



# The Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, April 9

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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!

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**Congratulations to our retirees, Quarter Century Club members, and nominees!**



# CELEBRATING MAPLETON AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE 2024

Friday, May 3, 2024 | at 6 p.m. | Double Tree by Hilton Hotel

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 RETIREES

Robert Boaz - Explore PK-8  
Charlotte Ciano - Superintendent of Schools  
Dona Dean - York International School  
Eva Gonzalez de Marquez, Explore PK-8  
Annette Hernandez - Transportation Services  
Kristy Keithline - Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts  
Cynthia Lewis - Mapleton Online  
Joan Manella - Meadow Community School  
Ryan Moore - Integrated Services  
Mary Beth Murphy - Mapleton Education Association  
Elizabeth Schamp - Valley View Innovation School  
Mary Smith - Adventure Elementary  
Cynthia Smith - York International School  
Abbie Vidal - Adventure Elementary

## QUARTER CENTURY CLUB

Karen Duckworth - Monterey Community School  
Rhonda Ronczka - Monterey Community School  
Julie Straface - Monterey Community School

## AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE NOMINEES

### ADMINISTRATORS

Melissa Berry  
Annaleah Bloom  
Robin Cutting  
Meghan DeKam  
Tyler Eaton  
Robin Graham  
Julianne Hazah  
Brad Russell  
Dave Sauer  
Lanaye Smith  
Eriksen Van Etten

### CLASSIFIED

Cara Algrim  
Joseph Barrientos  
Jerry Bath  
Phyllis Frazier  
Myda Hernandez  
Kari Horn  
Jasmine Kemm  
Heather Morland  
Azalia Munoz  
Adrienne Paiz  
Stephanie Schupbach

### ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Danny Alltop  
Conor Boatright  
Alyse Burkitt  
Emma Cawley  
Seerie Clark  
Margaret Craven  
Rebecca Groeneveld  
Joselyn Horvath  
Zuleika Leon  
Milahd Makooi  
Jennifer Malouff  
Enid Nieves  
Carrie Parker  
Andrea Rodriguez  
Nicholas Sabri  
Edgar Torres

### LICENSED

Meagan Ackerman  
Kara Arany  
Dianne Bennett  
Amber Bornemeier  
Jennifer Brehmer  
Claudia Bullon  
Hannah Cardenas  
Justin Cochran  
Lesli Cochran

Nicole DiPaolo  
Angela Edmundson  
Deborah Engle  
Frances Fisher  
Hayley Fisher  
Mary Jo Gonzales  
Lauren Hamner  
Sarah Hartman  
Josh Kroonenberg

Sonja Ludwig  
Jennifer Luscombe  
Walter Masten  
Michelle Minard  
Amanda Murphy  
Clare Murphy  
Nicole Nemecek  
Lisa Peterson  
Loraine Pick

Jared Powell  
Jennifer Ryszkowski  
Meg Simon  
Bryanna Vaile  
Isaac Valdez  
Veronica Wilder

## You're invited to the 41st Annual Awards for Excellence!

Celebrate our Awards for Excellence nominees, Quarter Century Club members, and retirees at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel** on **Friday, May 3, starting at 6 p.m.**

### Tickets:

- \$25 per person
- Dinner will be served
- Semi-formal attire

### Purchase tickets online!

- Visit <https://mps.revtrak.net/other-events-and-fundraisers/#/list>
- Create an account.
- Input the promo code "Awards2023" (bottom right corner).
- Purchase your ticket(s).
- Please note, there is a \$2 processing fee.

### **By cash or check** (made out to Mapleton Public Schools):

Mapleton Public Schools

Attn: Celebrating Mapleton

7350 Broadway, Denver CO 80221

RSVP by Wednesday, April 24, to [HR@mapleton.us](mailto:HR@mapleton.us)

For more information, please contact [Hilary Parr](#), Executive Secretary, Talent Management, ext. 1007.

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## Spring into Motion!

The teams are set and it's time to get moving, Mapleton! Thank you to everyone who joined Mapleton's wellness challenge, Spring into Motion! The following teams will be getting some great wellness tips and competing for great prizes now through May.

"Mission Slim Possible"	Movin-N-Groovin	Above Par HR
Party PoPpers!	Fueled by Coffee	Flower Power
Global Trotters	Virtual Vanguarders	High ACHIEVE-rs
Trailside Team 2	Happy Feet	Glittering Hummingbirds
Sole Mates	3/4 Explore	Crazy Llamas
Walkn in a MDW	Got the Runs!	Walking Bassline
Wonderland	Explorers	Remote Renegades
Walk the Line	Are We There Yet?	Stride of a Tiger
Timberwolves	PoP Pavement Pounders	Team Monterey!
Foxes	The York Crew	PASB OG2024
Vocal Voyagers	POP n Like It's HOT!	
Sweat Now, Donuts later	Turbo Talkers	
Tech Titans	Popin' to the top!	
Scrambled Leggs	ah ah ah ah staying alive	
Bust a Move	Prestige Worldwide	
The PoPiest Nightmares	PASB Powerwalkers	
Trailside Is Trying	PK Got Track	

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## Good News from Great Schools!



### Mapleton Early Career Prep earns 2024 Daniels Fund Scholarship

Congratulations to Mapleton Early Career Prep (MEC-Prep) senior Jasbeth H. for receiving a 2024 Daniels Fund Scholarship! These are highly competitive, full, four-year scholarships awarded to students with great potential, strong character, big dreams, and a commitment to making a difference in the world around them.

Jasbeth intends to use her scholarship to first attend the University of Colorado Denver before transferring to Colorado Mesa University to earn a bachelor's degree in radiology. She said she has always been interested in a medical career and has witnessed firsthand how challenging the healthcare system can be for patients.

"My family has gone through a lot of struggles in the medical world, with constant doctor visits and lots of frustrations," she said. "I felt the need to make a change in the hospital environment, and radiologists can make an impact with lots of patients in a single day."

She already has a good start toward her chosen career path. Among her many extracurricular activities, Jasbeth has an internship with the Medical Career Collaborative (MC<sup>2</sup>) with Children's Hospital Colorado and Denver Health. This program introduces high school students to job experiences in healthcare.



### **Artistic Mapleton Early Career Prep senior showcases animation and fashion skills**

Mapleton Early Career Prep senior Alexa M. is gaining recognition for her diverse artistic talents. In March, the Denver Theatre District projected a short, animated video she produced on the side of the Daniels & Fisher Tower, at Denver's 16th Street Mall, for their "Denver Night Lights" program. The video was a Disneyesque cartoon of a squirrel chasing an acorn from a tree into a river.

And, this past semester Alexa also interned at the Art + Action Lab, part of Metropolitan State University's Center for Visual Art. The internship offers in-depth programming for teens interested in creative careers and a conversation series with local arts professionals. One of her projects has been to design an outfit to debut at the Art + Action Lab Fashion Show on Friday, April 19. She will the outfit herself, a pink creature costume, as she walks down a runway.

### **Global Leadership Academy Future Business Leaders of America students compete at state conference**

Six Global Leadership Academy (GLA) students competed at the 2024 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) High School State Leadership Conference, held April 1-3, at the Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center, in Aurora. They were among nearly 4,000 students who gathered from around the state to compete in more than 70 events designed to showcase their business skills. This is also the first year that GLA has ever had an FBLA chapter.



Senior Kylie L. achieved 19th place in the Cyber Security category, while junior Faith C. secured 13th place in Impromptu Speaking, and junior Emmy N. attained 10th place in Spreadsheet Applications. Seniors Daymion C. and Juqui C., and junior Yzabella T. achieved 18th place in the Partnership with Business presentation, collaborating on a project to support Mapleton teachers using the tourism application GeoLanes. Congratulations to these promising business leaders from GLA!





## Thank you for this week's High Five submissions

We have another great round of High Fives from last week, celebrating staff members who responded to an emergency to others who come to school with a fantastic attitude. Thank you to everyone who submitted a High Five.

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

### Janessa Galvin, Preschool on Poze

"Thank you for always helping support our learners, even helping families outside of the school day. This does not go unnoticed! Parents love you and it shows. Thank you for all you do for our students!"

*Submitted by Ryan Fiore*

### Maisee Vue, Preschool on Poze

"Maisee has been a long-standing toddler teacher and someone the school can rely on for support. And, parents love her! We are so lucky to have her at PoP! Continue doing all you do for the littlest learners!"

*Submitted by Ryan Fiore*

### Ashlee Goetz, Preschool on Poze

"Thank you for all your support of the Pre-K teachers. You are such a Pre-K guru and know all the ins and outs of one of the hardest grades in education. You work tirelessly with all administrators, teachers, and paras to make our programming amazing!"

*Submitted by Ryan Fiore*

### Sharon Zeman, Preschool on Poze

"Thank you for all you do for the entire Pre-K staff. It's great to have someone who knows the ins and outs of PDIS, and TS GOLD, and provides all the support we could ever need! You are such an asset to the programming and the teachers, paras, and admin are so fortunate to have you! Thank you for all you do!"

*Submitted by Ryan Fiore*

### Maggie Phipps, Preschool on Poze

"Thank you for giving our kids a voice when they may not be able to speak, for the amount of work you do to provide students with a device, or button, or just articulation of their words. Thanks for helping out little learners! I appreciate it more than words can ever express."

*Submitted by Ryan Fiore*

### Sarah Contreras, Explore PK-8

"Sarah is a cheerleader, champion, and advocate for all the bodies and minds at Explore. Her dedication, consistency, and big heart make her a role model, a caring confidant, and dear friend."

*Submitted by Anonymous*

**All York staff, Eriksen Van Etten, Jennifer Malouff, and Ben Schneider; York International School**

"Imagine, it's 3:21 p.m. and 800 kids are getting ready for a 3:25 p.m. dismissal. Early elementary kids and ILC students are out the doors, on the way to their buses, and parents are lining the kiss-n-go lane and sidewalks to receive their children. All of a sudden, you hear over the intercom that the entire campus has gone into secure status. Thank you to every staff member who helped keep the children calm and pitched in until, after an hour, we were finally able to release kids to their parents, and who acted in a completely professional and utterly seamless manner. Thank you also to our amazing administrators, resource officers, and other district personnel who kept us informed and organized and led us through this event in such a thoughtful way. This is truly a great place to be. Way to go, York!"

*Submitted by Anonymous*

**Matt Coates, Academy High School**

"During Assistant Principal's Week, I would like to recognize Matt Coates for being our incredible Assistant Director. Mr. Coates is such a calm and consistent force in the Academy Office. He is kind, caring, dedicated, and supportive to everyone in the building - staff and students alike. He is truly one of the reasons that Academy continues to function at a high level, and we are so grateful to have him here! Thank you, Mr. Coates!"

*Submitted by Anonymous*

**Rachel Martinez, Custodial staff**

"Rachel comes to work with a positive attitude and smile on her face every day. Her hard work doesn't go unnoticed, and the schools are a cleaner space because of her work ethic. Thanks, Rachel!"

*Submitted by John McCafferty*

**Kate Miya and Rob Koch, Mapleton Online**

"Kate and Rob are the senior advisors for Mapleton Online, and we couldn't ask for two better people to fill this role. They work tirelessly to monitor, communicate with, support, and celebrate our seniors. Working with seniors at this time of the year can be a tiring, stressful job, and Kate and Rob handle the challenge it brings with grace and enthusiasm. Thanks, Kate and Rob! I couldn't possibly do my job without the two of you, and our seniors are incredibly lucky to have you."

*Submitted by Monica Johnson*

**Sarah Contreras, Explore PK-8**

"Shoutout to Sarah Contreras, whose expertise in Expeditionary Learning brings so much knowledge to our school community. Her dedication to both quality of work and the character development of her students sets a remarkable standard for educators everywhere!"

*Submitted by Anonymous*

**Rachel Dickson, Explore PK-8**

"A huge shoutout to Rachel Dickson for her relentless dedication to her students, giving her all each and every day! With her unwavering commitment, she must surely hold the title for the best attendance in the school!"

*Submitted by Anonymous*

**Dan Spitler, Explore PK-8**

"Dan Spitler cares about keeping students safe and happy while helping them learn. He believes everyone can learn and does his best to help them."

*Submitted by Anonymous*

**Raylene Romero, Explore PK-8**

"Raylene Romero not only runs our school health office but is also a trusted adult who students seek out just to talk to when life gets hard. Her dedication to both their health and emotional well-being makes her such an asset to our school community."

*Submitted by Anonymous*

**Kristina Riley, Achieve Academy**

"Kristina is such a thoughtful, knowledgeable and supportive instructional guide! Thank you for everything you do for teachers and students at Achieve."

*Submitted by Anonymous*

**Kelley Spencer, Achieve Academy**

"Kelley is an excellent teacher and is always learning more to become even better. She is also such a positive force on our staff, extra kind and welcoming to everyone! "

*Submitted by Anonymous*

**Rebecca Jessie, Achieve Academy**

"Rebecca Jessie is a great teacher! She goes above and beyond and is so caring and amazing at connecting with students! We are grateful to have you at Achieve!"

*Submitted by Anonymous*

**Jessica Short, Performing Arts**

"Jessi had such dedication and patience in producing the play "She Kills Monsters." Her hard work shined in every performance done by our high school students on stage. My daughter was so proud to be a part of this crew. I so enjoyed watching the actors grow in their skills. She gave my daughter the opportunity to shine like a star!!"

*Submitted by Joyce Martinez*

**Submit a High Five!**

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## **Mapleton Education Foundation**

### **Support our students and teachers by catching Mapleton Public Schools Appreciation Day with the Colorado Rockies!**

Join the Colorado Rockies and the Mapleton Education Foundation for Mapleton Public Appreciation Day on Sunday, April 21, at the ballpark. The game starts at 1:10 p.m. and every ticket sold contributes to the Foundation's crucial work for Mapleton students and teachers. If you can't make this game, there will be three more chances to support the cause on Sunday, May 12, Monday, May 27, and Saturday, June 15. Don't miss out on the opportunity to enjoy America's favorite pastime while making a difference in your local community.

For more information on these upcoming events, visit the [MEF's website](#).



## Support the Legacy Scholarship by joining the Foundation at Topgolf on Thursday, May 23

Looking for a fun way to tee off summer? Then join us for the third annual Mapleton Legacy Association Topgolf Event on Thursday, May 23, from 4:30-7:30 p.m., in Thornton. Proceeds will benefit the Foundation's Legacy Scholarship.

The event will begin with a Tee-Party Welcome, from 4:30-5:30 p.m., to provide an opportunity to mingle with other participants

before our 5:30-7:30 p.m. golf time. You can register as a golfer or spectator, sign up as a team of up to six, or sponsor a bay. Golfer tickets are just \$55, and spectator tickets are \$35. Heavy appetizers will be provided, and a cash bar will be available.

Visit the [Mapleton Education Foundation website](#) to learn more or to register for this event. The **registration deadline is Wednesday, May 15.**

## Teaching and Learning

### A message from CDE regarding relicensure:

The Office of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education (CLDE) would like to share some information with you. Please contact the CLDE Office with any questions you may have regarding this message.

### English Learner Professional Development requirement for license renewal

All educators holding an elementary, English language arts, math, science or social studies (or any middle-level) endorsement on a professional teacher license that expires on or after Sept. 1, 2025, must complete English Learner Professional Development (ELPD) prior to renewing their license or they will be unable to renew until they have done so. The ELPD training requirement for these endorsement areas was adopted by the State Board of Education in 2018, allowing teachers time to



complete the training until their next full renewal period. Anyone who holds an ELPD designation on their credential already meets this requirement.

Important note: This requirement is based solely on the endorsement(s) held; it is not based on the content area the educator is presently teaching or if they are teaching at all. For example, a teacher who also holds both a science and a music endorsement will be required to complete ELPD even if only teaching music. Individuals who are serving in other positions (as a principal, for example) or not presently employed in education and who still wish to renew their teacher license with one of the identified endorsements must meet this requirement.

The ELPD designation requires 45 hours of training focused on the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse learners. Educators may fulfill the requirement via a [pre-approved program](#) or [individual learning that aligns with the ELPD standards](#). District leaders with [COOL access](#) can download a report of their educators who have attained the designation.

More details for educators needing to complete the ELPD requirement can be found on the [ELPD for Educators webpage](#). Email [educator\\_development@cde.state.co.us](mailto:educator_development@cde.state.co.us) with questions.

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## Collaborative Structures Survey Responses

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Collaborative Structures Survey! Your voice is important for continuous improvement. We had a total of 171 responses. The survey data is intended to gauge how people are implementing and responding to the collaborative structures within Mapleton, both the Instructional Design Teams (IDT) and Instructional Leadership Teams (ILT). The data provides guidance for the system around support and next steps needed in collaborative structures.

Below you will find results for some key questions from the survey:

[Collaborative Structures Survey responses](#)



**Collaborative Structures Survey Responses.docx**

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## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, April 16** - DAAC meeting, 4:30-6 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 17** - District Art Show, 8 a.m.

**Friday, April 19** - Teacher Trade Day

**Thursday, April 25** - Mariachi, Honors Orchestra Performance, 6-8 p.m.

**Friday, April 26** - Solo and Ensemble Festival, 4:30-8:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 27** - Prom, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 1** - 2-hour late start

**Friday, May 3** - 41st Annual Awards for Excellence, 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 8** - Choir Concert - Intermediate/Advanced Zero Hour classes, 7-9 p.m.

**Thursday, May 9** - Band Concert - Zero Hour classes, 7-9 p.m.

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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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