



The Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, April 16

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!

Reserve your spot at the 2024 Awards for Excellence dinner and celebration!



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

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

Meet Heather Cooper-Naumann, Mapleton's new Transportation Director

Mapleton Public Schools has a new Transportation Director to keep things rolling smoothly. Heather Cooper-Naumann joined the team on Monday, April 1, after working in the Aurora Public Schools District's Transportation Department for the last seven years.



She was attracted to Mapleton because of the smaller, more familial atmosphere, as the district is roughly a third the size of Aurora. In a district of Mapleton's size, she said bus drivers can get to know their students and see them grow, rather than see them as numbers.

Heather is enjoying getting to know her new home and is excited to learn more about Mapleton's comprehensive transportation system. Right now, she said her team works like a well-oiled machine and any tweaks she would make would be to better serve students.

Welcome, Heather!

Nominate a Mapleton teacher to throw the first pitch at an upcoming Rockies game!

The Colorado Rockies are looking for one lucky teacher to throw the ceremonial first pitch at their game on Friday, May 10, for their "Teacher First Pitch Event," part of their Teacher Appreciation Week.



To find their prospective pitcher, the organization is taking suggestions from the public of teachers from any Colorado school district serving grades K-12 who make a difference in students' lives.

Nominations can be submitted by students, colleagues, friends, family members, or even the teachers themselves through **Friday, April 26**. The winning teacher will be selected by a committee on or around April 28. The selected teacher will also receive five free game tickets!

So nominate a deserving Mapleton teacher by [clicking here](#). After all, Mapleton purple matches the Colorado Rockies' colors pretty well.

Information on salary advancement

Licensed staff: Applications for Salary Advancement for the 2024-2025 school year are now available in Frontline Central. To access the Salary Advancement Application, please follow the instructions below.

1. Log into your Frontline Central account.
2. Go to **My Forms** then **Forms I Can Start**.
3. Scroll to the **Salary Advancement Application (Licensed Employees Only)**
4. Click on **Start this Form** to complete

The application window will be open through August 15, 2024. Official transcripts must be uploaded and included in your application. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

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 Article 23, Credit Hours.
- If you have questions about the salary advancement process, please visit our [website](#) and review the Frequently Asked Questions
- If you have any additional questions, please send your request to hr@mapleton.us



Join National Space Day!

Fourth and fifth grade teachers: Join classes across the country for an out-of-this-world experience on **National Space Day, Friday, May 3!** The organization Space Workforce 2030 will host a 45-minute YouTube event at 11 a.m. MT meant to get students excited about space.

The broadcast will include lessons on how rockets launch, why the U.S. is going to Mars, and how space technology shapes our everyday lives on Earth. Some of America's leading experts on space will also take questions from students.

This is a great opportunity for our teachers to be on the cutting edge of this exciting frontier! [Click here](#) to learn more.

Good news from great schools!

Explore PK-8 students craft friendship bracelets for Sources of Strength lessons



Students at Explore PK-8 made friendship bracelets last week to remind each other of the strength that strong friendships bring, as part of their lessons with the Sources of Strength (SOS) program.

The program is a universal, school-based program designed to change the norms and behaviors surrounding suicide within a school community and increase social support and connectedness among students. It is based around eight core protective factors, like mentors, generosity, and family support.

Each week for the next couple months, Explore will focus on the importance of the different factors, and last week's focus was on positive friends. Positive friends lift us up, make us laugh, are honest with us, and are there for us when we need them.

Improving literacy through tapping and blending sounds

Students in Ms. Savannah Martella's second grade class at Explore PK-8 use a weekly routine of tapping sounds in words, blending the sounds, and spelling them to solidify the phoneme-grapheme mapping of phonics concepts. This routine allows students to isolate sounds and blend them back together while ensuring students spell the words to map the speech sounds to print. Using a routine like this for phoneme-grapheme mapping (i.e. sound to letter mapping) encourages students to develop into independent readers.



For teachers who would like to share literacy bright spots in their classrooms, please send photos and a description to [Karla Gruenwald](#), Teaching and Learning Services.

Global Leadership Academy students and staff discuss electives with incoming Global Intermediate Academy eighth graders

Last month, Global Leadership Academy (GLA) students and staff spoke to eighth graders at Global Intermediate Academy (GIA) about elective courses the eighth graders could request for their upcoming freshman year. The GLA contingent touched on electives like Spanish and Drawing, as well as new courses like Principles of Marketing Entrepreneurship that are now offered as part of the school's CTE Business pathway.



The GLA students shared their personal experiences about taking some of the electives and answered the eighth graders' questions about what high school was like in general. The meeting not only provided the GIA students the opportunity to learn more about class offerings and request

them. It also began the basis of a supportive relationship with students who will be starting high school in the fall.



Thank you for this week's High Five submissions

Eleven more great High Fives for you this week. Preschool on Poze and Explore PK-8 staff in particular have been sharing a lot of love lately. Check out what people are saying below.

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

Garth Frehner, Global Intermediate Academy

"Garth has been an amazing asset to GIA this year! He is a team player, always willing to help out in any way he can. He is amazing at communicating, deeply cares for our kids, and takes initiative to learn as much as possible in order to grow in his profession. Everyone loves his joyful personality, and we're so happy to have him at GIA!"

Submitted by Anonymous

Kelly Johnson, Academy High School

"Miss Kelly is the face of Academy High School. She is the first person anyone meets as they enter our building, and she goes above and beyond in welcoming students, staff, and the community to our school daily. Her smile and laugh brighten everyone's day! She is also our tech guru and her organization and management of student technology needs keeps our students moving forward academically. Thank you for all you do! Academy appreciates you!"

Submitted by Mary Jo Gonzales

Ruth Soto, Academy High School

"Miss Ruth keeps Academy High School running and at full power! She handles all of her responsibilities, even the last-minute ones, with ease. Her commitment to Mapleton, our students, and our staff is amazing, and we would be lost without her knowledge, humor, and steadfastness. Thank you, thank you, Miss Ruth! We appreciate you!"

Submitted by Mary Jo Gonzales

Andrea Maes, Preschool on Poze

"Thanks for all the support with the toddlers in the building. It is great to have someone we can count on to ensure our littlest learners are being cared for early in the morning or late at night! "

Submitted by Ryan Fiore

Susie Panozzo, Preschool on Poze

"Thanks for giving our kids the experience of a lifetime in school. From worms to fish, to mud, and everything in between. The kids in your classroom play, learn, and grow! It is great to see our students engaged in such fun activities! Thanks for all you do for the school, families, and community!"

Submitted by Ryan Fiore

Jessica Lloyd, Preschool on Poze

"The work you do with our Flex students is amazing. It is great to see how much they have grown and changed over the year. I appreciate your patience, kindness, and support as we navigate this programming with all your kids. You always do it with a smile and are ready to go with whatever is 'thrown' your way! Thanks for all you do!"

Submitted by Ryan Fiore

Courtney Lang, Preschool on Poze

"Thank you for working so hard with your students. It is great to see them solve problems through Dinosaur School solutions. Your students are so kind and caring. It is great to see how they have changed since school started!"

Submitted by Ryan Fiore

Zach Page, Explore PK-8

"A big shout out to Zach Page, an incredible kindergarten teacher whose boundless energy and infectious positivity make learning a joyous adventure for his students! Keep shining, Zach, you're making a lasting impact! 🌟"

Submitted by Anonymous

Audrey Menke, Explore PK-8

"Shout out to Audrey Menke for seamlessly transitioning back into teaching third grade after maternity leave. Your students are so happy to have you back!"

Submitted by Anonymous

Julie Najera, Explore PK-8

Shout out to Julie Najera for her incredible dedication in stepping into a sixth grade classroom to ensure a successful end of the school year. Julie's commitment to student growth and success is greatly appreciated by all!"

Submitted by Anonymous

Kate Miya, Mapleton Online

"Kate has been committed to our school and students since it opened. This year she is teaching all four grades of high school English with empathy and an expectation of excellence from all students. She is a helpful and kind coworker and a compassionate teacher- Thanks Kate!"

Submitted by Anonymous

Submit a High Five!

Mapleton Education Foundation

Support our students and teachers by catching Mapleton Appreciation Day with the Colorado Rockies!

Join the Colorado Rockies and the Mapleton Education Foundation for Mapleton 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

Want a resource to support stronger Know/Show charts and the unpacking of standards?

If you're looking for a way to support stronger Know/Show charts and help unpack standards, consider using AI tools, like ChatGPT, as a resource. You can use them to analyze the standards in the charts or as a "sparring" tool (per Paul Bambrick-Santoyo).

Also, consider what students specifically need to know and follow Mapleton's guidelines for how to write effective Know/Show charts. [Click here](#) for information on unpacking standards and the Data Driven Instruction Guide.

For questions or support with Know/Show charts, please contact [Veronica Shea](#), ext. 1064.

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-Wednesday, May 15 - Open enrollment benefit window opens. Stay tuned!

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.

Monday, May 13 - Collaborative Day - 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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