



The Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, Oct. 22

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.](#)



Come and get 'em! Copies of this year's **Mapleton Reads** books are available now at any Mapleton school office, the Mapleton Arts Center, or the Administration Building. Now in its 12th year, **Mapleton Reads** is the district's annual community reading program that invites everyone — students, parents, neighbors, and staff — to read the same books and engage in discussions about them.

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The current political climate and a spectrum of thoughts and wonderings around school violence are weighing heavy on the minds of staff and students alike. Integrated Services would like to share with you two documents that may help in supporting students who are experiencing [socio-political stress](#) or are having [fears related to school violence](#).

Thank you for all you do to support our students and each other.

Tuesday Tech Tip of the Week

Welcome to **Tech Tip Tuesday**, where every Tuesday, we spotlight handy tech tips and tools designed to streamline your workflow. Whether it's a clever shortcut, a useful app, or a time-saving feature you didn't know existed, we've got you covered. Stay tuned to learn how small tech tweaks can make a big impact in your day-to-day tasks!

Tech Tip: How to quickly re-open a closed tab in your web browser: If you accidentally close an important tab in your browser on a Microsoft Windows computer, you can easily re-open it by pressing "Ctrl + Shift +t".

Mapleton News

Virtual community update "Mapleton Matters" debuts next Tuesday

Tune in to "Mapleton Matters," our new and improved virtual community update presented by the Board of Education, next Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 6 p.m. A link to "Mapleton Matters" will be shared via email, on Mapleton's website, and on our social media platforms early next week.

Help us create the agenda! If you have questions or topic ideas for the virtual community update, please [email the communications inbox](#) by the end of the day, Thursday, Oct. 24.

Important dates ahead of Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5

Election Day is only now two weeks out, on Tuesday, Nov. 5. You should have received your general election ballots in the mail by now. Below are some important deadlines to be aware of to make sure your voice is heard.

- **Now through Tuesday, Nov. 5:** Early in-person voting.
- **Monday, Oct. 28:** Deadline to [register to vote online](#) and request a mail-in ballot.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 5:** In-person voter registration available through Election Day (at a voter service and polling center in your county).
- **Tuesday, Nov. 5 (by 7 p.m.):** Deadline to drop off mail-in ballots at an official ballot box.
 - Polling centers are also open 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Election Day.

In Colorado, you may register in-person at a voter service and polling center in your county through Election Day. You can [find the closest polling center to you online](#). If you live in Adams County, we have **two polling centers in our district** – the **Skyview Student Center** and **Valley View Innovation School**. At both polling centers, you can register to vote and receive a ballot, submit your mail-in ballot, request a replacement ballot, or receive additional assistance with voting.

Both the Skyview Student Center polling location and the Valley View Innovation School polling location will be open to the public for voting on Monday, Nov. 4, and Tuesday, Nov. 5. A few parking spots will be reserved to ensure community members can access the polling sites. If you work on either the Valley View or the Skyview Campus, please plan accordingly.

[Ballot drop box locations in Adams County](#)

Points of Pride

Spotlight on MEC Prep!

Congratulations to Mapleton Early Career Prep for being featured in the 2024 State of Big Picture Learning Network Schools for its focus on Communities of Practice. Big Picture learning works hand-in-hand with educators, schools, and communities to facilitate student-interest-driven-real-world learning. MEC Prep has contributed greatly to the Colorado Community of Practice for Big Picture schools with its thriving internship program and successful school-based business initiative. Read what the Big Picture Learning Network has to say about MEC Prep!



State of Network Schools 2024-2.pdf

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Where is? MAPLETON?

 Mapleton Public Schools



Mapleton Early Career Prep senior takes first step to becoming a pilot

Reyle A., a senior at Mapleton Early Career Prep (MEC), recently took a significant step toward his dream of becoming a pilot by participating in a Discovery Flight with Rocky Mountain Flight School. Despite having never been on a plane before, Reyle's interest was sparked by a TikTok video, leading him to reach out for the experience.

During the flight, he spent an hour at the controls of a Cessna 172, learning basic maneuvers. His Discovery Flight was made possible by MEC's student-run print lab, which funds unique opportunities.

Reyle now aims to earn a Private Pilot License (PPL) and is considering an internship with the flight school. His long-term goal is to fly commercial planes internationally.

[Read the story!](#)

Do you have a "Where is Mapleton?" story idea? Email communications@mapleton.us!

Academy High School seniors earn National Hispanic Recognition Award

Congratulations to Academy High School seniors Leeland J., Yaretsi H., and Sasha A. for receiving the prestigious National Hispanic Recognition Award from CollegeBoard's National Recognition Program! This award highlights the academic achievements of underrepresented students and opens doors to scholarships and college opportunities.

To qualify, students must score in the top 10% on the PSAT/NMSQT, maintain a B+ GPA or higher, and identify as Hispanic or Latino. These students can include this prestigious honor on college

and scholarship applications, and many colleges across the country are known to offer lucrative scholarships to recipients of this award.

Leeland plans to study financial management to become an investment banker, Yaretsi aims to pursue nursing to become a psychiatric nurse practitioner, and Sasha aspires to study aerospace science to become a pilot.



Skyview Marching Band and Color Guard shine at final Friendship Cup Competition

Congratulations to the Skyview Marching Band and Color Guard on their performance this past Saturday, at Englewood High School.

The show, entitled "Fall Out Boy -- The Soundtrack of a Generation," featured four songs by the popular band, "Fall Out Boy." The marching band competed in the final Friendship Cup Competition in Class A, placing second in their class and sixth overall.



Come out and support the Marching Band and Color Guard at their final halftime show during this Friday's varsity football game!



This week, a special collection of "High Fives"

For the past year, Mapleton's "High Fives" have served as notes of gratitude from one colleague to another, usually recognizing individual contributions, jobs well done, and general appreciation. As many of you know, last week presented some significant challenges for the district. This week, most of our "High Fives" reference those challenges and reflect our ability to support and lean on each other during tough times. Thank you for coming together and reminding us of the strength in our community.

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

Jen Olsen, Academy High School

"Thank you, Jen, for putting together the student leadership team who did such a great job on the Homecoming Float and the booth following the Homecoming Parade! A huge undertaking and an incredible result! Yay!"

Submitted by Kelly Johnson

Nicole Lehman, Monterey Community School

"Thank you, Nicole, for making a significant impact on your students and for caring for them in such a special and personal manner. We appreciate the hard work and dedication you show as a teacher."

You are an example to others."

Submitted by Connie Io

Tiffany Dragoo, Global Leadership Academy

"Tiffany consistently leads with empathy and heart! Her leadership through difficult circumstances is courageous, authentic, and inspiring. Thank you for all that you do for your staff, students, and families, especially in the face of adversity."

Submitted by Erica Branscum

Eriksen Van Etten, York International School

"Thank you, Eriksen, for leading with compassion and authenticity! During the most difficult times, you lead with integrity and empathy and put everything aside to support your staff, student, and parent community. Thank you for showing up every day with a smile and kind word."

Submitted by Erica Branscum

Annaleah Bloom, Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts

"Thank you, Annaleah, for your supportive and caring leadership. I greatly appreciate your transparency and compassion for the MESA community. Your ability to know every student by name and have a personal connection to each speaks volume about your leadership."

Submitted by Erica Branscum

Nicole DiPaolo, Explore PK-8

"Nicole is an incredible teacher who consistently goes above and beyond for her students. It is an honor to pass students along to her as you know they will be well taken care of. She is amazing at increasing rigor and shifting the cognitive load alongside incorporating kindness, love, and empathy within and among her crew. Our students are so lucky to have her. Thank you, Nicole! I aspire to be like you one day."

Submitted by Savannah Martella

York International School staff

"A special thank you to the entire York staff community for your support and kindness for each other and your students during this difficult week. The strong trusting relationships you have built with students is evident. I appreciate you all!"

Submitted by Erica Branscum

Clayton Partnership School staff

"I deeply appreciate the support that the Clayton staff have provided to each other and their students over the past week. Your ability to rally around each other and take care of one another was felt throughout the building. Thank you for all that you do!"

Submitted by Erica Branscum

Rachel Coppinger, Emily Estes, Ish Aldana, and Clare Murphy; Integrated Services

"A huge thank you to the crisis team and for all of their support for staff and students in Mapleton. The care and empathy each of you demonstrate when listening and communicating with our Mapleton family is heart warming. Thank you for putting everything aside to assist with the needs of others. I appreciate you all so much!"

Submitted by Erica Branscum

Lanaye Smith, Clayton Partnership School

"I want to express my gratitude for your leadership during this incredibly difficult time. Your compassion and strength have been a guiding light for both staff and students as you've created a safe space for the Clayton. Thank you for your unwavering dedication and commitment to our students and their families."

Submitted by Erica Branscum

Global Leadership Academy staff

"I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your incredible strength and unwavering support during this challenging time. Your dedication to our students and each other has made a profound difference in our community. In moments like these, your compassion and teamwork shine through, helping to create a safe and nurturing environment for everyone."

Submitted by Erica Branscum

Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts staff

"I want to take a moment to sincerely thank each of you for your resilience and support during this difficult time. Your commitment to our students and to one another has been inspiring and vital for our community. The compassion you've shown has helped foster a safe and caring environment, allowing everyone to feel supported as we navigate this together."

Submitted by Erica Branscum

Dan Jimenez, Operations Department

"I want to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for your outstanding collaboration and unwavering commitment during these challenging events. Your long hours, diligence, and proactive approach have played a crucial role in ensuring the safety and security of our Mapleton community. Your support has made a significant difference, and I am grateful for your leadership in navigating these difficult times. Thank you for your dedication and for being a reliable partner in our efforts to keep everyone safe."

Submitted by Erica Branscum

Mapleton Education Foundation



Mapleton Education Foundation Gala raises \$121,000 for students and programs

We want to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for the 20th Annual Mapleton Education Foundation Gala last month. We rolled out the purple carpet for more than 350 fabulous attendees at the spectacular "Roaring 20's" event—a night filled with glitz, glamour, and Gatsby magic! (And thank you to those who donned the era-inspired attire.) The event celebrated our extraordinary students, dedicated educators, and remarkable community members who are making a difference in so many lives.

We're thrilled to announce we raised an impressive net profit of \$121,000! Among this, \$55,000 will specifically enhance field trips for our students, creating unforgettable educational experiences

beyond the classroom. Our Foundation—Sunshine Funds, Marchi Mini Grants, Make a Difference Fund, Holiday Shop, and Post-secondary Scholarships—are also all set to benefit from your generous support. And we want to give a special shoutout to the 307 Mapleton employees who came together to donate over \$61,000!

Check out the [Foundation website](#) for event highlights and photos. And a huge thank you to Mapleton High graduate, Retired Major General April Vogel, for being our inspiring keynote speaker this year.

2024-2025 Marchi Mini Grant Awards are announced!

The Mapleton Education Foundation Board of Directors, in collaboration with the district's Teaching and Learning team, has selected eight Marchi Mini Grant submissions to be funded for a total of \$10,405. Thank you to all who applied. Every year, we receive more applications than we can fund, but we truly appreciate the innovation and thoughtfulness that is included in each one.

Congratulations to the 2024-25 recipients:

- "Building Community Through Storytelling and Filmmaking" - Chad Russell, Performing Arts School on Broadway
- "Hands-on Lab Experiments for Middle School Science" - Arturo Hernandez, York International School
- "Adventures With Clay" - Jonathan Miner, Meadow Community School
- "A Simple Touch" - Vincent Rosa, Clayton Partnership School
- "CU Anschutz Laboratories" - Sarah Hartman, York International School
- "Sensory Path" - Rebecca Groeneveld, Valley View Innovation School
- "Immersive Literature Studies" - Nicholas Sabri, Mapleton Early Career Prep
- "Adaptive Fitness" - Sergio Panelo & Hayley Fisher, York International School

Teaching and Learning

Interim Assessment District Data

Below is data from the most recent Interim Assessments for the district, in both ELA and math.

0-49%: Does Not Yet Meet

50-74%: Approaching

75-100%: Meets

Interim Assessment District Data 2024-2025

ELA Interim 1 All Grades Data on 10/21/24				
Grade	Does Not Yet Meet	Approach	Meets	Avg. Percent Correct
3	65%	30%	5%	39%
4	68%	25%	7%	38%
5	65%	27%	8%	41%
6	66%	30%	4%	42%
7	61%	29%	10%	41%
8	70%	24%	6%	38%
9	51%	36%	13%	46%
10	76%	21%	3%	36%
11	64%	31%	5%	39%

Math Interim 1 All Grades Data on 10/21/24				
Grade	Does Not Yet Meet	Approach	Meets	Avg. Percent Correct
3	73%	21%	6%	39%
4	69%	24%	6%	40%
5	71%	19%	10%	40%
6	65%	29%	6%	42%
7	85%	14%	1%	33%
8	86%	12%	2%	33%
Alg. 1	80%	18%	2%	34%
Geom.	85%	14%	1%	30%
Alg. 2	56%	36%	9%	44%

Gifted and Talented professional learning course, The Gifted Learner, coming in November

This fall, Teaching and Learning is offering The Gifted Learner, a hybrid course designed to help educators better understand the intellectual and social-emotional needs of gifted students. The 15-hour course will begin with an in-person session on Thursday, Nov. 7, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the Trail Ridge Training Center in the Administration Building. The remaining hours will be completed online via Canvas. The course qualifies for relicensure credit and salary advancement, with optional graduate credit available through Adams State University.

[Click here to register](#) by Tuesday, Nov. 5.

For more information, contact [Brad Russell](#) at ext. 1905.

Upcoming Events

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

Friday, Nov. 1 - Teacher Trade Day - No school for students

Wednesday, Nov. 13 - Board of Education Study Session, Administration Building, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 14-16 - District Musical - "Mean Girls"

Tuesday, Nov. 19 - DAAC Meeting, 4:30-6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 20 - Board Business Meeting, 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.

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