

A background image showing a pair of metal compasses resting on an old, hand-drawn map. The map has various lines, dots, and handwritten text in German, including "weg", "seg", "2293", and "Kürzester Damp".

The Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 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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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.

Word Tips: Dictate your document

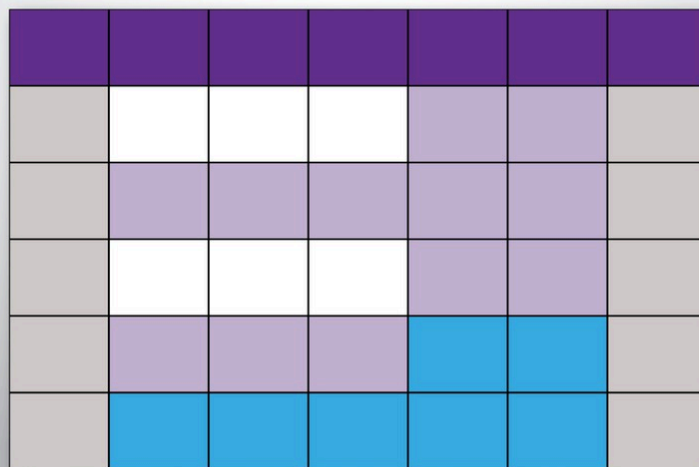
Don't want to type? Dictate your words into the document instead.

1. Select **Home > Dictate**.
 2. Start talking. As you talk, text appears on your screen. Insert punctuation by saying the name of the punctuation mark you want to add.
 3. Select **Dictate** to stop the dictation.
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Mapleton News

FOUR MORE DAYS!

Complete the 2026-27 Calendar Feedback Survey!



There are only FOUR days left to take the 2026-27 Academic Calendar Survey! All staff are invited to review the three proposed academic calendars for the 2026-27 school year. Your feedback is essential in selecting a calendar that best supports our school community.

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

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

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

Please take a moment to review the options and share your input by **Friday, Feb. 7**, using the [calendar feedback survey](#).

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

Food for Hope "Wolverine Den" opens Thursday, Feb. 13

Mapleton Public Schools is partnering with Food for Hope to provide consistent nutritional assistance to Mapleton families.

Food for Hope works with schools and districts in Adams County to help ensure children have enough to eat when they are not in school. The Food for Hope food pantry, or "The Wolverine Den," is located in the bottom level of Achieve Academy (9100 Poze Blvd., Thornton), and will open to all Mapleton families beginning **Thursday, Feb. 13, from 9-11 a.m.** It will then be open to Mapleton families **every Thursday from 9-11 a.m.** Mapleton families are welcome to shop the pantry every week. The pantry will use Link2Feed to provide and improve services to Mapleton families.



Flyers will be available soon. Please share this information with your families.

Heat up your Healthy Habits – Snow Wonder begins Monday, Feb. 17

Mapleton's Talent Management team is excited to introduce the district's second wellness challenge of the school year – [Snow Wonder!](#)



Colder temperatures and shorter days can make wellness activities even more challenging in winter than other times of the year. But [Snow Wonder](#) inspires exercise and healthy eating to boost energy and vitality throughout the season. Here's how it works:

- You paint majestic winter scenes from around the world and earn inches of snow by recording healthy activities.
- The more you do, the more your scene comes to life, and the more snow piles up. It's a fun way to experience progress while learning about some fascinating winter destinations. There will also be great prizes along the way!

Registration begins Thursday, Feb. 6. [Register here!](#)

Snow Wonder runs from Monday, Feb. 17, through Sunday, March 16.

Register for Snow Wonder on Thursday, Feb. 6!

Mapleton's top spellers to compete in District Spelling Bee tomorrow evening

Mapleton's top young spellers will compete in the 2024-25 District Spelling Bee this Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 6 p.m. in Skyview's Rosa Auditorium. The winner will advance to the Annual Colorado State Spelling Bee.

Students in grades four through eight first competed at their schools to earn a spot in the Written Round, which took place on Monday night at North Valley School for Young Adults. Those who advanced will now go head-to-head in the District Spelling Bee for a chance to claim the top spot.

Don't miss the excitement—come support these talented students as they showcase their spelling skills on the big stage!

Preschool for children and grandchildren of Mapleton employees

One of the many benefits of being a Mapleton employee is access to high-quality preschool through our Early Childhood Education program.

If you are interested in enrolling your child or grandchild in a Mapleton preschool, or if your child or grandchild currently attends a Mapleton preschool and you would like to return for the 2025-26 school year, please complete your [Colorado Universal Preschool application](#) and either your [Annual Update](#) (returning and current families) or your [application for enrollment](#) (new families).

After you complete your application for enrollment/Annual Update, please email [Terri Stowell](#), with your name, your child/grandchild's name, and school selection for next year.

For questions or more information, call ext. 1784.

Teaching and Learning

Last call to register for GT Course on Social-Emotional Needs – Deadline: Tuesday, Feb. 11

Time is running out to sign up for "GT 02: Addressing the Social-Emotional Needs of Gifted Learners," a hybrid course designed to help educators better understand the intellectual and emotional needs of gifted students.

The course kicks off with an in-person 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 22.5-hour course (1.5 graduate credits) provides valuable insights and strategies for supporting gifted learners.

Register by **Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 4 p.m.** using [the link here](#). For questions, contact [Brad Russell](#) at ext. 1905.

Integrated Services

Monthly Theme and Tier 1 Resources

The Olweus theme for February is "Inclusion" [Check out the resources here!](#)

Points of Pride



Mapleton JROTC Drill Team makes history with best-ever finish at Colorado Springs meet

Mapleton's Air Force JROTC Raider Squadron Drill Team made history this past Saturday at the Mitchell Marauder Drill Meet, in Colorado Springs. Competing against 13 schools from Colorado and Kansas, the team earned an overall second place finish, securing the prestigious Commander's Cup Runner-Up designation for the first time in program history.

The team placed in all five events it entered, winning one, the Armed Regulation event. The team narrowly missed the Grand Champion title by just one point.

With their “TEAM FIRST” mentality and dedication in both academics and training, this year’s squad is proving to be exceptional. Their next competition is set for Saturday, Feb. 22, at Air Academy High School, in Colorado Springs.



Two Global Leadership Academy Future Business Leaders of America students are headed to State

Two Global Leadership Academy (GLA) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students are headed to the Colorado FBLA State Leadership Conference after qualifying at their District Leadership Conference, held this past Saturday at Longmont High School.

Senior Emmy N. took first place in the Spreadsheet Applications event, where students demonstrate proficiency in converting data into business insights through both an objective test and a production test. Freshman Damariz O. won the Help Desk event, where students showcase their expertise in help desk operations through an objective test and a role-play scenario acting as a help desk support agent.

They were among 10 GLA students who competed at the Districts conference. The State Leadership Conference will be held April 21-23 at the Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center in Denver.

Congratulations to all district competitors and best of luck to Emmy and Damariz at State!

Where is? MAPLETON!

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Hometown Hero: Clinton Garner's Journey to Fire Chief

Clinton Garner's journey from Mapleton student to Adams County Fire Rescue Fire (ACFR) Chief is a testament to perseverance and dedication. From saving up for firefighter certifications to working his way up through the ranks, his path was anything but easy—but he never lost sight of his goal. Now, as ACFR's leader, he's committed to serving the community that shaped him.

Read his inspiring [story here!](#)

Academy High School junior to argue at National Moot Court competition, earns national honors

It's been an exciting year for Academy High School junior Marley P. This March, she will compete in the Marshall-Brennan National Moot Court Competition in Baton Rouge, La., after placing as a top six finalist in Colorado's state-level competition. Moot court challenges students to argue fictional legal cases, teaching them about their rights and civic responsibilities. Marley and her peers debated freedom of speech in schools.



"It felt so incredible," she said. "I was so nervous and never thought I'd get picked, and then I heard my name and felt weightless for a good minute."

She is now preparing for Nationals by practicing daily and studying similar cases.

Marley was also named a National First-Generation Scholar and a National Indigenous Scholar by the nonprofit CollegeBoard, honors that recognize academic excellence among underrepresented students. She hopes these awards will support her Ivy League aspirations—and maybe even a future run for president.



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

Ben Anderson, Information Technology

"THANK YOU so much, Ben, for all your help with resolving our issue with DRC Insight! You were so diligent in finding solutions to the problem and now we are smooth sailing with Access testing. I always brag about how excellent our IT Department is and your support is an example of why."

Submitted by Janelle Pepple

John Syron, Academy High School

"John is an incredibly positive individual and a forward thinker. Although he primarily works with ninth graders, he dedicates class time to discuss life after high school and the benefits of post-secondary education. As a health science teacher, he emphasizes the importance of paying attention in ninth and tenth grade science classes because the knowledge they'll gain will be invaluable as they think about the EKG/Phlebotomy certification courses they'll take in eleventh grade. He also leads our Future Health Professionals (HOSA) CTSO and always thinks of ways to engage students in conversations about real-life experiences related to the healthcare industry. Thanks for going the extra mile, John!"

Submitted by Edgar Torres

Elisabeth Webber, Academy High School

"Elisabeth is Academy High School's Community Reach social worker and student therapist. Although she has transitioned to a new role within the Community Reach organization, she continues to provide services for students who need extra support. I've had countless conversations with students who have shared their mental health struggles, and when I ask about their support systems, many name Elisabeth and speak about the positive impact she has had on them.

Mental health is an issue that oftentimes goes unaddressed because kids are fearful or uncomfortable talking about their feelings. However, Elisabeth's approach to supporting students

instantly breaks that stigma. She's a one-of-a-kind therapist and a genuinely phenomenal human."

Submitted by Edgar Torres

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

Upcoming Events

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.

Wednesday, Feb. 26 - Board Business Meeting, 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 6 - Professional Development Day - No school for students

[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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