



The Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, August 27

The *Tuesday Takeaway* is designed to be a quick-hit-style newsletter with stories most pertinent to employees at the top and stories including student celebrations toward the middle. If you scroll toward the bottom, you will find information relevant to specific employee groups, such as important updates from Teaching and Learning for teachers.

If you have an idea for a story, like one about your school, students, or department, [please send it our way!](#) We'll do our best to fit them in an upcoming issue.

Get ready for Rounding!

For 2024-25, ALL Mapleton administrators will engage in rounding. A few things you should know:

- Rounding involves a short, one-to-one conversation structured around five questions. Rounding conversations will often be unscheduled, and may take place in a hallway, staff room, or any other work location.
- Rounding is not evaluative.
- Rounding should not be disruptive – if you don't have time to talk, just say so.
- During rounding conversations, administrators will probably take notes to facilitate follow-up action to meet any indicated needs or recognize mentioned colleagues.
- Please rely on our courage and compassion to have honest conversations about your work experience.
- The information collected will be used to inform the improvement of the services we offer in each school and department, as well as to identify action steps to improve work environments

and support employees. Thank you in advance for taking a few minutes to talk with us in an effort to make Mapleton even better!

Marchi Mini Grants are back!

The Mapleton Education Foundation is also excited to announce the **Marchi Mini-Grant Program application for 2024-25 school year is now open!** The program, named in honor of Mapleton principal Lisa Marchi, provides funding for teachers to implement innovative, standards-based, hands-on learning opportunities in their classrooms.

Though applicants may also receive support from the Donors Choose site, Mapleton Education Foundation awards are up-to \$1,500 for an individual instructor or up-to \$3,000 for a team application. Applications are due Oct. 3. [Read how to apply here.](#)

Help families submit their 2024-25 meal benefit application

All Mapleton students have access to healthy, nutritious school meals at no cost thanks to the Healthy School Meals for All program approved by Colorado voters. While meals are available at no cost, it is still important for all families to submit a meal benefit application for the 2024-25 school year.

Why should families submit their 2024-25 meal benefit application?

When families complete their [2024-25 meal benefit application](#), they receive access to additional resources, including:

- Opportunities for school-related fee waivers
- Discounted internet, phone, and utility services
- [SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, or FDPRI](#)

Schools receive benefits, too, including funds for:

- Classroom resources (from books to technology to teachers!)
- Before and after school enrichment activities
- Health and wellness services

Submitting the meal benefit application is safe and can be completed online in minutes. All application information remains private and confidential and will not be shared or used for any other purpose. Only one form is needed per family.

The meal benefit application is available online - [MySchoolApps - Getting Started](#)

If you have any questions please get in touch with Mapleton's Nutrition Services team, at 303.853.117, or FoodService@mapleton.us.

CONGRATULATIONS!

TIA JOHNSON

Head Coach | Skyview Wolverines Cheerleading



**2024 CHEER COACH OF THE YEAR
VARSITY WINNER | COLORADO**



Congratulations to Skyview Wolverines Cheerleading Head Coach Tia Johnson on being named the 2024 Nfinity Varsity Coach of the Year for Colorado! Nfinity, a cheerleading shoe and apparel brand, annually honors coaches nationwide for their impact and dedication.

In her third year as head coach, Johnson has elevated the Skyview Wolverines, leading them to their first Universal Cheerleaders Association National Championships, in Orlando, last year. She will attend the Nfinity Awards Ceremony with a chance to be named National Coach of the Year. We are proud to have such an inspiring leader in our cheer program!



Academy High School seniors named National First-Generation Scholars by CollegeBoard

Congratulations to Academy High School seniors Cheyenne S. and Abundio M., who were both named National First-Generation Scholars by the nonprofit CollegeBoard in its National Recognition Program! The annual program recognizes the strong academic performance of underrepresented students, often serving as a signal to colleges and universities looking to recruit diverse, talented students.

Cheyenne and Abundio were recognized for their outstanding NMSQT® test scores (which were in the top 10% in the state) and their exceptional grades. Additionally, when Cheyenne and Abundio continue to college, they will both be first-generation college students. The students can use this recognition to boost their college and scholarship applications, with many institutions offering scholarships to award recipients.

Neither Cheyenne nor Abundio knows where they would like to attend college yet. Right now, Abundio is interested in majoring in mechanical engineering or robotics. Cheyenne wants to study aerospace science, and possibly become a pilot.

Musical nonprofit donates 16 instruments to Mapleton Performing Arts Department

On Saturday, Aug. 17, the Colorado nonprofit Bringing Music to Life donated 16 musical instruments, including electric guitars, flutes, and clarinets, to Mapleton's Performing Arts Department. These instruments were essential to replace worn-out inventory that could no longer be used.



Mapleton Band Director Zach Brake emphasized the importance of this donation, noting that many students' families cannot afford to buy their own instruments.

"If a kid really wants to learn and experience the joy of making music, we provide that opportunity, and gifts like this help us with that," said Brake.

He highlighted that learning an instrument teaches students perseverance and pride, with many starting from scratch and performing at the Mapleton Arts Center by the end of the school year.

First "High Fives" of the school year

Our first official batch of "High Fives" this school year focused on new staff and efforts to get the year started off right. Thank you to this week's submitters and to everyone else, keep 'em coming!

[If you know someone who deserves a "High Five", submit your appreciation using this form.](#)



Camille Galaviz, Monterey Community School

"Camille has been a huge asset in our transition with our SPED department. Thank you so much for your continued support!"

Submitted by Shabana Waheed

Technology Department

"High FIVE to the Tech Department for working diligently to get technology to students and teachers! We appreciate you all for your dedication!"

Submitted by Marisa Abreo

Joseline Velasquez, Adventure Elementary

"Adventure's new secretary, Joseline, is doing an incredible job! Her warmth and calmness make for a welcoming front office for students, families, and staff alike. Joseline is a fast learner and her initiative to identify solutions is much appreciated!"

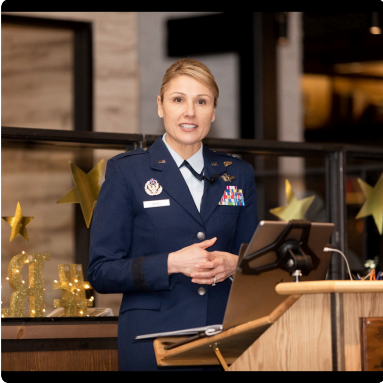
Submitted by Sarah Kopperud

Xochitl Ruiz, Adventure Elementary

"Adventure staff is so lucky to have Xochi on our team! Her background and experience with the 21st CCLC grant proves invaluable as we begin to set up this exciting programming for the students in our community. Xochi has a passion and enthusiasm for engaging families, filling a need that Adventure families are hungry for."

Submitted by Sarah Kopperud

Mapleton Education Foundation



Major General (ret.) April Vogel, 1990 Skyview alum, is this year's Mapleton Education Foundation keynote speaker

The Mapleton Education Foundation is proud to announce that Major General (ret.) April D. Vogel, a 1990 Skyview High School graduate, will be the keynote speaker for the [20th Annual Mapleton Education Foundation Gala](#).

Her three-decade career in the Air National Guard includes many "firsts." For instance, she was the first Air National Guard Commander of an Active Duty Air Force Wing and later became the first female two-star general in the Maryland Air National Guard.

Vogel's illustrious career includes deployments supporting Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, and she contributed to numerous state and federal missions around the world. As a mentor, she has dedicated herself to guiding thousands of airmen, always showing gratitude for the leaders who inspired her along the way.

You can learn more about her and her fascinating journey at this year's Mapleton Education Foundation Gala, on Friday, Sept. 20, at the Westminster Westin Hotel, starting at 5:30 p.m. [Purchase your tickets and learn more about this year's event.](#)

Teaching and Learning

Learn about Responding Flexibly at the District-wide PD, Friday, Sept. 20

Mapleton teachers and staff will learn about *Responding Flexibly* to student needs at the upcoming district-wide Professional Development Day on Friday, Sept. 20. Instructional practices of *Responding Flexibly* involve understanding student needs and enabling those students to become independent learners.

Below is the day's schedule:

- 8:00-9:30 **Opening Session** (90 Minutes)
- 9:30-9:45 *Transition*
- 9:45-11:15 **Breakout Session 1** (90 minutes)
- 11:15-12:15 *Lunch (on your own)*

- 12:15-1:45 **Breakout Session 2** (90 Minutes)
- 1:45-2:00 *Transition-Cookie Break*
- 2:00-3:30 **Breakout Session 3** (90 Minutes)

Action: Use the forms below to sign up for your preferences for the breakout sessions. We will do our best to accommodate your preferences. Breakout preferences are due **this Friday, Aug. 30**. If you don't complete the form, classes will be assigned to you, so please sign up!

- [K-5 September 20 PD Day Breakout Sessions.docx](#)
- [6-8 September 20 PD Day Breakout Sessions.docx](#)
- [9-12 September 20 PD Day Breakout Sessions.docx](#)

LINK - [Register here for the Sept. 20 District Professional Development Day](#)

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Aug. 28 - Board of Education Business Meeting, Administration Building, 6 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 2 - Labor Day

Thursday, Sept. 5 - Campus POW/MIA 9/11 Ceremony, DiTirro Stadium, 10 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 20 - [Mapleton Education Foundation Gala](#)



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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