



# The Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, August 13

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Welcome back to the *Tuesday Takeaway*, Mapleton's weekly e-newsletter distributed to all employees.

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.

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## Thank you for your patience!

### We're working through the work orders and appreciate your patience!

Since July, Mapleton's small but mighty Operations and Maintenance team has received more than 300 work orders! We understand the importance of timely resolutions and want to assure you that we're giving each request the attention it deserves. Your understanding and support mean a lot as we work together to maintain the quality and efficiency of our operations. #OneMapleton



## Don't forget your homework!

On Opening Day, all schools and departments were tasked with creating a fun, TikTok-style video sharing, showcasing, and celebrating who you are and the work you do!

### What does "TikTok-style" mean?

TikTok-style is a simple way of describing a video that is relatively brief, creative, visually engaging, and designed to entertain, inform, or inspire viewers in a matter of moments.

### What is the purpose of the video?

We hope to use these videos to help launch our school enrollment campaign in January, and to assist with our hiring efforts in the spring. When creating your video, consider prospective students, parents, and employees.

### Did we mention the trophy?

All videos will be judged by our Board of Education, and the winner will be presented with the Opening Day Spirit Trophy!

### How should we begin this project?

- **Gather Ideas:** Brainstorm with your team and students to come up with creative ideas that best represent your school or department.
- **Plan Your Shoot:** Decide on the key moments, locations, and people to include. Remember, the goal is to have fun while showcasing your culture!
- **Submit Your Video:** Once your video is ready, submit it to [communications@mapleton.us](mailto:communications@mapleton.us) no later than Wednesday, Nov. 20.

For an example (perhaps not an exemplar), [check out what the Administration Building put together!](#)

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## Website and Blackboard Mass Communication training

Please use the links below to sign up for upcoming website and Blackboard Mass Communication training sessions. These sessions are designed to enhance skills and ensure proficiency with these essential communication tools. There are dates from August through December.

- Website: <https://forms.office.com/r/cLeKL1qufX>
- Blackboard: <https://forms.office.com/r/DT6DSF8sTP>

For any questions or additional information, please contact [communications@mapleton.us](mailto:communications@mapleton.us).

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## Introducing MEET - Mapleton Educator Empowerment Teams

Mapleton Educator Empowerment Teams, or MEET, is Mapleton's partnership with Arizona State University's [Next Education Workforce](#) through the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College. The Next Education Workforce works with schools to redesign staffing and instruction with the following goals in mind: to provide all students with deeper and personalized learning by building teams of educators with distributed expertise, and to empower educators by developing better ways to enter the profession, specialize, and advance.

Beginning this year, Mapleton will have five MEET teams in four schools, including Trailside Academy, York International School, Academy High School, and Meadow Community School. Within each school, a team of educators will come together to collaborate around a shared roster of students, moving from "teachers of record" to "teams of record." This effort is made possible by funds from the Colorado Department of Education's EASI School Transformation grant. Mapleton is also partnering with the nonprofit Public Education Business Coalition (PEBC) to provide eight new teacher residents to serve on the district's MEET teams.

There are many positive outcomes associated with the teaming model, including higher engagement from students, more personalization of learning, and greater teacher job satisfaction. Stay tuned as we introduce you to our teacher teams throughout the school year!

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## Mapleton in the news

### Mapleton receives state funds to combat vaping

Mapleton Public Schools is one of 42 Colorado school districts that will use state funds from a \$17.4 million settlement with Juul Labs, Inc. to combat youth vaping.



More than half of 600 Mapleton students surveyed last year named vaping and smoking as the number one health issue they face at school. That's why the district plans to use its share of funding, more than \$100,000 over three years, to create prevention and education programs for students and parents, addressing underlying causes of addiction.

Learn more about the opportunity from [this 9News story](#) that aired last week.

### Mapleton works to identify gifted students from all backgrounds

[Chalkbeat Colorado](#) highlighted Mapleton's efforts to ensure students who have long been underrepresented in gifted programs are represented. Four years ago, just 2.5% of the district's students were identified as gifted. Mapleton set a goal to get to 5% within one year. Today, 8% of Mapleton's students are identified as gifted. [Learn more about Mapleton's process.](#)

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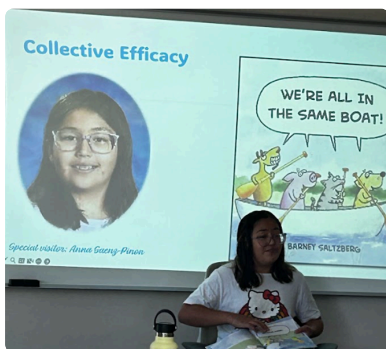
## Performing Arts School on Broadway science teacher named Earth Science Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Performing Arts School on Broadway (PASB) science teacher Hannah Winters for being named one of the two 2024 Earth Science Teacher of the Year awardees by the Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists (RMAG) and the RMAG Foundation! This award is given to teachers with a passion for earth science who demonstrate excellence in their approach to teaching their students.



RMAG praised Winters for using diverse instructional techniques to engage students of various learning styles and backgrounds, including hands-on projects and immersive experiences, which are especially helpful for multilingual learners. For the award, Winters will receive \$2,000 for professional development, and PASB will get \$2,000 for its earth science program, possibly for a field excursion.

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## Adventure Elementary student kicks off school year with a story of teamwork

Adventure Elementary welcomed a special guest reader before school was even in session. Last Tuesday, the first day back for staff, sixth grader Anna S. came in to read them the children's book "We're All in the Same Boat," by Barney Saltzberg.

The school has a tradition of having its director read a short book to staff to kick off the school year, with the book corresponding to the theme of the year. This year, Adventure invited Anna to read because she has been a student at the school since kindergarten and is adored by so many teachers.

The book takes a playful look at teamwork amongst animals and how they can work together for the common good, which paired perfectly with Adventure's goal of collective efficacy this year. School staff were delighted to hear Anna read and were excited to build off each other's gifts and strengths to make this a great year all together.

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## Skyview Spirit Casual Store is open



The Skyview Wolverines athletics gear store is officially open for business! We teamed up with Denver Athletic to bring you a great lineup of athletic products, including shirts, polos, sweatpants, jackets, and more! [Click here to browse items.](#)

The site will close on Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 11:59 p.m., so don't miss your chance to snag your gear today!

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## Teaching and Learning

### Professional development hours for relicensure update

All licensed staff will be receiving three hours of relicensure credit for the learning with Zaretta Hammond. The Teaching and Learning department will enter these hours for you.

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### District-Approved Curriculum Unit Assessment Calendar

To assist with future student-focused planning during IDT meetings, below are the District-approved curriculum Unit Assessments that support classroom instruction. The assessment dates are based on the curriculum resource pacing guides and might be administered in August. See the table below.



Content Area	Approximate Assessment Date	Unit/Topic Assessment
K-6 Reading DIBELS	N/A	DIBELS progress monitoring starts in October after the BOY testing window closes
K-5 ELA Benchmark	Working through Unit 1	K-2: Unit 1 Assessment (Sept 13) 3-5: Unit 1 Assessment (Sept 6)
K-8 ELA EL Reading	Aug 30	Module 1: Unit 1 Assessment
K-5 Math Bridges	Aug 30	Unit 1 Assessment
6 <sup>th</sup> grade ELA Into Literature	Working through Unit 1	Unit 1 Assessment (Sept 19)
7 <sup>th</sup> grade ELA Into Literature	Working through Unit 1	Unit 1 Assessment (Sept 19)
8 <sup>th</sup> grade ELA Into Literature	Working through Unit 1	Unit 1 Assessment (Sept 13)
6 <sup>th</sup> grade Math enVisions	Working through Topic 1	Topic 1 Assessment (Sept 13)
7 <sup>th</sup> grade Math enVisions	Working through Topic 1	Topic 1 Assessment (Sept 13)
8 <sup>th</sup> grade Math enVisions	Working through Topic 1	Topic 1 Assessment (Sept 19)
6 <sup>th</sup> grade Science Inspire	Working through Unit 1 Module 1	Unit 1: Module 1 Assessment (Sept 13)
7 <sup>th</sup> grade Science Inspire	Working through Unit 1 Module 1	Unit 1: Module 1 Assessment (Sept 6)
8 <sup>th</sup> grade Science Inspire	Aug 29	Unit 1: Module 1
Earth Science	Aug 23	Chapter 1
Biology	Aug 16 & 30	Chapters 1 & 2
Chemistry	Aug 29	Investigation 1
Physics	Aug 21 & 30	Chapters 1 & 2
Algebra 1	Aug 23	Unit 1: Topic 1
Algebra 2	Working through Unit 1 Topic 1	Unit 1: Topic 1 Assessment (Sept 6)
Geometry	Working through Unit 1 Topic 1	Unit 1: Topic 1 Assessment (Sept 6)

## 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](mailto:communications@mapleton.us).

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