

The Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 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.

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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.

Tech Tip: Open multiple Outlook windows

Have you ever wanted to quickly go back and forth between your inbox and your calendar or view them side-by-side? Switching between Email, People, Calendar, Tasks, Notes, Folders, Shortcuts, and Add-ins is simple. Select the appropriate button on the navigation pane. If you want to open any of those options in a new Outlook window, right-click the buttons rather than clicking or selecting them. Select "Open in New Window."

Mapleton News

School tours begin Jan. 13, same day enrollment for 2025-26 opens

School tours for prospective families will begin on Monday, Jan. 13. School tours are a vital tool for enrollment because they give prospective families a firsthand experience of the school's environment, culture, and offerings. Tours also provide an opportunity to showcase unique programs, highlight student achievements, and address specific questions, making families feel more informed and connected before choosing the Mapleton school the is best for them.

You can view the [calendar of school tours and open house events here](#).

Help us spread the word by sharing Mapleton's calendar of enrollment events with your friends and family!

Enrollment/Annual Update for the 2025-26 school year opens on Monday, Jan. 13.

Preschool and Kindergarten Discovery Fairs, Highway to High School coming up, too

We're also hosting some other enrollment events for our youngest and slightly older students. Read more below.

Preschool and Kindergarten Discovery Fairs

To help families learn more about preschool and kindergarten in Mapleton, the district is hosting two Discovery Fairs. At the Discovery Fairs, families can learn more about Mapleton's schools, meet school directors and teachers, and receive enrollment assistance.

- **Tuesday, January 21, 5-7 p.m., Skyview Student Center on the Skyview Campus (8990 York St., Thornton, 80229)**
- **Thursday, Jan. 30, 4-6 p.m., John Dewey Student Center on the Global Campus (7480 Broadway, Bldg. 2, Denver, 80221)**

Mapleton eighth graders, get ready for Highway to High School!

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, we invite eighth graders to the Skyview Campus for the Highway to High School event. This event provides an opportunity for eighth graders to interact with students and teachers from Mapleton's high schools, gaining insights into school programs, career and technical education pathways, and the overall high school experience.

Event Schedule:

Global Intermediate Academy

- On-Site Time: 9-9:45 a.m.
- Sending School Bus Departure: 8:35 a.m.
- Event Bus Departure: 9:50 a.m.

Monterey and Explore

- On-Site Time: 10-10:45 a.m.
- Sending School Bus Departure: 9:40 a.m.
- Event Bus Departure: 10:50 a.m.

York and Meadow

- On-Site Time: 11-11:45 a.m.
- Sending School Bus Departure: 10:40 a.m.
- Event Bus Departure: 11:50 a.m.

Achieve and Clayton

- On-Site Time: 12-12:45 p.m.
- Sending School Bus Departure: 11:45 a.m.
- Event Bus Departure: 11:50 p.m.

Trailside and PASB

- On-Site Time: 1-1:45 p.m.
 - Sending School Bus Departure: 12:30 p.m.
 - Event Bus Departure: 1:50 p.m.
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"Mapleton Matters," district's virtual community update, returns Tuesday, Jan. 28

Tune in to the second episode of "Mapleton Matters," our new virtual community update presented by the Board of Education, on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 6 p.m. During this virtual event, the Board will share district news, celebrate points of pride, and provide answers to your questions.

A link to "Mapleton Matters" will be shared via email, on Mapleton's website, and on our social media platforms ahead of the broadcast. Help us create the agenda! If you have questions or topic ideas for the virtual community update, please [email the communications inbox](#), or call 303.853.1020, by the end of the day, Thursday, Jan. 23.

Join us for "Turn Out the Lights" event at Meadow Community School on Thursday, Jan. 30

Join us at Meadow Community School on Thursday, Jan. 30, from 5-6 p.m. for a heartfelt "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.

Teaching and Learning

DreamBox Reading Plus Mid-Year Assessment

If your school is using DreamBox Literacy Intervention, the mid-year assessments will be available for students starting Wednesday, Jan. 8. The window for the assessment is Jan. 8-15. If students have not completed the initial assessment, they will not have the mid-year assessment. For questions, please [email Karla Gruenwald](#).

Three READ Plan Program announcements

- **Colorado Department of Education reporting (Out-of-District students):** Each fall, the CDE updates a report that informs each school district about which students have a READ plan from the prior year from a different school district. We have cross-referenced CDE's reports and will provide each school's Instructional Guide/Literacy Lead with a list of the additional students they will need to create READ plans for this year (because they were not exited in their prior district). Most schools will see perhaps 5-10 new names. Please have their READ plans completed in eduCLIMBER by **Friday, Feb. 14** (per the instructions below).
 - [READ Plan Instructions - 2024-2025.pdf](#)
 - [READ Plan ADDENDUM Instructions - 2024-2025.pdf](#)
- **READ plans for kindergarteners:** As per our revised guidance from this year, all kindergarten students should have participated in the BOY (beginning-of-year) benchmark testing in September, followed by ongoing progress monitoring to measure their literacy skill development. However, it is their status on the **MOY (middle of the year) benchmark testing** that will determine if they need a READ plan for the current academic year. For any kindergarten student who scores at "Well Below Benchmark" on the **MOY benchmark testing**, please create a READ plan for them for the current academic year.

**Remember: Teachers will need to identify an end-of-year goal and at least one objective for how that goal will be met this year.*
- **MOY Benchmark Testing Window (Jan. 8-24, 2025):** As a reminder, all K-3 students must be assessed during the MOY benchmark testing window through DIBELS 8, CELS, or Aimsweb Plus, as well as those students in grades 4-12 who have an active READ plan for this year.

For questions, please email [Karla Gruenwald](#) or [Brad Russell](#).

CogAT Universal Screening Training for second and sixth grade teachers on Jan. 16

Mapleton's annual training for the CogAT Universal Screening of all second and sixth grade students will be held virtually via TEAMS on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. This will be paid time for all participants upon submission of a complete, signed claim for payment (provided at the training).

- **Gifted and Talented (GT) Leads:** All GT Leads at schools that have second and/or sixth grade students should plan to attend. High school GT Leads do not attend.
- **Second and sixth grade teachers:** It is a district expectation that second and sixth grade classroom teachers be the primary test administrators as they know their students best and can ensure a positive, well-managed test environment.
- **Referred K-11 students:** We will also test any referred K-11 students during the same testing window. We will provide District Test Administrators, who will complete all testing for students in grades other than second and sixth grade, as well as any make-up testing needed.

A calendar invitation will be sent out soon. For questions or additional information, please contact [Brad Russell](#), at extension 1905.

Points of Pride



my teaching approach."

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

Justine Bickford, Valley View Innovation School

"Justine has been incredibly helpful in guiding me through the process of planning my literacy small groups. I've never felt confident when it comes to teaching differentiated literacy groups, but Justine graciously offered her support. She assisted me with both the planning and execution, making the entire process feel much more manageable and effective. Her expertise and encouragement have been invaluable in helping me improve

Submitted by Robert Smith

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

Integrated Services

Monthly Theme and Tier 1 Resources

The Olweus theme for January is "Relationships." [Check out the resources here!](#)

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Jan. 8 - Board Study Session, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (All schools and offices closed)

Tuesday, Jan. 21 - DAAC Meeting, 4:30-6 p.m.

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

Wednesday, Feb. 5 - District Spelling Bee

[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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