



The Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, Sept. 24

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.

[Past issues of the Takeaway are available on our website.](#)



Firefighters from Adams County Fire Rescue visited Global Primary Academy to teach preschoolers about their work, showcasing their fire engine tools and firefighter gear. Students also received firefighter hats and gifted drawings to the firefighters before returning to class.

Encourage students to be a part of the crunch and a part of the count on Tuesday, Oct. 1

Tuesday, Oct. 1, is the October Count Day for all Colorado public school districts. This time is crucial for our schools, as student attendance during the October Count window directly impacts the funding we receive to support our educational programs. The more students attending school during the October Count window means more resources to enhance learning opportunities for all students. These funds help us provide important services such as classroom materials, extracurricular activities, and additional academic support.

Also on Tuesday, Oct. 1, all Mapleton students are invited to **out-crunch the competition** as a part of the **Mountain Plains Crunch Off and Colorado Proud School Meal Day**. Nutrition Services will provide schools with locally grown apples from Williams Orchards. Schools are encouraged to get groups of students together to crunch into their apples at the same time. **Share your school's crunch videos with Communications@mapleton.us. The school with the loudest crunch will be eligible for a great prize!**

Nutrition Services is offering a special menu on Tuesday, Oct. 1, featuring many Colorado Proud items. The menu includes:

- Beef and bean nachos with local beef from Snowden Meats, beans from Barber's Foods, and Raquelita's chips
- Salad bar with a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, including locally grown cherry tomatoes and watermelon, cantaloupe from Hoffman Farms, baby carrots from Hungenberg Farms, lettuce from Kalera Farms, pears from Ela Family Farms, apples from Williams Orchards
- Sugar cookies from a local bakery A Cake Occasion

Encourage your students to be a part of the crunch and a part of the count!

Attendance Spotlight: New attendance text messages starting Monday, Oct. 7

Beginning on Monday, Oct. 7, parents/guardians of students with unexcused or unknown absences will receive the following text message:

This is a notification that your student [Student Name] has been marked absent for one or more classes today at [School Name]. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the front office at [School Number] and help us ensure their continued success. Thank you!

We anticipate schools will experience an increase in parent calls as we roll out this new notification system. Please remind families to use your school's attendance line to report all absences, and use the Infinite Campus Parent Portal to monitor their child's attendance. You are also invited to share the following message with your families regarding Mapleton's new attendance text message notification system.

If you have questions about the attendance notification system, please contact [Ronaldo Ortiz](#), ext. 1226.

Mapleton Families,

Beginning on Monday, Oct. 7, Mapleton will begin sending text message notifications directly to parents and guardians regarding their child's attendance. This new initiative is aimed at improving student attendance by providing families with transparent, real-time attendance information so we can work together to address any concerns and connect families with necessary resources. Additionally, every Saturday, parents and guardians will also receive a detailed email summarizing their child's attendance for the week.

Homecoming Tailgate sign up

The Mapleton Class Sponsors are pleased to announce that the Homecoming Tailgate Party will once again be included in Mapleton's Homecoming weekend festivities. The Tailgate will take place **Friday, Oct. 11, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on the Skyview Campus**. Booth setup will take place during the Homecoming Parade (3:45-4:30 p.m.) and the tailgate event will officially begin at the conclusion of the parade.

You are invited to sign up to run a booth at this year's Tailgate to fundraise for your school, club/group, or team. All ideas for your booth are welcome; be creative and think about what products and service our students and families would enjoy. Previous offerings have included sweet and savory snacks, desserts, soft drinks, face painting, Mapleton spirit swag, stickers, and other handicrafts.

To sign up for a booth, please [complete the application linked here](https://tinyurl.com/MapletonHC24).

Or copy/paste this link into your browser: <https://tinyurl.com/MapletonHC24>

The application form will open on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 4 p.m.

The deadline to apply is Friday, Oct. 4, at 4:00 pm.

Please keep the following points in mind as you submit your application:

- The [application](#) is the only way to sign up for a tailgate booth. Emails and other communication will NOT guarantee your group a booth.
- Signing up for a booth will NOT count as your group's one annual fundraiser. It's a bonus!
- In order to prevent competition between Mapleton schools/clubs and to maximize profits for everyone, **no two booths can offer the same exact product/service.**
- Booth requests will be granted on a **first come, first served basis**. Please consider planning a second choice/backup in case another group claims your idea first.
- You will receive a confirmation email once your application is processed. This may take up to 24 hours. Please keep an eye out for clarification emails in order to speed up the confirmation process.
- **The deadline to apply is Friday, October 4 at 4:00 pm.**
- Details and reminders about booth locations, set-up, and take-down will be emailed the week of homecoming.
- Lastly, please remember that Homecoming events are planned, staffed, and accomplished by your Mapleton colleagues, students, and families. It's understandable that you and your group have high expectations for this fundraising event, but despite everyone's best efforts, complications and mistakes unfortunately still happen. Let's do our best to maintain a friendly and collegial atmosphere with one another. Go Wolverines!
- You may direct your questions to [Hannah Drager](#)

Homecoming booth application - Opens Thursday, Sept. 26

Homecoming is Friday, Oct. 11!

The District's Homecoming celebration is on Friday, Oct. 11. This is a minimal day and all schools are scheduled to release two hours early. Afternoon (PM) preschool is canceled.

Homecoming parade route and dance flyer are attached below.

Homecoming theme: A Night to Shine

Homecoming game:

7 p.m. - Kickoff at DiTirro Stadium. Cheer on the Skyview Wolverines as they take on the Conifer Lobos!



Skyview Homecoming Parade Map 2024[14].pdf

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Mapleton Homecoming 2024 (Standard PDF).pdf

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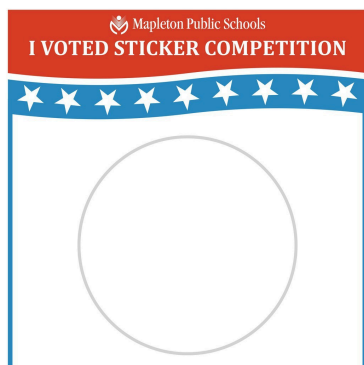
Register for Walktober!

Registration is now open for Walktober!

Registration is now open to join us for Walktober, a fun and inspiring way to embrace autumn while stepping up for better health! The challenge, which runs Oct. 1-31, will ask you to log at least 6,000 steps per day or complete the equivalent amount of time in other physical activities.

When you achieve your daily goal, you add a leaf to a virtual tree in your profile, and every leaf you earn contributes to the daily goal for your organization. Besides tracking steps and earning leaves, motivating Walktober features include an optional team competition to aim for a top leaderboard spot, badges to earn for step milestones and logging consistently, and more than 200 healthy recipes, including delicious fall favorites.

This challenge helps boost energy, improve mood, and make walking a priority. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)



Submissions for Mapleton's first "I voted" sticker design contest due Oct. 4!

There is still time for our aspiring artists to participate in Mapleton's first "I Voted" sticker design contest! Submissions, which can be hand-drawn or digital artwork, are due by **Friday, Oct. 4**. We will select one winner each from three grade-based categories, for a total of three winners.

Winning designs will be printed and distributed in Mapleton on and around Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5. Sticker designs can be submitted via email to communications@mapleton.us or in person at the District's Administration Building. A sticker design template is attached below.

Categories:

- K-4
- 5-8
- 9-12

A few rules:

- Designs must say "I voted."
- Submissions must be non-partisan.
- Students and/or parents must be willing to allow Mapleton to use the artwork for upcoming elections.
- Entries must include the student's name, grade, school, and one or two sentences about the design.

For questions or more information, please contact [Melissa Johnson](#), ext. 1018.



I Voted Sticker Competition.pdf

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Skyview Marching Band Shines at Eaton Friendship Cup

Congratulations to the Skyview Marching Band for placing third in their division at the Eaton Friendship Cup this past Saturday, in Eaton, their best placing in years! After an early morning performance, students received valuable feedback from expert judges, which helped them fine-tune their show for the afternoon competition. Their hard work paid off as the band proudly secured

third place in their division. Judges particularly praised the percussion section for their seamless coordination and deep understanding of their music and thus also awarded the band with the caption award for Outstanding Percussion in their division!

The Skyview Marching Band will also compete at the Englewood Friendship Cup on Saturday, Oct. 19.



Colorado Commissioner of Education Visits Achieve Academy

Colorado Commissioner of Education, Susana Córdova, visited Achieve Academy last week, accompanied by Mapleton Superintendent Mike Crawford and Achieve's Principal, Dr. Kevin King. During her visit, Córdova explored classrooms and learned about the school's Expeditionary Learning model. Córdova also provided advice to middle school students preparing for their student-led goal-setting conferences.

As Colorado's first Latina education commissioner, Córdova brings over 30 years of experience to her role, which she assumed in June 2023. Achieve Academy was grateful for her visit and insights into their educational approach.

Flu vaccinations are now available at Kaiser Permanente locations

Kaiser Permanente is now offering members no-cost flu shots. Find a flu shot near you by [clicking here](#).

Walk-In flu shots available Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at most Kaiser Permanente medical offices. Saturday walk-in flu shots are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at select locations on September 21, 28, October 5, and 12.

The high dose flu shot is available for individuals 65 and older or those with a compromised immune system. Flu shots are available while supplies last. Please bring your Kaiser Permanente ID card to get the flu shot at no-cost.

Explore PK-8 shares most of this week's "High Fives"

We have seven more "High Fives" to share with you this week, four from Explore PK-8. Take a look at what people are saying!

If you know someone who deserves a "High Five", submit your appreciation using this form.



Chuck Rasco, Information Technology

"Thank you to Chuck for working in partnership with Complete Business Systems and for helping with copier replacements throughout the district. It made the job go smoothly and efficiently."

Submitted by Melodie Mull

Josh Hirsch, York International School

"Josh has a wealth of information to share and is a strong resource for any staff member. He works relentlessly to ensure quality instruction for the entire high school advisory class. With all of that, Josh has an open door policy, helps answer any questions, and is genuinely fun to be around! Thank you for all that you do!"

Submitted by Stephanie Patterson

Gabe Millan, Business Services

"Gabe stopped in the middle of the day to help high school students with a flat tire in the parking lot of the Admin building. His hard work and dedication to Mapleton Public Schools goes above and beyond his day to day work and extends to helping those around him in all situations. We are lucky to have Gabe on our MPS team! Thanks, Gabe!"

Submitted by Tara McMachen

Louis Baldwin, Explore PK-8

"I appreciate the wealth of knowledge, skill set, and experience that you are bringing to Explore and all of Mapleton! You help push me to become a better teacher and support me in moments of need. Also, your fashion is amazing!"

Submitted by Nicole DiPaolo

Brenna Costello, Explore PK-8

"I appreciate your dedication to unpack EL modules, Bridges, and to build relationships with your students. Your hard work is not going unnoticed. Keep up the good work!"

Submitted by Nicole DiPaolo

Milahd Makooi, Explore PK-8

"I appreciate you collaborating with me to have middle school students build relationships with third grade students. My third graders see them as leaders and look forward to seeing their buddies every week! Thanks for developing positive school culture with all our kids."

Submitted by Nicole DiPaolo

Pre-K Team at Explore PK-8

"Thank you for supporting our littles. You are the first school experiences for so many of our kids. You nurture them academically and social-emotionally. The work you do with our students is so important! You are a wonderful team and collaborate so well together!"

Submitted by Nicole DiPaolo

Integrated Services

Monthly Theme and Tier 1 Resources

The Olweus theme for October is **Empathy** and **Bullying Prevention Month**, [check out the resources here!](#)

October is Bullying Prevention Month

- Check out [this document](#) for ideas and examples of what Mapleton schools have done.
- Check out [Pacer's National Bullying Prevention Month resources](#).
- Read about [bullying prevention efforts across the nation](#).

Please nominate a [student](#) or [staff member](#) of the month. Let's celebrate students and staff who demonstrate empathy and/or champion bullying prevention efforts in our classrooms and school buildings!

Teaching and Learning

District-wide Professional Development Day feedback requested

If you didn't provide feedback for the Friday, Sept. 20 Professional Development (PD) Day individual sessions, please do so using the links below. Your feedback is valuable and helps inform future professional development.

- [Opening Session Feedback Form](#)
 - [Breakout Session 1 Feedback Form](#)
 - [Breakout Session 2 Feedback Form](#)
 - [Breakout Session 3 Feedback Form](#)
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READ Plan addendum for students with an IEP

In response to questions about the development of READ Plans for students with an IEP, we have created an addendum to provide more consistent guidance between prior years and the current year. Please refer to the instructional documents linked below for additional information. This information has already been shared with your school's Instructional Guide/Literacy Lead.

If you have any questions, please email [Karla Gruenwald](#) or [Brad Russell](#).

- [READ Plan Instructions - 2024-2025.pdf](#)
 - [READ Plan ADDENDUM Instructions - 2024-2025.pdf](#)
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Gifted and Talented professional learning courses available in October and November

Teaching & Learning is offering two hybrid courses this semester designed to build educators' understanding of the Gifted and Talented students in our district. These courses can be used for standard re-licensure credit and/or salary advancement. Optional graduate level credit can be purchased through Adams State University.

Those classes are:

- **Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Gifted Learners.** This 22-hour course starts with an in-person introductory session on Thursday, Oct. 10, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., in the Central Administration Building's Trail Ridge Training Center. It will then be run in an online/asynchronous format, to be completed by Friday, Dec. 20. This course also qualifies for CLD re-licensure hours for those teachers still needing to meet the 45-hour requirement.
 - [Click here to register](#) by Friday, Oct. 4.
- **The Gifted Learner.** This 15-hour course starts with an in-person introductory session on Thursday, Nov. 7, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., also in the Central Administration Building's Trail Ridge Training Center. It will then be run in an online/asynchronous format, to be completed by Friday, Dec. 20.
 - [Click here to register](#) by Friday, Nov. 1.

For questions, please contact [Brad Russell](#) at ext. 1905.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Sept. 25 - Board of Education Business Meeting, Administration Building, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 1 - October Count Day!

Friday, Oct. 11 - Homecoming (all schools 2-hour early dismissal)

Monday, Oct. 14 - Instructional Planning Day. No school for students

Tuesday, Oct. 15 - Professional Development Day. No school for students

Tuesday, Oct. 15 - DAAC Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 23 - Board of Education Business Meeting, Administration Building, 6 p.m.

[Skyview Wolverines Athletics Calendar](#)

[District Performing Arts Calendar](#)



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.

Email: communications@mapleton.us

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