

The Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, Oct. 29

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.](#)



Congratulations to our "I Voted" sticker design competition winners!

Congratulations to Mapleton's inaugural "I Voted" sticker design competition winners! Nearly 100 incredible "I Voted" sticker designs were submitted by our very talented students, grades K-12.

After three rounds of judging, Mapleton's Board of Education helped to select the winning designs.

The winning stickers, pictures above, from left to right:

- Hope A., 5th grade, Meadow Community School
- Jordyn W., 12th grade, MESA
- Magdalena L., 3rd grade, Global Primary Academy
- Refugio J., 12th grade, York International School
- Lydia M., 8th grade, Meadow Community School

Congratulations!!

Copies of all sticker design submissions will be posted along the art wall in the Administration Building beginning Friday, Nov. 1. Be sure to stop by and check them out!

All original artwork was returned to participants, along with a certificate of appreciation for participating in the contest. Winners received a full sticker sheet of their design to share with friends and family. Schools received copies of the stickers to share as well.

The “I Voted” stickers will be available to the community at both polling centers in the district, the Skyview Student Center and Valley View Innovation School.

Congratulations, and thank you, Mapleton staff, for making this “I Voted” sticker design competition a huge success!

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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. 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: Adjusting screen brightness for your tired eyes

Microsoft Windows has a light switcher that automatically adjusts your screen to warmer colors. To set this, search for "Night Light" and turn this feature on or schedule it to automatically come on by configuring a schedule.

Mapleton News

Virtual community update "Mapleton Matters" debuts tonight

Mapleton's Board of Education invites you to tune in for [Mapleton Matters](#) - a virtual community catch-up. As a part of this virtual event, Mapleton's Board of Education will share district news, celebrate points of pride, and provide answers to your questions.

The first episode of **Mapleton Matters** will air on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 6 p.m. [Tune in here!](#)

If you have a topic or a question you would like to see on a future **Mapleton Matters** agenda, email communications@mapleton.us, or call 303.853.1020.



Polling Centers in Mapleton Public Schools

Election Day is next week, on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Mapleton Public Schools is hosting two Polling Centers in the district, at the Skyview Student Center (8990 York St., Thornton), and at Valley View Innovation School (6951 Fox Way, Denver).

Both Polling Centers in Mapleton will be open:

- Monday, November 4, from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

At Adams County Voter Service and Polling Centers, you may:

- Register to vote
- Update your voter registration
- Request a new or replacement ballot
- Drop-off your voted mail ballot
- Vote on an ADA accessible ballot marking device

In Colorado, all voters who vote at Voter Service and Polling Centers must provide identification. Please refer to the [Acceptable Forms of Identification](#).

Because the Polling Centers will be open during the school day, a handful of parking spots at each location will be reserved for community members. Adams County will frequently monitor each Polling Center, and members of the district security team will also be available at each site. We expect to see the highest volume of people stop by the Polling Center after the school/work day. We appreciate your support as we offer this important resource to our community.

Mapleton partners with Next GED and Zero Dropouts

Next GED is a program run by Zero Dropouts (ZD) in partnership with Mapleton Public Schools. This new partnership is an important resource in supporting help young people who have not been successful in traditional education systems. [Zero Dropouts](#) partners with school districts and community colleges to offer students, ages 17-20, who have left school and/or are significantly behind in credit a path forward through GED completion.

In addition to GED preparation and testing, students can access concurrent enrollment opportunities and workforce readiness programming that enables them to leave the Next program with a GED, college credits, a certification, and/or internships and apprenticeships. The Next program offers "non-traditional" learners a more customized and personalized pathway that ensures all students are seen for the potential that lies within them.

Representatives from Zero Dropouts are connecting with former Mapleton students who might be interested in this program. For more information contact [Michell Ansley](#), Chief Academic Officer, ext. 1010.

Nutrition Services' Field Trip Request process reminder

As a friendly reminder, Nutrition Services requires two weeks' notice for field trip requests. The field trip request form can be [found here](#). After clicking on the form, a warning will pop up indicating that you cannot edit the document online; click the "Edit in Desktop App" button to download it to your desktop Word, where you can complete the form. Once finished, please send it to your kitchen manager. If you have any questions, reach out to [Lindsay Hull](#), ext. 1126 if you have any questions.

Points of Pride

York International School wins the More than a Meal Watermelon Trophy!

Congratulations to York International School for earning the prestigious More than a Meal Watermelon Trophy by nearly achieving 100% participation from their families in submitting meal benefit applications.



Thanks to the Healthy School Meals for All program approved by Colorado voters, all Mapleton students enjoy access to healthy, nutritious school meals at no cost. However, it remains crucial for families to complete the meal benefit application each year. This application helps unlock additional essential resources, including school-related fee waivers and discounts on internet, phone, and utility services, as well as access to programs like SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, or FDPIR.

Completing the application also benefits schools by providing funds for classroom resources, ranging from books and technology to teachers, as well as health and wellness services.



Mapleton's Unified Bowling Team shines at Special Olympics regional tournament

Mapleton's Unified Bowling Team made a strong showing at the Special Olympics Colorado Denver Bowling Tournament – West, this past Saturday, Oct. 26, in Lakewood. The 15-strong team, divided into four squads, played with 20 other programs and brought home three blue, first place ribbons and one second place, red ribbon. This marks the district's inaugural year participating in the Unified Sports bowling team, with student-

athletes hailing from Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts (MESA), York International School, and North Valley School for Young Adults.

"It went great! This was a fun opportunity for these kids who don't get a lot of opportunities to be in the spotlight for athletics, so they were excited to perform in front of their families," said York social worker Clare Murphy. "They have been practicing so hard all season and did great."

The team will next compete at the State Fall Classic on Saturday, Nov. 16, in Englewood.

Teaching and Learning

Share your feedback on after-school support and collaboration for PLTW implementation by this Friday

Teaching and Learning is seeking your feedback by this Friday, Nov. 1, on after-school, district-wide collaboration and professional learning for Project Lead The Way (PLTW) implementation. We would appreciate your input on your interest level and preferences for after-school support and cross-district collaboration opportunities.

Click [here to take the survey here](#).

Register for GT professional learning course, "The Gifted Learner," by Tuesday, Nov. 5

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 next Tuesday, Nov. 5.

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

Where is? MAPLETON!



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York International School alum Andrew Johnson's culinary journey

Andrew Johnson, a 2011 York International School graduate, is the Lead Line Cook at the renowned Jill's Restaurant and Bistro, within Boulder's St Julien Hotel. Though, as a Mapleton student, he was actively involved in sports, theater, and student council, his passion for cooking was simmering beneath the surface. Nights helping his father prep family dinners and his time as the "the monthly recipe guy" for York's student newspaper would

eventually lead him into a flourishing culinary career.

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

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

Here are this week's "High Fives"

Veronica Shea, Teaching and Learning

"A huge thank you to Veronica, our district data superstar, who has been with us all year, guiding our data team meetings with clarity and insight. As if that wasn't enough, she even brought breakfast burritos for the staff this morning, making both our data work and early meetings better! We truly appreciate your support, energy, and kindness."

Submitted by North Valley School for Young Adults administration and staff



Priscilla Casas and Marisol Sanchez- Global Primary Academy's ILC Superstars

"Marisol and Priscilla have been GPA's superstars over the past week! These two have worked incredibly hard to ensure that all of our students' needs are met and schedules are followed while we are short-staffed in ILC. A million high-fives to both of you!"

Submitted by Brie Schwab

Jackson Westenskow and Lindzy Molinaro, Performing Arts

School on Broadway

"Thank you for creating a welcoming environment."

Submitted by Anonymous

Phyllis Frazier, Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts

"She is simply the best!"

Submitted by Laurie Weitzel

[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 Welcome 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 Department, 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 Dec. 6, 2024. If you prefer a simpler way to contribute, check out our [Amazon Wish List](#).

We are now accepting the following new items by 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.](#)

Upcoming Events

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.

Monday-Friday, Nov. 25-29 - Thanksgiving 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.

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