

The Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, Dec. 3

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.](#)

Kindness Counts in Mapleton: Nearly 40 acts and counting!

Mapleton's Kindness Counts campaign, launched on World Kindness Day, November 13, has already recorded nearly 40 acts of kindness! The campaign, designed to inspire and celebrate simple, meaningful acts of kindness, is spreading compassion and strengthening connections within our little community. From holding doors open to writing notes of gratitude, every act—big or small—makes a difference.

We want to hear about more acts of kindness! Whether it's picking up litter, calling a friend, or reading a book to someone, log your act on the [Kindness Counter](#) and help us showcase how kindness truly counts in Mapleton. Let's keep the kindness going!

[Click to log](#) your Act of Kindness, or the Act of Kindness of someone else, and watch our Kindness Counter grow!

[Share your act of kindness!](#)

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.

Tech Tip: Keyboard shortcuts for your Microsoft Windows computer.

- Windows key + D - quickly displays your desktop despite how many tabs or other applications are open on your computer.
- Spacebar - Scrolls down a web page.
- Shift + spacebar - Scrolls up a web page.
- Windows key + left/right arrow - Allows you to select and work on two windows side by side.
- Alt + Tab - Switches between multiple windows quickly.
- Windows key + L - Locks your computer in seconds.

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Mapleton News

Help shape the January “Highway to High School” event!

We are seeking staff input on our draft plan for next month’s “Highway to High School” to make the event as impactful as possible for our eighth graders. Please review the plan below and [share your feedback here](#) by this Friday, Dec. 6. We will review your suggestions and share the final plan in next week’s *Tuesday Takeaway*.

Event Details:

Who: All Mapleton eighth graders

When: Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2025

Where: The Skyview Student Center

Why: To help eighth graders learn about each high school and make informed choices for their ninth grade enrollment.

What’s new this year?

- For the first time, all eighth graders will participate!
- Schools are grouped together (schedule below), with groups of 16 students rotating through event stations. This format allows us to include everyone while keeping the event on a single day.

DRAFT Event Schedule:

GIA (85 students)

- Bus Departure: 8:40 a.m.
- Return: 10:05 a.m.
- On-Site Time: 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Monterey (60 students) and **Explore** (43 students)

- Bus Departure: 9:45 a.m.
- Return: 11:00 a.m.
- On-Site Time: 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

York (59 students) and **Meadow** (45 students)

- Bus Departure: 10:30 a.m.
- Return: 12:00 p.m.
- On-Site Time: 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Achieve (45 students) and **Clayton** (58 students)

- Bus Departure: 11:30 a.m.
- Return: 1:00 p.m.
- On-Site Time: 12:00 – 12:45 p.m.

Trailside (51 students) and **PASB** (33 students)

- Bus Departure: 12:30 p.m.
- Return: 1:45 p.m.
- On-Site Time: 1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Mapleton transitions to new Infinite Campus interface on Friday, Dec. 6

On Friday, Dec. 6, Mapleton will permanently transition to the new Infinite Campus interface. The new Infinite Campus navigational structure includes all of the same tools as the current IC, as well as several improvements. For assistance navigating the new interface, please access the resources below, or request IT support at HelpDesk@mapleton.us.

[Video: IC's new look](#)

[Overview of IC's new look](#)

[Video: Overview of IC's new look](#)

[Video: Searching in IC's new look](#)

December Performing Arts Concert Series

All December District Performing Arts Department concerts will be held at the Mapleton Arts Center (7480 Broadway, Bldg 4, Denver 80221). Mark your calendars and join us for these incredible performances:

- Monday, 12/9 – Jazz Band Concert | 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, 12/10 – Zero Hour Orchestra Concert | 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, 12/11 – Zero Hour Band Concert | 7 p.m.
- Thursday, 12/12 – Beginning Choir Concert | 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, 12/17 – Zero Hour Choir Concert | 7 p.m.
- Thursday, 12/19 – Beginning Band Concert | 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Help Support our Community!

The District Performing Arts Department is also sponsoring a Food Drive for the Food Bank of the Rockies. Donations will be accepted at all District Performing Arts events in December.



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Teaching and Learning

High school Math Interim updates

In response to feedback received, a team has been working in close partnership with our Carnegie representative to better align the high school math interims with the curricular resource. The new review links are below. Standards for Quarter 2 have remained the same with the exception of removing non-priority standards from the Geometry and Algebra II assessments. Questions have changed on Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. Therefore, all high school math interim assessments will assess only the priority standards for Quarter 2 and beyond.

[Interim Assessment - Content Review Links.xlsx](#)

Points of Pride



Global Intermediate Academy sixth graders bridge centuries with creative history project

Before the Thanksgiving Break, Global Intermediate Academy (GIA) sixth graders completed a project connecting Tenochtitlán to modern-day Mexico City, bridging 700 years of history. Through hands-on learning, they designed side-by-side models of the ancient and contemporary cities, carefully mapping housing, gardens, and schools.

The students also created vibrant posters comparing the civilizations' languages, education, food, and beliefs. The project culminated in a stunning exhibit blending creativity and academics, now proudly displayed in the school library. Great work, GIA sixth graders, for bringing history to life!

Preschool on Poze artists brighten up PoP with creative masterpieces

Preschool on Poze students recently showcased their artistic talents during a creative arts unit. Using materials like Play-Doh, markers, and crayons, each child crafted a one-of-a-kind masterpiece, expressing their imagination and creativity.

After weeks of effort, the young artists delivered their colorful creations to staff members throughout the building, along with handwritten notes explaining why they made each piece. Their thoughtful gestures and vibrant artwork brought smiles and warmth to the halls.



Where is? MAPLETON!

Mapleton Public Schools



Roberta Ayala: From shy Mapleton student to Thornton City Council member

Mapleton alumna Roberta Ayala never imagined she would one day run for public office. Once petrified of public speaking and uninterested in politics, she eventually found her voice and purpose, leading to her election to the Thornton City Council in 2023. Discover how this former Skyview High student overcame anxiety, championed campaign finance reform, and now envisions a future filled with impactful leadership.

[Read more about her story here!](#)

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



Here are this week's "High Fives"

Margaret Bell, Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts

"Bell is always going above and beyond to support students and teachers. I value all her feedback and support. She helps me track down instructional resources whenever I need. Her ability to solve problems and lead staff makes MESA better. She is also so much fun to work with and brightens our day. Thanks so much, Bell!!!

Submitted by Aaron Rugg

Trent Fry, Mapleton Online

"Trent has brought a warmth and enthusiasm to our school this year. As our Special Services provider, he is pulled between two schools but never complains and he is a strong advocate for students while keeping high expectations."

Submitted by Mapleton Online Teacher

Camila G., Valeria G., Natally L., Miranda B., Valeria P., Alexa P., Hazel C., Liliana S., Emiliana C., Cristian A., Heidy S., Delilah P., Keyry E., Adrian A., Jayden L., Angel M., and Aaron A. Also, Mr. Torres!, Ima Quezada and Lareini Palacio; Preschool on Poze

"Sending a High-Five to these high school students who volunteered their time at Achieve to make our Haunted Halls a success! They were all reliable, responsible, and very helpful! Also, a BIG THANKS to Mr. Torres, at Academy, for getting the word out to students at his school!"

Submitted by Paula Gallegos

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

Mapleton Education Foundation



Join us in supporting the fourth annual Holiday Shop and Giving Drive!

Mapleton Public Schools and the Mapleton Education Foundation are excited to announce our fourth annual Holiday Shop and Giving Drive, taking place on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Skyview Campus Student Center. Thanks to the generous donations from our community partners, we will host a pop-up toy store where families can shop for new gifts for their children. Kids can enjoy holiday-themed shows and craft activities while their parents do their holiday shopping. This event aims to support students and families working with our Integrated Services team, and families are contacted directly to participate by invitation.

Want to get involved?

Host a Drive

Bring the spirit of the holidays to our community by purchasing toys and gift cards! Help us reach our goal of providing holiday gifts for 60 Mapleton families. Drives will run from now until Friday, Dec. 6. If you prefer a simpler way to contribute, check out our [Amazon Wish List](#).

We are accepting the following new items by **this Friday, Dec. 6:**

- Hygiene products

- Hats
- Gloves
- Coats
- Socks
- Toys (ages 0-18)
- Wrapping paper
- Large/oversized gift bags
- Gift cards

Volunteer

Looking to get more involved? We would love to have you join us as a volunteer! Spread some holiday cheer—just [follow this link to sign up!](#)

Donate

Support our community by donating to provide holiday gifts and cheer. A \$10 donation covers wrapping supplies for a present, while a \$25 donation provides a gift for a child or an interactive activity for a teenager. [Donate here.](#)

Support Mapleton students through Colorado Gives Day, by Tuesday, Dec. 10!



Make a difference for Mapleton students by donating to the Mapleton Education Foundation through the Colorado Gives Day campaign, by next Tuesday, **Dec. 10!** Your donation will be boosted by the Colorado Gives Day \$1M+ Incentive Fund, which increases the impact of every gift made.

Here's how it works: The more funds a nonprofit raises, the larger their share of the Incentive Fund. For example, if the Mapleton Education Foundation raises 10% of the total donations, we'll receive 10% of the \$1M+ Incentive Fund, helping your donation go even further.

Your support provides scholarships, extracurricular programs, and resources for students to succeed. Donate today at coloradogives.org/organization/mef-co and help make this Colorado's biggest giving movement yet!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Dec. 18 - Mapleton's annual ugly sweater celebration! *Staff members wearing an ugly sweater are also invited to wear jeans. Your ugly sweater does not have to be a holiday sweater.*

All ugly sweaters are welcome and encouraged.

Wednesday, Dec. 18 - Board Business Meeting, 6 p.m.

Monday-Friday, Dec. 23-Jan. 3 - Winter Break

[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

Website: <https://www.mapleton.us/>

Location: [7350 Broadway, Denver, CO 80221, USA](#)

Facebook: [facebook.com/MapletonPublicSchools](https://www.facebook.com/MapletonPublicSchools)

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