

The Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, Feb. 27

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!



Mapleton Online students show their appreciation to our Technology team!

Shout out to students from Mapleton Online for sending a special "thank you" to our Technology team! Mapleton Online students surprised Mapleton's IT team with goodie bags and 'thank you' posters as a way of showing their gratitude for the help and support they receive throughout the school year.

Incoming Superintendent Mike Crawford's Listening and Learning sessions conclude March 6

Incoming Superintendent Mike Crawford will conclude his Listening and Learning sessions for staff next **Wednesday, March 6, with two meeting times, from 7:30-8:30 a.m., and 3:30-4:30 p.m.** Both will take place on the 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.

Salary advancement forms

Licensed staff: Are you planning to submit transcripts for a salary increase for the upcoming 2024-25 school year?

If you believe you will have completed enough credit hours by Thursday, Aug. 15, to fulfill the requirements for salary advancement, please complete this [Intent for Salary Advancement form](#). This link will be available until Friday, March 29. (**Please note:** this form is designed to assist the District in budgeting and planning purposes only.) This information can also be found on our website's Talent Management page, under the Salary Advancement tab.

To be considered for salary advancement for the 2024-25 school year, your official transcripts and completed salary advancement applications must be completed and submitted through Frontline Central by Thursday, Aug. 15. Salary advancement applications will be available in Frontline Central beginning Monday, April 1.

Important Reminders:

- District-paid professional development is not eligible for salary advancement.
- Please have your university send your official transcripts to you directly and upload them with your salary advancement application in Frontline.
- Details regarding salary advancement guidelines may be found in the [Licensed Agreement](#). Please refer to Article 23.2, Credit Hours.

If you have any questions regarding the salary advancement process, please email hr@mapleton.us.

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. Submit your nomination soon!

Nominate one of your colleagues!

Complete your Employee Wellness Survey by this Thursday, Feb. 29

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 this Thursday, Feb. 29.

[Employee Wellness Survey](#)

Thank you for this week's High Five submissions

Thank you to everyone who submitted High Five submissions for this week. We're seeing the weekly submission average slowly grow, and with it, surely, pride and appreciation. Have a look below to see what peers are saying about each other.

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



Explore Preschool Para Team (Shiba, Kim, Gina, and Jennifer), Explore PK-8

"It's been such a refreshing school year to work with a team that works so hard together to ensure that our youngest learners are having the best first experience with school. Thank you for putting kids first!"

Submitted by Michelle Olivas

Marina Trujillo, Preschool on Poze

"Correction from last week...I accidentally flipped the names! 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! I appreciate all that you do for our Flex team and keeping this building up and running!"

Submitted by Ryan Fiore

Ellie Ramos, Preschool on Poze

"Thank you for you. Your laugh is infectious. You make our care team and classrooms shine! I appreciate all you have done to help support our half-day and Flex program. You have grown so much since you started with us two years ago. I appreciate all your hard work and dedication to PoP."

Submitted by Ryan Fiore

Anyssa Mamuzich, Preschool on Poze

"Thank you for always showing up. I'm so glad to have had a parent turn into an employee. It means so much that you have decided to be part of the CREW at PoP. You come in every day and support not only the littles but you support your classroom as well. I'm so excited to see where your journey in PreK takes you."

Submitted by Ryan Fiore

Kim Adams, Academy High School

"Kim is a great human being. She consistently looks for ways to establish and improve systems and structures in the interest of our school and, most importantly, the interest of our students. She has a wealth of knowledge and continues to teach all of us about ways to make our students' post-secondary options a reality."

Submitted by Edgar Torres

Jennifer Jackson, Achieve Academy

"Jennifer's extensive expertise in special education has sparked new insights and perspectives among her colleagues. She demonstrates a thorough understanding of the legal and compliance aspects within the field, and she consistently explores innovative approaches to address the unique needs of her kids. Not only does she get the job done, but she prioritizes student needs using research-based approaches that generate results. We need more people like her in our schools!"

Submitted by Anonymous

Martha Geonetta, MAC and PASB Secretary

"Martha has an incredibly positive attitude! Every day she greets staff, families, and guests with a smile and willingness to assist others. Thank you, Martha, for always helping us get a great start to our day."

Submitted by Ariana Rosales

Vanessa Cianfichi, Mapleton Online

"Vanessa Cianfichi wears many hats at Mapleton Online. She works tirelessly for the students and school and does a lot of work with student data to support our teachers and community. Thanks, Vanessa!"

Submitted by Anonymous

Dana Rose, Monterey Community School

"Dana is amazing! I absolutely love working with her. She goes above and beyond."

Submitted by Shabana Waheed

Myranda Straface, Monterey Community School

"Myranda is amazing. She is so creative and goes the extra mile! Love working with her."

Submitted by Shabana Waheed

Submit a High Five!

Gaga Ball pits are hits!

Students at Welby Community School of the Arts and Valley View Innovation School are really enjoying their newly installed Gaga Ball pits! The new playground additions were part of the Mapleton Education Foundation's Gala fundraising efforts, providing gaga ball pits for our middle school students.



Gaga Ball is a fast-paced, high-energy sport played in an octagonal pit and viewed as a kinder, gentler version of dodgeball. Players knock out other participants by throwing the ball and hitting an opponent below the knees. The last student not to be hit by the ball wins. The sport encourages social development while also keeping kids active and healthy.

All schools serving grades 6, 7 and 8 will receive a Gaga Ball pit by the end of this spring!

Mapleton Education Foundation



Run the Colfax Marathon and support Mapleton students

Mapleton runners! Now is your chance to sign up for the Colfax Marathon and support the district as a nonprofit partner!

One of the unique items about Colfax is the race's focus on nonprofit partnerships. That's where the Mapleton Education Foundation (MEF) comes in! As a Colfax participant, you can choose to run for a designated nonprofit. Each nonprofit runs its program in a unique way. Running for MEF, you can help fundraise to support Mapleton students across the entire district. That includes more than 7,000 students across more than 20 schools. Learn more at <https://mapletonedfoundation.org/new.../colfax-marathon.html>.

Teaching and Learning

Teaching and Learning Professional Development Calendar

With the new Mapleton website up and running, the [Teaching and Learning Professional Development Calendar](#) is in a new location. To find it, go to the district’s home page and hover over “Staff” in the upper right, then click on “Professional Development Calendar,” from the drop-down menu. Or click on “Staff” on the home page and look for the “Professional Development Calendar” tab in the gray portion near the top of the screen. Keep up with all of the latest Professional Development and events happening in the District.

New K-5 science curriculum training

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) will be conducting training for the Elementary Launch Program in June. Please review the table below to determine which of these online training courses will work best for you. Trainings are 16 hours over two days. Note the times listed as they are Eastern Time Zone.

Registration for PLTW Launch Classroom Teacher Training will open in late March. Mark your calendars now with dates that work best for you. Teachers participating in this training will be paid their per diem per the negotiated contract. For teachers not able to attend training in June, training will happen during the school year with subs provided, or after school, depending on the training option.

Be on the lookout for additional information to be sent out, including instructions on how to register for the course. Please reach out to [Allyson Mallory](#), ext. 1014, or [Tiffany Watson](#), ext. 1031, with any questions.

PLTW Launch Classroom Teacher Training 16 Hours over 2 days			
June 3-4, 2024	9:00am-11:00am ET & 2:00pm-4:00pm ET	June 24-25, 2024	9:00am-11:00am ET & 2:00pm-4:00pm ET
June 3-4, 2024	11:00am-1:00pm ET & 4:00pm-6:00pm ET	June 24-25, 2024	11:00am-1:00pm ET & 4:00pm-6:00pm ET
June 10-11, 2024	9:00am-11:00am ET & 2:00pm-4:00pm ET	June 26-27, 2024	9:00am-11:00am ET & 2:00pm-4:00pm ET
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District-Approved curriculum unit assessment calendar: March

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 March.

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	Mar 15	Unit 7
K-8 ELA EL Reading	Mar 15	Module 3: Unit 3
K-5 Math Bridges	Mar 29	Unit 7
6 th grade ELA Into Literature	Mar 1	Unit 4
7 th grade ELA Into Literature	Mar 1	Unit 4
8 th grade ELA Into Literature	Working through Unit 5	Unit 5 Assessment (Apr 12)
6 th grade Math enVisions	Mar 27	Topic 6
7 th grade Math enVisions	Mar 28	Topic 6
8 th grade Math enVisions	Working through Topic 6	Topic 6 Assessment (Apr 4)
6 th grade Science Inspire	Mar 1	Unit 3: Module 2
7 th grade Science Inspire	Working through Unit 4 Module 1	Unit 4: Module 1 Assessment (Apr 2)
8 th grade Science Inspire	Mar 25	Unit 3: Module 2
Earth Science	Mar 1, 13 & 28	Chapters 16, 17 & 18
Biology	Mar 6 & 15	Chapters 20 & 21
Chemistry	Mar 8 & 29	Investigations 12 & 13
Physics	Mar 4, 13 & 29	Chapters 18, 19 & 20
Algebra 1	Mar 4 & 15	Unit 4: Topics 1 & 2
Algebra 2	Mar 1	Unit 3: Topic 4
Geometry	Mar 8	Unit 3: Topic 2

Demonstration Classrooms

As a Demonstration Classroom teacher, Nicole DiPaolo (4th grade at Explore PK-8) is *responding flexibly to students* by actively monitoring and collecting data on the progress students are making toward reaching the learning target. Gathering this information helps teachers design their next steps to support students who may require some differentiation in how they access grade-level content.



We're hiring camp teachers for the Gifted and Talented Summer Camp!

Mapleton is looking for teachers for its Gifted and Talented Summer Camp, which will again be offered to gifted and talent pool students in grades K-7. You can apply on Frontline from the district's website, by clicking the "Careers" tab on the upper right of the homepage.

The teacher positions will be paid through a combination of extra-duty pay (pre-planning during April/May) and per diem (for the five days of the camp itself) per the negotiated contract. There will also be opportunities for high school students to earn community service hours as teacher aides.

Upcoming Events

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

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

Monday, March 18 - 22 - Spring Break - No school for students

Tuesday, March 26 - DAAC meeting, 4:30-6 pm.

Thursday, March 28 - District Science Fair



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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