



# The Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2025

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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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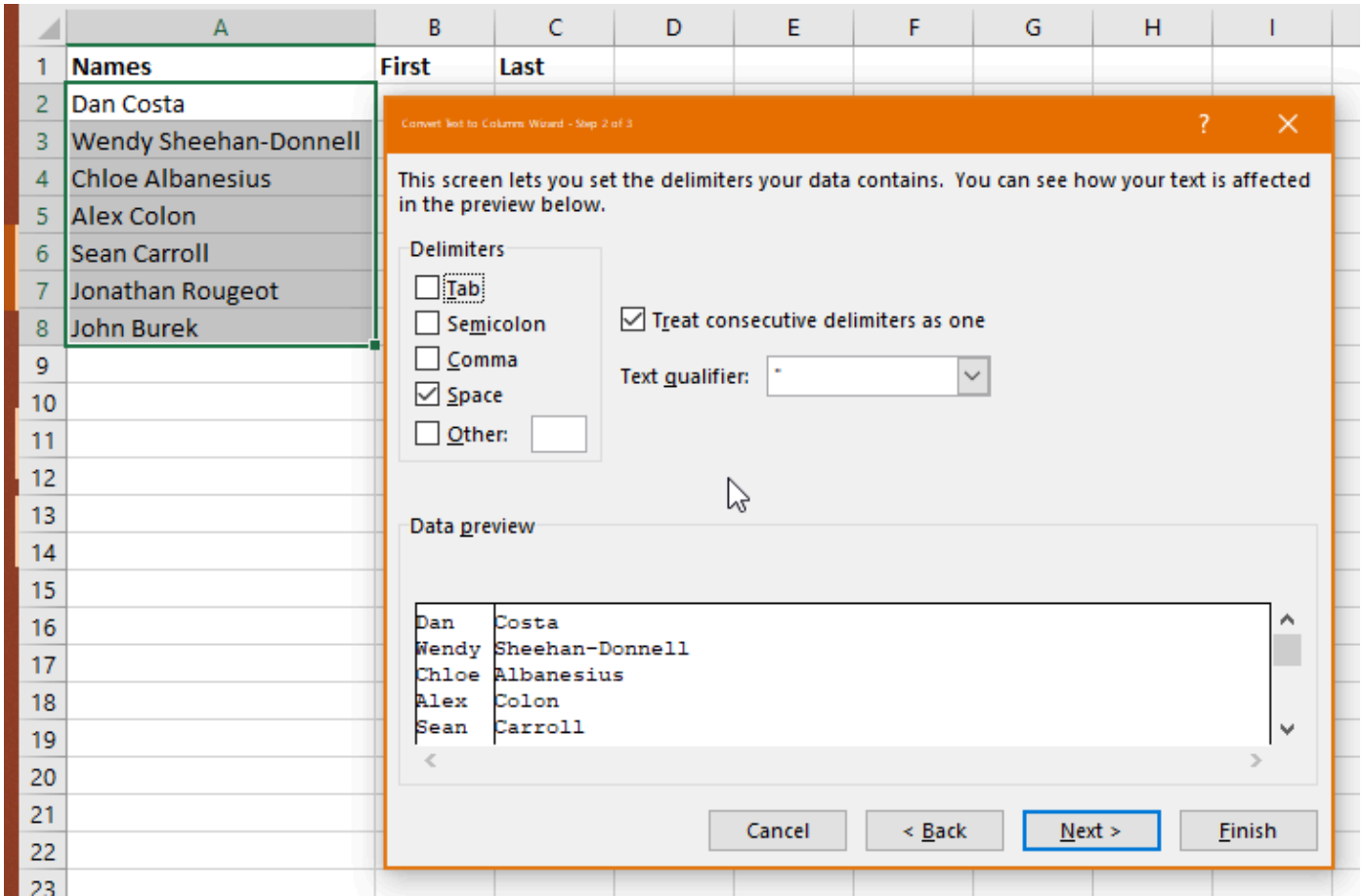
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## **Tuesday Tech Tip of the Week**

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

### **Text to Columns**

Say you've got a single column full of names, first next to last, but you want two columns that break them out. Select the data, then on the Data tab (at the top) click Text to Columns. Choose to separate them by either delimiters, based on spaces or commas (great for CSV data values) or by a fixed width. Fixed width is utilized when all the data is crammed into the first column, but separated by a fixed number of spaces or period. The rest is like magic, with extra options for certain numbers.



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## Mapleton News

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### Updated 2025-26 Academic Calendar

In January, Mapleton's Board of Education approved a revised version of the 2025-26 academic calendar. Please be sure to update any saved or printed versions of the 2025-26 academic calendar you may have in your files.

The updated academic calendar is available on Mapleton's [School Calendars and Bell Times](#) page (scroll to the bottom of the page).

**Updated 2025-26 Academic Calendar**

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## Provide your feedback on 2026-27 Draft Calendars

Families, students, and staff are invited to review the three proposed academic calendars for the 2026-27 school year. Each draft features slight variations. Your input is essential in helping us finalize a calendar that best supports our school community. Please take a moment to review the options and share your thoughts by **Friday, Feb. 7**, 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.

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

### Virtual community update "Mapleton Matters" streams tonight



Mapleton's Board of Education invites you to tune in for the second episode of "Mapleton Matters," the district's virtual community update, tonight 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.](#)

If you have a topic or a question you would like to see on a future "Mapleton Matters" agenda, email [communications@mapleton.us](mailto:communications@mapleton.us), or call 303.853.1020.

## Watch "Mapleton Matters!"



### "Turn Out the Lights" at Meadow Community School is this Thursday

Don't forget that Meadow Community School's special "Turn Out the Lights" celebration is this Thursday, Jan. 30, from 5-6:30 p.m. Before we 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.

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.**

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## 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) **no later than Sunday, Feb. 2.**

**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.**

**Please note, it will be more difficult to secure your requested spot after Sunday, Feb. 2.**

For questions or more information, call ext. 1784.

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## Paper 1095-C tax forms available upon request

Mapleton employees will no longer receive a paper 1095-C form. Instead, employees may access the form through the Benefit Portal in the coming weeks. If you would prefer a paper copy, you may request one by [emailing Robin DeCarlo](#), Benefits Specialist, or calling ext.1004.

This change follows new federal laws which allow large employers like Mapleton to provide 1095-C forms only upon request. The forms must be made available by January 31 or within 30 days of the request.

This new system is part of an ongoing effort to reduce paperwork and improve efficiency, ensuring that employees can still access necessary tax forms with ease. For more information, please visit the [Benefits page](#).

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## Mapleton seeks feedback on proposed middle school social studies curriculum

Mapleton is inviting teachers and staff to preview *History Alive!*, a proposed middle school social studies from the Teachers' Curriculum Institute's (TCI). The proposed curriculum will be available

for public review and [comment](#) for 30 days. District administration will seek the Board's adoption of TCI's *History Alive!* at an upcoming Business meeting.

*History Alive!* is a high-quality instructional resource aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards. It encourages students to think critically, challenge assumptions, and explore the complexities of key social studies concepts. Designed to engage all learners, the curriculum uses diverse strategies, including inquiry-based learning, cooperative activities, virtual exploration, and visual and linguistic tools. Additionally, *History Alive!* integrates writing activities into social studies lessons, fostering thoughtful written expression through meaningful learning experiences.

To experience TCI's Platform, use any of the following credentials to sign in:

**6th Grade:**

Teacher Username: mapletonreview

Student Username: mapletonreview6

Student Password: mapletonreview6

[See print sample](#)

**7th Grade:**

Teacher Username: mapletonreview

Student Username: mapletonreview7

Student Password: mapletonreview7

[See print sample](#)

**8th Grade:**

Teacher Username: mapletonreview

Student Username: mapletonreview8

Student Password: mapletonreview8

[See print sample](#)

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## Assessment

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### Upcoming dates

Please note the following upcoming dates:

- WIDA Testing Ends: Friday, Feb. 14
- MAP Testing: Feb. 3-21
- Interim Assessments: Feb. 24-28

## Teaching and Learning

### District-Approved Curriculum Unit Assessment Calendar: FEBRUARY

To support future student-focused planning during IDT meetings, below are the District-Approved Curriculum Unit Assessments that support classroom instruction. The assessment dates are based on the curriculum resource pacing guides and might be administered in February (see table below):

Content Area	Approximate Assessment Date	Unit/Topic Assessment
K-6 Reading DIBELS	2 x during the month	DIBELS Progress Monitoring for Students at "Below" or "Well Below" on DIBELS Benchmark
K-5 ELA Benchmark	Grades K-2: Feb 7 Grades 3-5: Feb 13	Unit 6
K-8 ELA EL Reading	Feb 3 & 21	Module 3: Units 1 & 2
K-5 Math Bridges	Feb 24	Unit 6
6 <sup>th</sup> grade ELA Into Literature	Feb 27	Unit 4
7 <sup>th</sup> grade ELA Into Literature	Feb 27	Unit 4
8 <sup>th</sup> grade ELA Into Literature	Feb 21	Unit 4
6 <sup>th</sup> grade Math enVisions	Feb 21	Topic 5
7 <sup>th</sup> grade Math enVisions	Feb 21	Topic 5
8 <sup>th</sup> grade Math enVisions	Feb 13	Topic 5
6 <sup>th</sup> grade Science Inspire	Feb 5 & 27	Unit 3 Module 1 & 2
7 <sup>th</sup> grade Science Inspire	Feb 11 & 24	Unit 3: Modules 1 & 2
8 <sup>th</sup> grade Science Inspire	Feb 18	Unit 3 Module 1
Earth Science	Feb 10, 20 & 27	Chapters 14, 15 & 16
Biology	Feb 3, 12, 21 & 27	Chapters 16, 17, 18 & 19
Chemistry	Feb 3 & 21	Investigations 10 & 11
Physics	Feb 3, 10 & 20	Chapters 15, 16 & 17
Algebra 1	Feb 12	Unit 3: Topic 2
Algebra 2	Feb 3, 13 & 27	Unit 3: Topics 2, 3 & 4
Geometry	Feb 13	Unit 3: Topic 1

# Mapleton Education Foundation

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## Run Colfax for a cause and support Mapleton students

Are you planning to run any of the Colfax Marathon races this May? If so, make your miles matter for Mapleton students by running on behalf of the Mapleton Education Foundation.



The Colfax Marathon offers runners the opportunity to support nonprofit organizations through its Charity Partners Program. When registering for any of the marathon events, Colfax participants can select a charity from a dropdown menu, and the [Mapleton Education Foundation is on the list](#). If you run for the Foundation, you can help fundraise to support students across the district. That includes more than 7,000 students across more than 20 schools.

Ready to get started? Register for the Colfax 5K, Urban 10 Miler, Half Marathon, Marathon, or Marathon Relay [here](#) and learn more about [running for the Mapleton Education Foundation here](#).

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## Points of Pride

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### Performing Arts School on Broadway's Bella N. selected for Colorado All-State Mixed Choir for second year

Congratulations to Bella N., a senior at the Performing Arts School on Broadway, for her selection to, and performance with, the Colorado All-State Mixed Choir! Bella auditioned along with thousands of other junior and senior choir students from across Colorado recently and was selected for the second year. She then sang with the 200 other selected students at the Colorado All-State Choir Concert, at Denver's Temple Hoyne Buell Theatre, on Saturday, Jan. 11.

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## Highway to High School event recap and student survey results

Last week, the Skyview Student Center came alive with interactive displays showcasing Mapleton's high school programs, designed specifically for district eighth graders. The annual Highway to High School event provides eighth-grade students with hands-on experiences, engaging demonstrations, and meaningful conversations with students and teachers to help them explore their options for ninth grade.



This year, eighth graders also learned about each high school's unique Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways, featuring activities like robotics, drone operations, digital art, and CPR demonstrations.

A big *thank you* to everyone who made the Highway to High School event a success! According to our student survey, **85% of the participating eighth graders** rated the event as "Lowkey" or better—with **50 students calling it "Bussin"!**

Curious about which presentations students loved the most, which careers are trending among middle schoolers, and which high schools they're considering? Check out the [full survey results here](#).



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

#### Jeannine Stout, Meadow Community School

"At "Highway to High School," Stout shared the great preparation she did with her eighth grade students, from the amazing bulletin board that had QR codes students could use to access information about each of the high schools to the information that students explored in their advisory classes. Stout's students asked great questions and were actively engaged as they explored each of the high schools."

*Submitted by Carolyn Quayle*

#### Chris Byrd and all high school PSOCs

"Shout out to Chris Byrd for organizing an excellent "Highway to High School" event for our eighth graders! It is always nicely designed so students can engage in what each high school offers. Also, shout out to the PSOCs for answering all the questions for everything! You are so helpful all the time. We appreciate you."

*Submitted by Jeannine Stout*

#### Lindsay Schultz, Academy High School

"Lindsay has dedicated countless hours to finding ways to further enhance our Health Science Pathway and has plans to teach additional health science courses, creating even more opportunities for students. The students at Academy High School are incredibly lucky to have her in their corner; she is truly one of Academy High School's irreplaceable teachers."

*Submitted by Edgar Torres*

### **Esther Herrada, Academy High School**

"When I met Esther a year ago, I could tell right away she was going to bring something special to Academy. That feeling was confirmed when I watched her in a meeting with one of our Spanish-speaking families. She instantly made them feel welcome, heard, and valued. Additionally, Esther has taken the lead on our Noche de Padres Hispanohablantes meetings, where we connect with Spanish-speaking families, get to know them a bit better, and share resources to help their students succeed in high school. Esther has gone above and beyond to build strong relationships with our Spanish-speaking community. Esther, thank you for helping make Academy High School a place where all families feel like they belong."

*Submitted by Edgar Torres*

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

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## 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.

[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](mailto:communications@mapleton.us).

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