

# The Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, May 14

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!

## Open enrollment window closes TODAY!

Open Enrollment is the annual period in which benefit-eligible employees may review their benefits, enroll in coverage, change plans, add or drop dependents, or drop coverage. All changes made during open enrollment are effective July 1, 2024.

To view, select, or change your benefits, visit the [employee portal](#). More information about rates and updated iVisions links are available on Mapleton's [Benefits page](#).



## Benefit Enrollment Assistance

- **Employee Portal:** If you need help accessing your Employee Portal (username, password), please contact the Help Desk at 303.853.1057 or [helpdesk@mapleton.us](mailto:helpdesk@mapleton.us)
- **Benefits election:** If you need assistance electing/changing your benefits, or accessing a computer, please contact **Robin DeCarlo, Benefits Specialist**, at [decarlor@mapleton.us](mailto:decarlor@mapleton.us), 303.853.1004 to arrange an appointment.



## Graduation is this Saturday!

Help us congratulate the Class of 2024!

### Graduation Day is Saturday, May 18!

- **8 a.m.** – Arrival time for graduating seniors
- **9 a.m.** – Arrival time for staff interested in borrowing a gown and sitting on the field during the ceremony. Gowns will be available in the Skyview Cafeteria, first-come, first-served.
- **10 a.m.** – Graduation Ceremony begins at DiTirro Stadium

### Parking

**Graduates are invited to park in Skyview Campus Lot B (Main Lot).** Graduates should be prepared to show their cap/gown for parking lot entry. Parents may drop their graduates off in front of the building but then must exit the parking lot.

**RTD Welby Station Parking Lot:** Families and guests of graduates are invited to park in the RTD lot on Welby Road and 88th Avenue. DiTirro Stadium is a short walk from the RTD station. A wheelchair accessible bus will be available for guests needing assistance from the parking lot. Buses will drop guests off near the student parking lot, Lot D.

**Monterey Community School Parking Lot (2201 McElwain Blvd., Denver, 80229):** Families are also invited to park in the lot at Monterey Community School. Shuttles will transport families to and from DiTirro Stadium beginning at 8 a.m.

**Accessible Parking** is available in Skyview Campus Lot A (Clayton Loop) and Lot B (Main Lot). An identifying placard must be prominently displayed to use accessible parking.

**Staff participating in the ceremony** (helping get students ready) can park in Lot C and will be required to show their Mapleton ID.

**Graduation volunteers** are invited to park in Skyview Campus Lot C (Back Lot).

**Mapleton staff attending graduation** are invited to park at York International School (9200 York St., Thornton, 80229). Shuttles will transport guests to and from DiTirro Stadium beginning at 8 a.m.

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## High schools hold special sendoff events for graduating seniors

Although graduation is Saturday, schools spent the last week saying a special goodbye to the graduating class.

Academy High School and York International School participated in their annual Senior Parades, where soon-to-be graduates walked through their schools one last time, dressed in their caps and



gowns. with other students and staff cheering them on. For Academy seniors, that cheering section included Clayton Partnership students and staff.

Global Leadership Academy held a campus-wide parade, where staff and students from the school, as well as Global Intermediate Academy and Global Primary Academy, came together outside to celebrate the seniors.

Mapleton Early Career Prep seniors ran through a tunnel of underclassmen who cheered them on and sang their senior song. Then, the school hosted a Senior Barbeque where school resource officers came to play football and frisbee with the students.

Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts hosted a Senior Dinner and Robing Ceremony for their seniors, with families in attendance on Thursday. Then, on Friday, the school held a Senior Sendoff.

Mapleton Online seniors came together for a special Senior Dinner to talk about their post-secondary plans and celebrate the work of the year.

The Performing Arts School on Broadway had a Senior Celebration that included academic awards and celebrations. Seniors shared their plans and advice for future classes and underclassmen gave shoutouts, shared memories, and showed gratitude for seniors' friendship and leadership.

**Find more photos on Mapleton's Facebook page!**

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## **Anythink Library closes Friday, May 17**

**This Friday, at 5 p.m., Anythink's York Street branch on the Skyview Campus will close permanently.** The library will [reopen in October 2024 in its new location](#), 2211 Eppinger Blvd. While we are sad to see the library go, we are looking forward to visiting [Anythink's new building](#) and enjoying many new experiences, opportunities, classes, and of course, books.

Temporary bookmobile service near the new location starts Tuesday, June 4.

Tuesdays, 1-5 p.m.

Thursdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thornton Community Park  
2300 Thornton Pkwy  
North parking lot in front of Fire Station 1

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## **Mental Health Action Day is this Thursday - Prioritize mental health through available services**

This Thursday, May 16, is [Mental Health Action Day](#). On Mental Health Action Day, thousands of organizations, government agencies, and cultural leaders come together to help move mental

health awareness to mental health action.

To support this cause, we encourage everyone to wear green on Thursday to "Be Seen in Green" in support of mental health. We also want to share the many resources available for Mapleton staff and students to ensure their mental health needs are met.

From confidential, school-based therapy sessions for students to face to face or online counseling sessions for staff, there are ways to find help. Let's foster a culture of action and support, ensuring that no one faces mental health challenges alone. [Read more.](#)

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### **Mapleton Early Career Prep senior tackles parking problem for senior thesis project**

It's no secret – parking at the district's Skyview Campus is notoriously problematic. Thankfully, Mapleton Early Career Prep senior Denise A. has a solution. For her senior thesis project, she presented her idea for an additional campus parking lot to professional architects to gain experience and gather their feedback. Though her proposal won't actually be implemented, she said it was a great learning opportunity. [Read more about her plan](#)

[and presentation.](#)

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### **Mapleton administrative assistants come together to learn and collaborate**

Collaborative Days in Mapleton provide staff from all schools and departments an opportunity to work together on projects, problem solving, and professional learning. Yesterday, administrative assistants from all schools and departments, took advantage of the opportunity to collaborate on important end-of-year and beginning-of-year items, from enrollment and Annual Updates to attendance. The administrative assistants also participated in a fun game of Jeopardy to recap and celebrate the many learning topics they covered this year as a team.



Mapleton's Administrative Assistants are Irreplaceable!

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### **Read messages of appreciation from Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week**

Last week was **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week**, when we recognized all of you who positively impact our students' lives every day. We also asked for submissions celebrating Mapleton's Irreplaceables. Take a moment to [read some of those submissions here.](#)





## Thank you for this week's High Fives!

Only a few weeks left to send High Fives before Summer Break, so if you want to say thank you to someone, do it soon.

And thanks to everyone who sent us their messages last week. Take a look at what they said below.

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

### **Cyndi Valdez, Business Services**

"Thank you for always helping me and answering all questions!! I think you are the Bee's Knees!!"

*Submitted by Alicia Howard*

### **Kyle Bacon, Abby Lee, and Kasia Flowers; Integrated Services**

"I am grateful for all the incredible advice and support I've received from all of you this school year. Your creative approach to problem solving has truly made a difference in my journey. Thank you for helping me see challenges from new perspectives. You're an amazing team!"

*Submitted by Alicia Howard*

### **Meghan DeKam, Global Leadership Academy**

"Meghan has been an incredible addition to the GLA staff. She did a wonderful job throughout testing season and happily steps in to help teachers problem solve, no matter how big or small those problems are! She has a supportive, positive, and strengths-based focus that all leaders should have."

*Submitted by Anonymous*

### **Deb Engle and Veronica Wilder, Global Leadership Academy**

"Both Deb and Veronica have done an excellent job as veteran teachers at our school. They are always willing to collaborate with and support teachers and students, and they are fierce advocates for Mapleton teachers through their work with MEA. GLA and Mapleton are lucky to have them!"

*Submitted by Anonymous*

### **Tara Mann, Global Intermediate Academy**

"Tara has been a total lifesaver this year! She puts her heart and soul into everything she does, making the toughest stuff seem like a breeze. Whether it's decoding brain-bending concepts or just lending a helping hand, Tara's got not only her students, but her coworkers' backs. Rock on, Tara!"

*Submitted by Anonymous*

**Drew Faustin, Transportation and Fleet Maintenance**

"Drew comes to work with a positive attitude every day. He works hard to support our drivers and make sure the buses are able to get kids to and from school safely. He is reliable and is never afraid to take on any task. Mapleton is lucky to have him as a master mechanic! Great job, Drew!"

*Submitted by Phil Faustin*

**Karen Hoppis, Explore PK-8**

"Karen works so hard for all the students and staff at Explore! Thank you so much for all that you do!"

*Submitted by Anonymous*

**The IT Team, Communications Team, Brian Fuller, Monica Ycaza, Beronica Gutierrez, Suzy Ott, Jacque Ewing, and Finance Team**

"Thank you all so much for your help with the delivery of the Staff Appreciation lunch boxes! Your willingness to jump and help whenever and wherever needed does not go unnoticed! Thank you!!"

*Submitted by Laura Milani*

**Dominik Martinez, Operations**

"I'd like to shout out Dominik Martinez in Operations. Thank you, Dominik, for your assistance with the electrical issues in the Admin Building. Showing up on short notice (with a smile) and addressing these challenges with professionalism and efficiency is truly appreciated. We're incredibly fortunate to have you in Mapleton."

*Submitted by Jennifer Meyn*

**Submit a High Five!**

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## Mapleton Education Foundation

### Last chance to register for the Foundation's Topgolf event!

This week is your last chance to register for the third annual Mapleton Legacy Association Topgolf Event! Register by **this Wednesday, May 15**, to join us at the event on Thursday, May 23, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., in Thornton. Proceeds will benefit the Foundation's Legacy Scholarship.

Visit the [Mapleton Education Foundation website](#) to learn more and register for this event.

# Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, May 1-Tuesday, May 14** - Open enrollment benefit window open

**Wednesday, May 15** - Band Concert - Beginners/High School Jazz Band, 6-9 p.m.

**Thursday, May 16** - Choir Concert - Beginners/7th Grade Zero Hour, 7-9 p.m.

**Saturday, May 18** - Graduation, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 21** - DAAC meeting - 4:30-6 p.m.

**Monday, May 27** - Memorial Day - District closed

**Thursday, May 30** - Last day of school - 2-hour early dismissal

**Monday, June 3-Friday, June 7** - GT Summer Camp, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., daily



## 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).

**Email:** [communications@mapleton.us](mailto:communications@mapleton.us)

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