thomas Hernandez ([hernandezt@mapleton.us](mailto:hernandezt@mapleton.us)).

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## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, March 6** - 2-hour late start - All Schools

**Thursday, March 7** - District Science Fair

**Monday, March 11** - Collaborative Day - No school for students

**Monday, March 18 - 22** - Spring Break - 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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