

A background image showing a pair of metal drafting compasses and a straightedge 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, March 11, 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.](#)



Skyview Wolverines Girls Basketball team finishes strong after impressive season

The Skyview Wolverines girls basketball team wrapped up an incredible season on Saturday, falling 49-44 to No. 6 Delta in the second round of the 4A State Championships. The loss ended Skyview's remarkable 14-game winning streak and brought their final record to 20-5, marking just the fifth time in school history a team has reached 20 wins.



Head coach Chris Kemm praised his team's effort and resilience, highlighting the contributions of this year's senior class. Over the past four years, they amassed 78 wins, four league championships, two Sweet 16 appearances, and a trip to the regional championship.

"We are incredibly proud of our team and the way they have represented Mapleton at both the local and state levels," Kemm said. "Saying goodbye to our Fab Five seniors—Neveah L., Yzabella T., Leila E., Veronica M., and Alexa H.—is bittersweet, but we are excited for the next generation of Lady Wolverines to take the reins next season."

Congratulations to Coach Kemm, his staff, and the Lady Wolverines on an outstanding season!

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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.

Web Browser Cache Cleanup

Is data not appearing correctly in your web browser? It may be time to clear your cache. To do so, simply use a keyboard shortcut.

For Chrome Web Browsers:

- Within the browser, press the Ctrl+Shift+Del, then click 'Delete Data'.

For Microsoft Edge:

- Within the Microsoft Edge browser, press the Ctrl+Shift+Del, then click 'Clear Now'.
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Mapleton News

You're invited to the 42nd Annual Awards for Excellence!

Celebrate our Awards for Excellence nominees, Quarter Century members, and retirees at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel on Friday, May 2, starting at 5:30 p.m.



Tickets:

- \$25 per person
- Dinner will be served
- Semi-formal attire

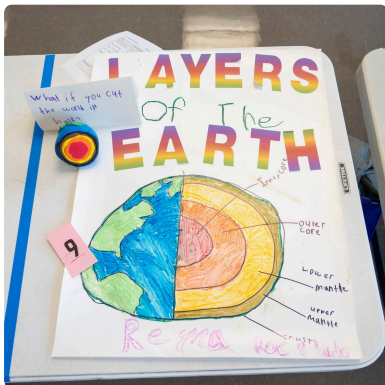
Purchase tickets [online here](#).

Or by mail via cash or check (made out to Mapleton Public Schools):

Mapleton Public Schools
Attn: Celebrating Mapleton
7350 Broadway, Denver CO 80221

RSVP by Wednesday, April 23.

For more information, please call Talent Management, at 303.853.1007, or email HR@mapleton.us



Help inspire young scientists – Become a Science Fair Judge!

Mapleton is seeking 40-50 volunteers to serve as judges for the District Science Fair on March 27, at the Skyview Student Center. This event is a fantastic opportunity to engage with students as they present their creative and thoughtful scientific projects.

No prior experience is needed—just a passion for learning and a willingness to provide constructive feedback. Judging will take place from 5-7 p.m., with a brief orientation at 4:30 p.m. that day. Join us in celebrating student innovation and fostering STEM in our community!

[Sign up to judge here](#).

Food for Hope “Wolverine Den” pantry closed for Spring Break

Mapleton's "Wolverine Den" food pantry will be closed next Thursday while its host site, Achieve Academy, is on Spring Break. Please share this update with students and families who may be impacted.

As a reminder, the pantry, located at 9100 Poze Blvd., Thornton, provides free essential food items to district families on a walk-in basis—no appointment needed. Regular hours are Thursdays, 9–11 a.m., and service will resume on March 27.



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

Mapleton Drill Team makes history at Pueblo meet

Mapleton's Air Force JROTC Raider Squadron Drill Team achieved a historic milestone this past Saturday, earning the prestigious Commander's Cup designation at the Sam Solano Drill Meet in Pueblo. This marks the first time in program history that the team has claimed the Grand Champion title.



Competing against 10 teams from Colorado Springs and Denver, Mapleton stood out not just for their precision but also for their size—fielding only nine cadets, far fewer than the 25-50 members of most teams. Despite this, they delivered an outstanding performance, securing top finishes across multiple events, including:

- **Overall Commander's Cup Winner**
- **1st Place:** Color Guard
- **2nd Place:** Unarmed Inspection
- **2nd Place:** Unarmed Exhibition

The team's final drill meet of the season will be the **Rocky Mountain Drill Classic on April 12, at the National Western Complex in Denver.** If you have some free time, stop by and cheer on these wonderful cadets.



Mapleton students lend a hand with free tax help

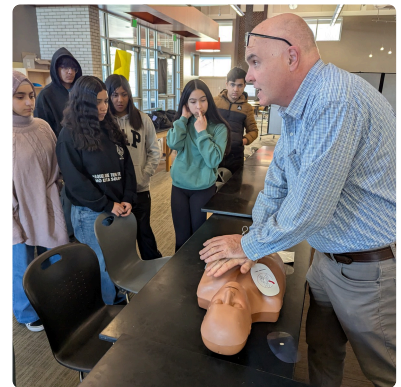


This spring, about 15 Mapleton Public School high school students are stepping up to help their community—one tax return at a time. By volunteering with Tax Help Colorado at Front Range Community College, these students are gaining valuable college credits and providing free tax prep services to those in need. Their hard work is making a difference, and they're discovering the rewards of giving back, all while learning essential life skills.

Read the [full story here](#).

Academy High School freshmen learn CPR training

Academy High School freshmen are gaining hands-on CPR training thanks to a grant from the Colorado Department of Education. As part of their Introduction to Health Science class, students learn life-saving techniques, earn CPR certification, and build skills that can set them apart in the job market. With a growing number of students interested in medical careers, this program provides a critical first step toward their future.



Read the full story on our district homepage, in our ["News from the District"](#) section.



Here are this week's "High Fives"

Connie Io, Monterey Community School

"Thank you, Connie, for being such an outstanding Director! Your leadership, kindness, and unwavering dedication make a difference every day. Your support and guidance don't go unnoticed, and we're so grateful to work with and learn from you. Thank you for all that you do—you truly inspire those around you! #Leader #AmazingLeader #ThankYou"

Submitted by Monterey Community Culture Team

Myrna Diaz, Monterey Community School

"Myrna has been doing an amazing job in the front office! She's a vital part of our school and her hard work is appreciated!"

Submitted by Zander Epps

Bennie Trujillo, Monterey Community School

"Bennie is a bright, shining star in our staff that is constantly leading her kindergarten class to new heights at Monterey. Bennie goes a long way to improve the morale of the teachers and somehow manages to have a great relationship with students she doesn't even teach. If I need help with a middle schooler, Bennie is my go-to person because she just gets it. Thank you, Bennie, for always brightening our day and holding kids accountable!"

Submitted by Taylor Nelson

Myranda Straface, Monterey Community School

"A huge shout-out to Myranda for organizing our unforgettable father-daughter dance! She consistently puts her heart and soul into creating a spectacular experience for students and staff. From coordinating the event to decorating every detail, she made sure each student felt special by giving them a unique tiara. Fathers shared their excitement, saying things like, 'This year topped last year,' 'My daughter and I look forward to this every year,' and 'I'm going to miss this so much once my daughter is in eighth grade.' Thank you, Myranda, for building a cherished tradition in our school and working with our Monterey staff to make this a memory we'll always treasure!"

Submitted by Monterey Staff

Monica Ramirez, Monterey Community School

"Monica is absolutely amazing in the front office and is someone everyone feels comfortable going to when they need assistance! She has formed great relationships with the students at Monterey and is a staple in our school community! "

Submitted by Monterey Community Culture Team

Julie Straface, Monterey Community School

"Julie is the health assistant at Monterey and she is one of the hardest-working, caring people I have ever known. Thank you, Julie, for all you do for our staff and students at Monterey!"

Submitted by Sandra Jenson

Maria Dean, Monterey Community School

"Maria Dean is an outstanding and valued member of Monterey's ILC program. Her patience and encouraging words always motivate students to do their best. She is always ready to help wherever she is needed and her kindness makes school a better place. Thank you, Maria!"

Submitted by Monterey Community Culture Team

Samantha Erb, Monterey Community School

"Sam, it is so nice to know that those kinders have such an amazing teacher to learn from and look up to. I so appreciate the structure and patience you provide your students. Your classroom is so organized, as well as your style of teaching. These students are getting such a head start because of you! Your work does not go unnoticed and we are so glad you are part of this team!"

Submitted by Monterey Community Culture Team

Sandra Herrera, Preschool on Poze

"Thanks for all the hard work with getting families' annual updates completed. This is no small task and your constant reminders to them are paying off. I appreciate your help and support and willingness to grab an iPad when you see them to get it taken care of!"

Submitted by Ryan Fiore

Ingrid Marin and Robin DeCarlo, Human Resources

"Thank you to Ingrid and Robin for providing amazing support and guidance. Your efforts are deeply, deeply appreciated."

Submitted by Meagan Ackerman

Mavis Johnson, York International School; Sandra Munez, Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts (MESA)

"A BIG THANK YOU to Mavis Johnson and Sandra Munoz. Both secretaries have added the responsibility of maintaining the CTE cards at their sites. This is in addition to all the other school duties they have."

Submitted by Cyndi Valdez

Alison Jacobs, Mapleton Online

"Alison came to Mapleton Online this year and has been a great asset in high school math. It is clear that she really cares about the students, and they are highly engaged and making great progress in math this year. Thanks, Alison!"

Submitted by a Mapleton Online Teacher

Molly Asaro, Monterey Community School

"Molly - your patience and commitment to your students is so admirable. I love the attention to detail you exhibit in your work. I know your students see how much you care for them and can feel it too. Thank you for being a light at this school when it is so easy to be negative."

Submitted by Monterey Community Culture Team

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

Upcoming Events

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.

Tuesday, April 15 - DAAC Meeting, 4:30-6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16 - District Art Show

[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.

Email: communications@mapleton.us

Website: <https://www.mapleton.us/>

Location: [7350 Broadway, Denver, CO 80221, USA](#)

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