



The Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2025

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.](#)

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Welcome to **Tech Tip Tuesday**, where every Tuesday, we spotlight handy tech tips and tools designed to streamline your workflow.

Excel Tips: **Ctrl+Shift** to Select

There are faster ways to select a dataset than using the mouse and dragging the cursor, especially in a spreadsheet that could contain hundreds of thousands of rows or columns. Click in the first cell you want to select and hold down **Ctrl+Shift**, then hit either the **down arrow** to get all the data in the column below, **up arrow** to get all the data above, or **left or right arrow** to get everything in the row (to the left or right, of course). Combine the directions, and you can get a whole column as well as everything in the rows on the left or right. It'll only select cells with data (even invisible data).

If you use **Ctrl+Shift+End**, the cursor will jump to the lowest right-hand cell with data, selecting everything in between, even blank cells. So if the cursor is in the upper-left cell (A1), that's *everything*. **Ctrl+Shift+*** (the asterisk) might be faster, as it will select the whole contiguous data set of a worksheet, but it will stop at blank cells.

Mapleton News

Regarding Changes to Federal Guidance on Immigration Enforcement

All,

We recognize the growing anxiety and uncertainty among many families due to the ongoing national discussions about changes to immigration enforcement.

We are unwavering in our commitment to fostering safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environments for all students, families, and staff, and our schools will always be welcoming spaces focused on learning.

I know some of you are hearing questions and concerns about potential inquiries from Federal Law Enforcement Officers. While there is no credible information that would suggest that any Mapleton school (or any Colorado school, for that matter) is at any increased risk of an immigration enforcement action beyond the risk known to all schools, churches, workplaces, and other public places in the U.S., it is important for all of us to be aware of the relevant policies and procedures to follow, should any law enforcement officer arrive at your building and/or request records or information.

Relevant Policies

Based upon current Mapleton [Board Policy KI, Visitors to School](#), to ensure that no unauthorized persons enter buildings with wrongful intent, all school visitors shall report to the school office when entering and receive authorization before visiting elsewhere in the building. No individual should be permitted to enter the building without ascertaining whether the individual has a legitimate business or educational purpose. Tuesday afternoon, principals had the opportunity to review the process that is already in place, should law enforcement visit a school.

Also, under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), we are required to limit who has access to student documents. Mapleton Public Schools does not collect the immigration status of our families.

All students have the right to a free, public K-12 education, regardless of their immigration status or that of their parents. Additionally, all people in the United States, regardless of immigration status, have certain rights and protections under the U.S. Constitution. The Mapleton website has links to a variety of resources that families might find helpful, [available here](#), under the 'FAQ' section. One such resource is the [Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition \(CIRC\)](#).

Our students deserve our full attention on their learning, growth, and achievement. Thank you for helping to uplift our commitment to safe and welcoming schools, even when current events challenge our efforts. Please reinforce to our families the vital role that consistent attendance plays in their child's success, and remind our students and families that they belong in Mapleton. As always, thank you for your work today.

Mike Crawford
Superintendent of Schools

2026-27 Draft Calendars - We want your feedback!

Three versions of the 2026-27 academic calendar are now available for your review. Each draft features slight differences, outlined below. Your feedback is valuable and will help us finalize a calendar that best meets the needs of our school community. Please take a moment to review the options and share your thoughts using the [calendar feedback survey](#).

[Draft Calendar A](#) (click to view the calendar)

- Most similar to the 2025-26 calendar.
- Orientation Day on **Tuesday, Aug. 11**, for grades 1st-6th, 7th, 9th, and kindergarteners with last names A-K
- **Wednesday, Aug. 12**, all above grades come to school, and 8th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, and kindergarteners with last names L-Z
- Professional Development days are on Fridays and Instructional Planning days are on Mondays. This eliminates three-day weeks (except for in January), and keeps non-student contact days more consecutive instead of spread out throughout the month.
- All Trade days (non-student contact days) are on Fridays.
- Spring break closely aligns with some neighboring districts.
- School ends before Memorial Day in May.

[Draft Calendar B](#) (click to view the calendar)

- Orientation Day on **Tuesday, Aug. 11**, for grades 1st-6th, 7th, 9th, and kindergarteners with last names A-K
- **Wednesday, Aug. 12**, all above grades come to school, and 8th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, and kindergarteners with last names L-Z
- Non-student contact days (Professional Development, Instructional Planning, and Trade) are scheduled almost every other Friday, so families can prepare for non-student contact days every other Friday, in most months (except August, December, January, and April)
- Spring break closely aligns with some neighboring districts.
- School ends before Memorial Day in May.

[Draft Calendar C](#) (click to view the calendar)

- Orientation Day on **Tuesday, Aug. 18**, for grades 1st-6th, 7th, 9th, and kindergarteners with last names A-K
- **Wednesday, Aug. 19**, all above grades come to school, and 8th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, and kindergarteners with last names L-Z
- Starting later in August helps optimize the performance of our HVAC systems and ensures a more comfortable environment for teachers and students during the increasingly warmer temperatures of late summer.
- Non-student contact days (Professional Development, Instructional Planning, and Trade) are scheduled almost every other Friday, so families can prepare for non-student contact days

every other Friday in most months (except August, December, January, and April). This could be changed to match Calendar A, if preferred.

- Spring Break aligns with larger neighboring districts.
- School ends first week of June.

[Find the calendar survey here!](#)

2026-27 Calendar Draft Survey - We want your feedback!

"Mapleton Matters," the district's virtual community update, returns Tuesday, Jan. 28

Join us for the second episode of "Mapleton Matters," the district's virtual community update presented by the Board of Education, next Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 6 p.m. This online event will feature district news, celebrations of key accomplishments, and answers to questions from the community.

[The episode will be available here.](#)

Want to help shape the discussion? **Submit your questions or topic suggestions by this Thursday, Jan. 23!** You can reach us by [emailing the Communications team](#) or calling 303.853.1020.

Watch "Mapleton Matters!"

Enrollment season is here!

Visit the [2025-26 Enrollment Toolkit](#) to access important school tour and enrollment resources, including school and department at-a-glance documents, the district map, enrollment graphics, and more (find them under Documents!)

Can't find what you are looking for? Contact [Karina Kucherova](#), ext. 1020.

Be sure to share the following important links with Mapleton families:

- [It's time to complete the Annual Update! Here is a helpful video and step-by-step instructions!](#)

- [Have an eighth grader headed into high school? Learn more about Highway to High School and our CTE programs!](#)
- [Check out our calendar of school tours and open house events!](#)

"Turn Out the Lights" at Meadow Community School on Jan. 30, too

Join us at Meadow Community School next Thursday, Jan. 30, from 5-6:30 p.m. for a special "Turn Out the Lights" celebration. As we prepare to open the brand-new Meadow Community School, we'll take a moment to honor the current building, which has served generations of students since 1962. Guests are invited to walk the halls one last time before the building is retired and demolished. **If you have fond memories or pictures you'd like to share before the event, please send them to communications@mapleton.us.**



The new building, made possible by community support and a \$13 million BEST grant, will provide a modern, nature-inspired learning space for preschool through eighth grade students.

Save the date! The ribbon cutting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 3:30 p.m.!



Thank You,
BOARD OF EDUCATION

January is School Board Recognition Month

January is School Board Recognition Month, and we want to take a moment to thank our school board members for their tireless work on behalf of public education. Mapleton's five board members volunteer their time and are the stewards of the District's mission and vision. The staff and students of Mapleton Public Schools would like to acknowledge the work of current board members:

Thomas Moe, President

Mallory Boyce, Vice President

Daisy Lechman, Secretary

Michelle Ramos, Treasurer

Bethany Frye, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Thank you to all board members, past and present, who have helped Mapleton students achieve their dreams.

Teaching and Learning

Register for GT Course on Social-Emotional Needs by Tuesday, Feb. 11

Next month, Teaching and Learning is offering the course "GT 02: Addressing the Social-Emotional Needs of Gifted Learners," a hybrid course designed to help educators better understand the intellectual and social-emotional needs of gifted students. The course will begin with an in-person introductory session on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Trail Ridge Training Room in the Administration Building. The remaining hours will be completed online via Canvas. This is a 22.5-hour course (1.5 graduate credits).

To participate in this class, please complete the registration form [here](#) by Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 4 p.m. For questions, please contact [Brad Russell](#) at ext. 1905.

Points of Pride

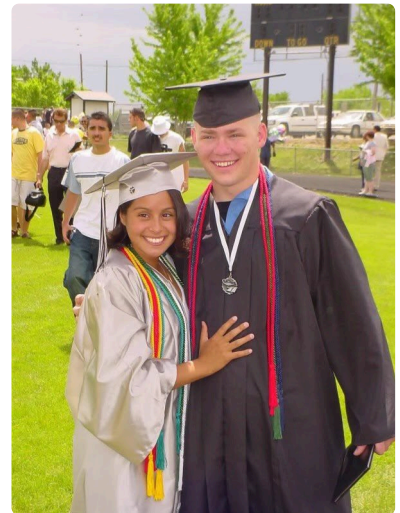
Where is? MAPLETON!

 Mapleton Public Schools

Kyle and Julie Mullica: From Mapleton roots to Colorado leadership

Kyle and Julie Mullica's journey from Mapleton students to leaders in public service is a story of dedication, love, and community impact. Starting as middle school sweethearts, they've built a life of service, with Julie now an Adams County Commissioner and Kyle serving in the Colorado State Senate. Their Mapleton roots shaped their passion for helping others and continue to inspire their leadership.

[Read the full story!](#)



Here is the new year's first "High Five"

Blake Hauptert, Academy High School

"When we hired Blake at Academy High School, we were confident that his approach to working with students would be a perfect fit for our school. However, we were unaware of the positive impact he would have on students who often find it challenging to find a safe and supportive environment at school. Blake only teaches 10th graders, but a few 11th and 12th graders have discovered a sense of belonging in his classroom. During his

plan period, you can often see him engaging in meaningful conversations with upperclassmen about life, the significance of friendships...and Dungeons and Dragons.

Blake actively hosts a Dungeons and Dragons club after school – which has successfully created a welcoming space for students from all walks of life. It's truly refreshing to see Blake go above and beyond. Keep up the great work!"

Submitted by Edgar Torres

Matt Coates, Academy High School

"Matt Coates is a great school leader and a phenomenal human being. A few weeks ago, one of our seniors was reflecting on her time at Academy. She highlighted the good and the not-so-good.

While talking about a behavioral issue from her 10th grade year, she thought about her conversation with Matt. She mentioned that his approach to handling the situation was different than the way others would have handled it. She said, "He's so nice. Even when you're wrong, he'll sit with you and won't be mean about it."

His humanistic approach to dealing with disciplinary situations is part of the reason why Academy High School is a place where students feel heard and valued. Thanks, Matt! We appreciate everything you do for our students."

Submitted by Edgar Torres

Alexis Lauffenburger, Teaching and Learning

"The level of support and responsiveness exhibited by Alexis is SO APPRECIATED! We recently lost our MLL teacher and Alexis was quick to offer us support in navigating the curriculum and the expectations of the MLL lead role. Because of her, our MLL students will continue to receive the support and services they need."

Submitted by Tiffany Dragoo

Meghan DeKam, Global Leadership Academy

"Meghan is a wonderful teammate and positive influence on the GLA community. The way she navigates tough situations with professionalism and care is inspiring and we are lucky to have her on our team! Thanks for all you do, Meghan!"

Submitted by Tiffany Dragoo

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

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Jan. 22 - Board Business Meeting, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 5 - District Spelling Bee

Wednesday, Feb. 12 - Board Study Session, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 14 - Teacher Trade Day - No school for students

Monday, Feb. 17 - Presidents' Day (All schools and offices closed)

Tuesday, Feb. 18 - DAAC Meeting, 4:30-6 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

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

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

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Twitter: [@mapletonschools](https://twitter.com/mapletonschools)



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