



The Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, August 20

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.



Welcome back, Mapleton!

The district has been alive with excitement as we welcome back nearly 7,000 Mapleton students! It's so great to reconnect, dive into new challenges, and build on the strong sense of community that defines Mapleton. We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead, full of growth and achievement!

A message from Superintendent Mike Crawford

All,

As we welcome our students back to school, I thank you for ensuring they start the year feeling a true sense of belonging in Mapleton. As I mentioned on Opening Day, our momentum depends on the strength of our collective force— our mass – who we are, what we bring to our work, and our organizational culture. Equally important is the strength of our velocity—the daily actions, both big and small, that we take to elevate our work on behalf of our students. Combined, our mass and velocity become the momentum that keeps us moving, dreaming, and achieving.



As you may know, [state assessment and growth data](#) are now available for public review, with school and district level results set to be released on Thursday, Aug. 29. While the data reveals many bright spots, it also highlights the significant work ahead of us.

Before the first day of school, we were fortunate to spend time with Dr. Zaretta Hammond, author of *Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain*. As we unpack our assessment and growth data, I

continuously come back to Dr. Hammond's powerful reminder that we are the personal trainers of student cognitive development. Culturally responsive teaching starts with supporting a community of learners who are pushed to become better learners.

As we celebrate our successes and reflect on those areas where our results do not reflect our anticipated outcomes, I encourage you to keep Dr. Hammond's guiding questions in mind: How are we supporting a greater sense of belonging? How are we creating a stronger pathway for students to level up? These questions will be crucial as we embrace the productive struggles ahead.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Mapleton's students!

[Mike Crawford](#)

Superintendent of Schools

Thank you for your patience!

We're working through the Help Desk tickets and appreciate your patience!

Since Aug. 1, Mapleton's Information and Technology team has received an impressive **968 Help Desk tickets!** Our dedicated technology team knows how crucial network access and functional devices are, and they want you to know that each Help Desk ticket is being handled with care and urgency. Your understanding and support are greatly appreciated as we work together to ensure a strong start to the school year! #OneMapleton



Nutrition Services is ready for catering requests

Nutrition Services chef, Pete Monnier, is here for your catering and snack needs.

- [Catering menu and order form](#)
- [Afterschool care snack form](#)
- [Field trip request form](#)

Please note: Nutrition Services requires at least a two-week minimum notice to accommodate your request, whether it be catering, field trips, or after-school snacks. For more information, please reach out to Nutrition Services Director, [Lindsay Hull](#), at ext. 1126.

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.



Get your Mapleton gear!

[Skyview Wolverines athletics gear store](#) closes tomorrow, Wednesday, Aug. 21. Shop from its lineup of athletic products, including shirts, polos, sweatpants, jackets [here before it closes](#).

[Mapleton spirit casual gear, including polos, sweaters, t-shirts and vests](#), is now open for a limited time. The site will close on Monday, Aug. 26, at 11:59 p.m., so don't miss your chance to snag your clothes today! Take a look at [this year's offerings](#).

DonorsChoose process

Do you have a school project or need for which you'd like to ask for public funding? [DonorsChoose](#) is an online charity with the mission to make it easy for anyone to help a classroom in need by allowing people to donate directly to classrooms.

Mapleton allows staff to fundraise through DonorsChoose and has specific guidelines to assist with a DonorsChoose request. [Learn about the district's process](#) for submissions to ensure compliance.

High Fives are coming back!

We are excited to bring our [“High-Fives”](#) back for a second year.

As you’ll recall, last school year we invited staff to submit these messages of appreciation about their colleagues, messages that celebrated and acknowledged jobs well done and gave thanks. We shared those messages every week in the ***Tuesday Takeaway***, and they added up to 240 “High-Fives” from November through May.



It’s time to continue the tradition. We again invite you to tell us about “High-Five” worthy moments you see in your schools, departments, school buses, etc.

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

Here is one submission to get us started!

Mapleton's Operations team

“The staff at Meadow want to shout out to the ENTIRE HVAC crew and Operations, who have been supporting our problems with the school’s HVAC system. They were quick to respond and find helpful solutions that our staff and students appreciate! We appreciate you all!”

Submitted by Ann Sosa



Mapleton bus drivers prep for new school year by practicing routes

For Mapleton’s bus drivers, homework starts before the first day of school!

On the two days before school started, Mapleton’s bus drivers practiced their routes to ensure familiarity and timely arrivals. This preparation helps drivers adhere to precise schedules and focus on safely getting students to and from school. With around 2,000

of Mapleton’s 7,000 students riding buses, drivers play a crucial role in student safety and take pride in knowing that they can be the first and last smile of a student’s school day.

Read more on our [home page here](#).

Mapleton Education Foundation

Save the date for the 20th Annual Mapleton Education Foundation Gala, Friday, Sept. 20

You’re invited to the [20th Annual Mapleton Education Foundation Gala](#), which will take place on Friday, Sept. 20, at The Westin Westminster, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Every year, the Foundation provides support to a high-impact, district-wide program. Past initiatives have included literacy, science, outdoor education, music programs, and the purchase of Strider balance bikes and GaGa pits, just to name a few.

This year, through the generosity of this community, the Gala will raise funds to support educational experiences and opportunities for all Mapleton students, in and beyond the classroom. We will feature some of the great work within our Mapleton community, showcase student talent, and give you the opportunity to purchase some great items through our live and silent auctions.

For more information or to [purchase tickets visit MEF's website](#).



Integrated Services

United States Constitution booklets

A limited number of pocket-sized copies of the Constitution of the United States are available at the front desk of the Administration Building on a first-come first served basis.

Olweus Bullying Prevention Committees

Schools are forming their Olweus Bullying Prevention Committee's (BPC's). If you are interested in being a part of your school's committee, please let your school principal know prior to Sept. 1. Each school's committee should consist of at least one administrator and one teacher. Schools may also include classified staff, special service providers, students, and interested parents.

Monthly theme and Tier 1 resources

The Olweus theme for August is **COMMUNITY**. [Check out the resources here!](#) Please nominate a [student](#) or [staff member](#) of the month who exemplifies this theme. Let's celebrate students and staff whose actions help foster a strong sense of community in our classrooms and school buildings!

Teaching and Learning

Required reading ahead of Sept. 20 Professional Development Day

Educators: To be prepared for the All-District Professional Development Day, on Friday, Sept. 20, please read one of the following articles linked below, dependent on the level of students you serve. The reading will help us begin to answer some of the questions that Zaretta Hammond left us with regarding how we help students carry the cognitive load.

Elementary:

[Differentiation \(Article\) According to Student Readiness \(Elementary\).](#)

Secondary:

[Secondary Differentiation Article](#)

Nearly 30 teachers become Mapleton's first to attend Secondary Constructing Meaning training

This past June, 29 Mapleton teachers became the first cohort to attend a five-day training in Secondary Constructing Meaning, a framework that supports educators in teaching language alongside content. The teachers who attended the training were incredible, demonstrating the caliber of our Mapleton educators through collaborative planning, encouraging and building upon each other's thinking, and generally being awesome at what they do!



Each day, as participants finished up, they were asked to take an exit survey ranking how valuable the day's learning was to their development as a teacher. The average rating was 4.53 out of 5! Below is what Brian Touher, a North Valley School for Young Adults science teacher, had to say about his experience:

"Thank you. I learned a lot this week. I was fully expecting another BICS/CALPS talk and this was nothing like that! Very applicable to my practice and high leverage. My students' biggest challenge is using language to communicate their learning, and this PD has been spot on to help me elicit this from our students. THANKS AGAIN!!!"

Our goal is to have all science and social studies teachers working in grades 6-12 trained in and implementing Secondary Constructing Meaning by fall 2025. If you have already registered for our fall 2024 Cohort, details of your upcoming training will be coming to you this week.

If you are interested in joining one of our future cohorts, reach out to [Alexis Lauffenburger](#), Multilingual Program Coordinator, at ext. 1003

Dreambox Literacy Intervention Implementation Training

Any school or teacher new to using Dreambox Reading Intervention must attend the Implementation Training on Thursday, Aug. 22, from 4:15-5:15 p.m. in the Idea Lab, located in the Administration Building. Attendees will be paid extra duty for this training.

Reach out to [Karla Gruenwald](#), Director of Data Driven Learning and Early Literacy, at ext. 1021, if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events

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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