Mapleton Public Schools

The Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, March 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.

Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts (MESA) recently introduced a Mural Art class, offering high-level painters in grades 10-12 the opportunity to create large-scale works of art for their school. Each student in the class presented a mock mural design to MESA's staff, who selected three standout designs for large-scale painting.

Right now, students are busy transforming school spaces into vibrant works of art, set to be ready to display by April. See more pictures of their breathtaking work on Mapleton's Facebook and Instagram accounts!

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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.*

Keep software updated

Regularly update your operating system, applications, and antivirus software. These updates often contain critical security patches that help protect against vulnerabilities. Mapleton automatically distributes operating system and antivirus updates to staff computers. Please follow these best practices when receiving these updates:

- Set aside 15-20 minutes in your day to proactively update your system.
- Make sure your device is plugged into a power source while the update completes.
- Do not interrupt the update as this can corrupt the operating system, making your system unusable.

Mapleton News

A Resolution Affirming Support for All Students, Families, and Staff Members

All,

In February, the Board of Education unanimously adopted a resolution reaffirming Mapleton's commitment to welcoming, protective, learning-focused environments.

The resolution, *Affirming Support for All Students, Families, and Staff Members*, elevates the belief statements that are central to our mission. It declares Mapleton a Safe Zone, where all students, regardless of their background, can achieve their dreams in caring environments, free of fear, disruptions and discrimination.

To provide a quality public education to every student, regardless of a child or family member's citizenship/immigration status, Mapleton will:

– Continue to adhere to the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act, protecting student privacy,
– Assist families in keeping emergency contacts up to date, and
– Not cooperate in any effort to enforce federal immigration law.

The Board also bolstered policies that foster safe, inclusive schools to ensure students and staff feel a true sense of belonging and know they are valued and respected for who they are. To review the recently revised and adopted policies aimed at protecting student rights, safeguarding privacy, and keeping schools safe, please visit Mapleton's website.

In policy and in practice, Mapleton acts in the best interest of students by keeping student learning at the center of all decision making. As Superintendent, in partnership with the Board of Education, we will continue to champion excellent attendance for every student and uphold the resources, standards and practices that ensure all students receive rigorous and engaging learning experiences every school day.

Additionally, we continue to collaborate with community partners to provide valuable support and resources for families. On our website, we offer information specific to parenting, crisis support, mental health, bullying prevention, immigration resources, housing, and more. To explore Mapleton's comprehensive resource bank, visit Resources for Families.

I would like to thank Mapleton's Board of Education for their responsiveness to the needs of our community and continued commitment to the safety and success of our students and families. Our families send their children to school with confidence knowing there are kind and caring adults in every school building, on every bus, and in every department. It is an honor to work alongside each of you, and I am grateful for the community each of you, as a part of the Mapleton team, creates every day.

Thank you for your partnership, and for supporting and celebrating Mapleton's students.

Sincerely,
Mike Crawford

Superintendent of Schools

Service Standards survey update

In October, Mapleton asked staff to complete the District Services survey. The purpose of this survey was to help district departments identify areas of strength and opportunities for growth among five service factors: **accessibility, accuracy, attitude, operations,** and **timeliness.**

High-Level District Findings:
The survey was completed by 301 employees.

The district earned an overall mean score of **4.28/5**, which is a great score! **Our support teams have much to be proud of.**

By service factor, district departments ranked the **highest in Attitude**, and the **lowest in Timeliness**. Accessibility, Accuracy, and Operations came in second, third, and fourth, respectively.

Review the Service Standards letter from Superintendent Crawford.

Awards for Excellence nominations due this Friday, March 7!

Nominate a colleague who has significantly contributed to the mission of Mapleton Public Schools for the District's **42nd annual Awards for Excellence**. Nominations will be accepted for four categories:

Licensed Employee of the Year
Classified Employee of the Year
Administrator of the Year
Rookie of the Year

All nominations must be submitted using this link no later than **Friday, March 7**. You can find more information here.

Nominate a Colleague!

Celebrate our School Social Workers this week!

This week is **School Social Work Week,** when we honor the dedicated professionals who support our students' well-being every day. Whether they're providing emotional support, connecting families with resources, or creating a safe space for students, our school social workers play an invaluable role in our community.

From one-on-one counseling to school-wide initiatives, they help students navigate challenges and thrive. Their kindness, expertise, and commitment make a difference in every classroom. Let's take a moment this week to thank them for their unwavering support!

Mapleton's Amazing School Social Workers

- **Rachel Coppinger** – Integrated Services
- **Chelsea Alles** – Meadow Community School
- **Mary Wooten** – Mapleton Early Career Prep
- **Clare Murphy** – York International School
- **Evie McManus** – York International School
- **Jake Martinez** – North Valley School for Young Adults/Transitions
- **Enid Nieves** – Adventure Elementary
- **Sidney Hawk** – Performing Arts School on Broadway/Mapleton Online
- **Hannah David** – Monterey Community School
- **Garth Frehner** – Global Intermediate Academy
- **Paige Brinzo** – York International School (Social Work Intern)
- **Ali Johnson** – York International School (Social Work Intern)

Thank you all for the incredible work you do every day!

Field trip request deadline is Friday, April 25

As we approach the end of the school year, please be mindful of the following deadlines for submitting field trip requests for the 2024-25 school year:

- **Friday, April 25** – This will be the **final day to submit field trip requests.** Any requests received after this date **will not be processed** for May.

- **Wednesday, May 6, Thursday, May 7, and Friday, May 9 –** Transportation is **no longer accepting field trip requests** for these specific dates.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a smooth and organized scheduling process. If you have any questions, please reach out to Heather Salgado, at ext. 1027.

Intermittent WebEx Calling issue impacting outbound calls

Please be advised that there is an intermittent WebEx Calling issue that is impacting outbound calls. When placing an outbound call, you may experience an issue where the there is no ring out or answer, just dead air.

The Technology team is working with the service provider to resolve the issue and we ask that you please provide the following information to **helpdesk@mapleton.us** if you experience this issue.

Full number dialed from:
Full number dialed to:
The time the call was made (as exact as possible):
What happened when the call failed (dead air, error message):

Mapleton welcomes new leadership for 2025-26

Mapleton is pleased to welcome the following leaders to their new positions for the 2025-26 school year.

Ms. Annaleah Bloom, Director of Post Secondary Readiness
Ms. Carla Frenzel, Principal, Achieve Academy
Mr. Ryan Fuss, Principal, MESA
Mr. Micah Klaver, Principal, Explore PK-8
Ms. Lisa Schwartz, Principal, Global Leadership Academy
Ms. Karen Shae, Principal, North Valley School for Young Adults
Ms. Jennifer Snodgrass, Coordinator of Professional Growth and Student Support

The selection process was thorough and served us well. We had a strong pool of applicants apply for each position, and our interview committees took their responsibility very seriously. Thank you for your support.

Tell your friends and neighbors!

Teaching and Learning

TODAY is the deadline to recommend students for "Introduction to English Literacy for Newcomers"

We are excited to offer the course "**Introduction to English Literacy for Newcomers**" in Quarter 4 to support high school newcomers in developing foundational literacy skills. This extended-day, elective course is designed for multilingual students who have had interrupted schooling or limited literacy instruction. The course will provide essential skills in reading, writing, vocabulary, and comprehension to help them succeed in high school.

Students will develop reading skills; such as decoding, vocabulary instruction, and comprehension; and develop writing skills like encoding, expressing ideas, constructing sentences and organizing writing into a paragraph. As this is an invitational course, Teaching and Learning is requesting student recommendations by the **END OF TODAY.**

Course Details:

- **Time:** Zero Hour (7:10-8:10 a.m.)
- **Location:** Skyview Campus
- **Credits:** .25 elective credits per quarter completed

Who Should Be Recommended?

- **Newcomer students** in need of foundational literacy support
- **Teacher-recommended** students (PSOCs and ELD Leads will collaborate to determine invitations)

To have students start on the first day of the quarter, submit students' names by the end of **TODAY, Tuesday, March 4 by to your PSOC or ELD Lead**. Thank you for helping ensure our students receive the support they need!

Algebra II update

The Algebra II Pacing Guide has been updated to better align to our curricular resource, and to assess only priority standards on the Quarter 4 Interim.

Algebra 2 Pacing Guide by Quarter is below. (Priority Standards Only)

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4**
HS.A-SSE.A.2	HS.A-SSE.B.3	HS.F.IF.B.4	HS.S-IC.A.1
HS.A-REI.D.10	HS.A-SSE.B.3a	HS.F-IF.C.7b	HS.S-IC.B.3
HS.F-IF.B.4	HS.A-APR.B.2	HS.F-IF.C.8b	HS.S-IC.B.4
HS.F-IF.B.6	HS.A-APR.B.3	HS.F-LE.B.5	HS.S-IC.B.5
HS.F-IF.C.7a	HS.A-APR.D.6	HS.F-BF.B.3	HS.S-ID.A.4
HS.F-IF.C.8a			
HS.F-BF.A.1			

Mapleton Education Foundation

Form a team for the Colfax Marathon Relay to support our students

Grab your four best friends or colleagues and lace up for the Colfax Marathon Relay on Sunday, May 18, to support our students! Don't let the word "marathon" scare you. This race is all about

teamwork. With five legs, the longest of which is just 6.5 miles, it's a challenge anyone can conquer.

The Mapleton Education Foundation is one of the event's charity partners, so if your team runs on our behalf, you can help raise funds for more than 7,000 students across 20 schools. And we'll even throw in a **cool gift bag for you**!

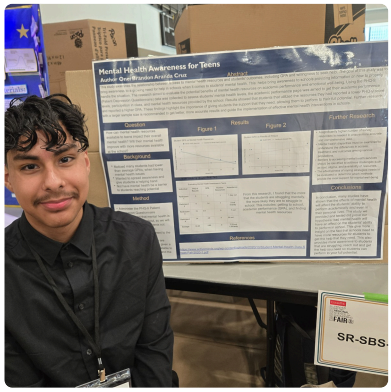
Interested in learning more about forming a team, giving a runner or team the opportunity to run by paying their registration fee, or just fundraising on our behalf? Contact us at mef@mapleton.edu to get started! Or you can register your relay team yourself now. You can enter your runners' names later, if you like. Runners can be changed/added for no additional cost until mid-April.

Points of Pride

Academy High School students excel in HOSA and science fair events

Academy High School's Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Club students have had a busy few weeks, showcasing their talents in two notable events.

Eight members participated in the Colorado HOSA State Leadership Conference, held from Feb. 18-20, at the Sheraton Denver Downtown. The conference aims to develop leadership and technical skills among health science students through motivation, awareness, and recognition. Academy's students competed in tests on CPR knowledge and phlebotomy. Their participation underscored their commitment to healthcare excellence.



And last Friday, Feb. 28, juniors Brandon A. and Serenity A. presented research projects at the CoorsTek Denver Metro Regional Science and Engineering Fair, hosted by the University of Colorado Denver. This annual event fosters enthusiasm for science and inquiry, offering a platform to present original research to the Denver metro STEM community.

Brandon and Serenity's projects focused on the mental health of teens and healthcare workers, respectively. Much of their data was

gathered by surveying Mapleton high school students and healthcare workers from two local hospitals.

Lindsay Schultz, Academy's biology teacher, said, "I hope that experiences like these give my upper-level students a good sense of what life is like in the healthcare industry and what it's like to conduct science research so they know if this is a field they would like to continue pursuing." She also hopes to inspire younger students to explore healthcare-oriented classes in their senior years.

Academy's HOSA Club started last year as part of the school's Career and Technical Education Health Science Pathway, which provides students with foundational knowledge to succeed in a wide range of medical careers.

Trailside Academy celebrates diversity at Annual Multicultural Night

Trailside Academy hosted its Annual Multicultural Night last Friday, bringing students, families, and staff together to celebrate the many cultures that make up the school community.

The event featured an international potluck, where families shared homemade dishes representing their heritage. Attendees sampled flavors from around the world while learning about each dish's cultural significance. Families also created 17 booths showcasing their traditions, history, art, and language, and many families dressed in traditional clothing, adding to the immersive cultural experience.

Live performances, including mariachi music, folk songs, and Polynesian dancing, highlighted global traditions and united the community through music and movement.

Organized by Trailside Partners in Education (PIE), the event fostered cultural appreciation and connection. Thank you to everyone who participated in this special celebration!

Monterey Community School second graders make bus driver cards for Love The Bus Month

Monterey Community School second graders celebrated the end of Love The Bus Month by surprising their field trip bus driver, Jan Thompson, with hand-decorated thank-you notes. Thompson drove

the students to the Arvada Center last Friday so they could enjoy a performance of the musical “Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile.”

The students presented her with notes that said things like “Thank you for driving us to our field trip” and “Thank you for keeping us safe.” Thompson said the gesture was a huge surprise and she was grateful.

Love The Bus Month, celebrated every February, honors the dedicated bus drivers who safely transport students every day.

"High Fives"

Ken Wood, Academy High School
"A couple of weeks ago, Academy High School hosted a Mock Interview Day for seniors. During this event, students had the opportunity to practice their interview skills and receive real-time feedback on what they did well and where they could improve.

Ken dedicated countless hours to making this event a success—reaching out to professionals from across the Denver Metro area to connect with our students in a meaningful way. The event was exceptionally well-organized, the students came prepared, and we heard nothing but great feedback from those who participated.

Thank you, Ken, for going the extra mile to create such a valuable experience for our students!"

Submitted by Edgar Torres

Kristy Vazquez, Academy High School
"Kristy is the kind of teacher who consistently goes the extra mile—especially for kiddos who need extra support to stay on track.

This year, she has taken the lead on our MEET team-teaching initiative while also mentoring a teacher-resident. Even though these two are big tasks, she remains deeply committed to Academy High School students. She understands that learning isn’t always a straight path, but her positive attitude and dedication to students is pretty awesome.

Thank you, Kristy, for all you do for Academy High School students and staff!"

Submitted by Edgar Torres

Kristen Morel, Allison Stockman, Realene Olson, Maria Gonzalez, Sandra Hererra, and Preschool on Poze Staff

"I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the support you've shown during this time. I've been in and out of school recently while caring for my mom. Your understanding, kindness, and willingness to step in and help have meant more to me than words can fully express.

Knowing I have such a compassionate and dedicated team has made this challenging period more manageable. I appreciate your patience, your offers of assistance, and the way you've continued to support both me and our students. Working alongside people who truly care is something I don't take for granted."

Submitted by Ryan Fiore

Alli Blankenship, Global Intermediate Academy
"I just wanted to take a moment to show appreciation for you. Your positivity is truly infectious, and your realness is so refreshing. You have this incredible way of making people feel seen, heard, and valued. Your kindness, authenticity, and warmth make such a difference in the lives of those around you. Whether it's through your words, your actions, or just your presence, you bring so much light and goodness into the world.

The world is better because you're in it—keep being the amazing human you are!"

Submitted by Katalina Vega

Angie Edmundson, Welby Community School
"As an Instructional Guide, one could not possibly do better than to have Angie. She is relentlessly positive, enthusiastic to offer support, and always takes time to cheer on success in both students and staff. DDI and coaching with her is a great experience, and we are so lucky to have her at our school!"

Submitted by Jesse Masterson

Zuleika Leon, Custodial Staff
"I would like to acknowledge the ongoing contributions, achievements, and professional growth of Zuleika in her career at Mapleton. Since joining the custodial department two years ago, she has consistently demonstrated a positive attitude toward both new and existing challenges. Her dedication and commitment to helping her team have been key in implementing new processes within her department, leading to a more efficient and collaborative work environment across our departments. Thank you!"

Submitted by Azucena Mira

If you know someone who deserves a "High Five", submit your appreciation using this form.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 6 - PD day, no school for students
Friday, March 7 – IP Day, no school for students
Wednesday, March 12 - Board Study Session, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, March 17-Friday, March 21 - Spring Break
Monday, March 25 - DAAC Meeting, 4-6 p.m.
Wednesday, March 26 - Board Business Meeting, 6 p.m.
Thursday, March 27 - District Science Fair
Wednesday, April 9 - Board Study Session, 5:30 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.

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