



The Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, April 15, 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.](#)

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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.

Screenshot capture keyboard shortcut on Windows computers

Have you ever wanted a quick way to capture a screen image or error on a Windows computer? Simultaneously hold down the Windows button, the Shift key, and the 'S' key. Use the cross-hair cursor to highlight the area of the screen you want to capture, then press the 'Ctrl' key along the 'V' key to paste the image.

Bonus Tech Tip! Take the Survey!

We're gathering feedback on how AI is being used across our schools. **Please take a few minutes to [complete this short survey](#) and share your experiences.** Your input will help guide future training and support.

Additionally, please take a moment to review the **Guidance for the Responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Mapleton Public Schools**, linked below.

Take the AI usage survey!



Mapleton Public Schools - Guidance for the Responsible Use of AI.pdf

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ART SHOW

Wednesday, April 16

Skyview Campus Student Center
8990 York St., Thornton 80229

4:30 - 7 p.m. - Art Gallery Viewing
5:30 p.m. - K-5th Grade Awards Ceremony
6:30 p.m. - 6th-12th Grade Awards Ceremony

Mapleton News

Open enrollment begins May 1!

Open Enrollment for Mapleton employees begins Wednesday, May 1, and runs through Friday, May 16. This year's enrollment period comes with exciting updates, including a new partnership with the Colorado Employer Benefits Trust (CEBT), which will go into effect on July 1, 2025.

Open
Enrollment
It's your choice!



Through this partnership, Mapleton will offer staff access to a broader range of high-quality, affordable benefit options. Employees will be able to choose from **three medical plans** (two through Kaiser and one through UnitedHealthcare) and **one simplified dental plan** through Delta Dental. Mapleton's VSP vision coverage will remain in place, with enhancements.

Medical

The selected medical plans offer a balance of consistency and choice, allowing employees to either continue with a plan similar to their current coverage or explore a new option with a different

provider. Depending on the plan selected, employees may see either a minimal rate increase or even potential cost savings.

- [Medical Insurance Rates - Summary of Cost Benefits Comparison](#)
- [Kaiser HMO 30 Summary of Benefits and Coverage](#)
- [Kaiser DHMO 1500 Summary of Benefits and Coverage](#)
- [United Healthcare PPO5 Summary of Benefits and Coverage](#)

Dental

The Delta Dental plan is now simplified into one comprehensive plan.

- [Delta Dental Plan B Summary of Benefits and Coverage](#)
- [Dental Insurance Rates - Delta Dental Plan B](#)

Vision

The vision plan through VSP remains unchanged this year, with additional enhancements.

- [VSP Vision Insurance Rates](#)

Additional information is available on [Mapleton's Benefits webpage](#).

Open Enrollment – May 1-16

As a part of Mapleton's move to CEBT, all employees **must** participate in Active Enrollment. **Active Enrollment means employees must actively log into iVisions Portal and elect or waive coverage during Mapleton's Open Enrollment period, which will run from Tuesday, May 1- Friday, May 16.** Current benefits will not roll over into the coming year, so it is very important to participate in the Active Enrollment process.

Upcoming Informational Meetings

Representatives from WTW, along with experts from Kaiser, UnitedHealthcare, and Delta Dental, will be on-site in Mapleton to support employees through this transition. Meeting dates, times, and locations are listed below:

**Info Meeting: 4/28 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Admin Building ADD
TO CALENDAR**

**Info Meeting: 4/29, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Operations Center ADD TO
CALENDAR**

Info Meeting: 4/30, 4-5 p.m., Skyview Student Center ADD TO CALENDAR

Learn more about our 2025-26 Benefits

Discounted toddler care and preschool opportunities for children of Mapleton employees

Mapleton Public Schools is proud to offer employees exclusive discounted tuition rates for toddler care and preschool. Children and grandchildren of Mapleton staff are invited to grow and thrive in our high-quality early learning environments, supported by experienced and compassionate educators. Convenient before and after-care options are also available.

If you are interested in learning more about toddler care and/or preschool for the upcoming school year, please contact [Terri Stowell](#), ECE, ext. 1784.



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MAPLETON MATTERS

Tuesday, April 29, at 6 p.m.

What do you want to talk about? Let us know!

Help us plan the agenda for the next episode of *Mapleton Matters*, coming up on Tuesday, April 29, at 6 p.m. Hosted by Board of Education members and Superintendent Mike Crawford, *Mapleton Matters* is an opportunity to learn more about important topics you care about, get answers to your questions about our schools and district, and share key updates. You'll also hear about exciting celebrations and highlights happening across our community.

Do you have a question or topic you would like to add to the agenda? Email Communications@mapleton.us.

Staff, student and parent experience survey - coming soon!

Mapleton Public Schools is dedicated to creating a positive experience for all whom we serve. Our partners at Studer Education are once again providing an opportunity for you to share feedback anonymously. **The Staff, Student and Parent Experience surveys will be available beginning Tuesday, April 22, through Thursday, May 1.**



This survey is your chance to tell us what we are doing well and what we need to work on to ensure your children achieve their dreams. The results of this survey will be used to inform strategies, procedures, and/or programs to enhance student experiences and outcomes.

Beginning Tuesday, April 22, the survey will be available [on Mapleton's website](#). A link to the survey will also be shared via email and in the staff newsletter.

Staff Experience Survey - Available Tuesday, April 22!



Student Information System

District Employee Single Sign-On (SSO)

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Username: (Required)

Password: (Required)

Log In

Single sign-on coming to Infinite Campus

Mapleton's Information Technology team is enabling single sign-on for Infinite Campus. Beginning Thursday evening, users must click on the **"District Employee Single Sign-On"** button to login instead of providing their username and password.



Graduation 2025

Mapleton's class of 2025 is just one month away from graduation day! Please note the following important dates and information.

Friday, May 16

- **7:30 a.m. – Senior Scholarship Breakfast**
- This event honors members of the class of 2025 who received a scholarship to help them pursue their post-secondary dreams.
- **10:30 a.m. – Graduation practice (mandatory)**
- All graduates are required to report to the Rosa Auditorium on the Skyview Campus (8990 York St., Thornton, 80229) for graduation practice.
- **12:30 p.m. – Senior BBQ at the Skyview Student Center**

Saturday, May 17 – Graduation!

- **8 a.m.** – Graduates must arrive at the Rosa Auditorium on the Skyview Campus
- **10 a.m.** – Commencement ceremony begins, DiTirro Stadium on the Skyview Campus

Event details, including parking, weather updates, and a link to the live stream of the event [are available on Mapleton's website.](#)

Additional Graduation Information



Food for Hope



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Wolverine Den food pantry available to all Mapleton families

Mapleton is excited to announce its partnership with Food for Hope, an organization dedicated to providing nutritious food to children and families in need throughout Adams County. Thanks to this partnership, Mapleton has a new food pantry – The Wolverine Den – located on the bottom level of Achieve Academy (9100 Poze Blvd.).

The Wolverine Den is **open to all Mapleton families every Thursday from 9–11 a.m.**, with no appointment needed. The pantry offers a variety of essential items and will continue to expand its selection as it grows.

Please share this news with district families as **we encourage them all to take advantage of this important resource.** Stop by and see all that The Wolverine Den has to offer!

Teaching and Learning

DreamBox Benchmark 3 assessment dates

The DreamBox Benchmark 3 assessment will be available for students to take from Monday, April 28, through Friday, May 9.

Quarter 4 Interim assessment news

The Quarter 4 Interim Assessment window will be from Wednesday, May 7, to Friday, May 16, with makeups Wednesday, May 19, to Friday, May 21. All constructed response items need to be scored by noon on Friday, May 23 for data compilation and analysis.

Quarter 4 Interim Assessments are **required for grades 3-8** and optional for grades 9-11. Interim Assessment Content Review Links have been updated for Quarter 4. You can [find those links here](#).

Limited spots available for this June's Secondary Constructing Meaning cohort

There are only **nine** spots left in our June 2025 cohort of Secondary Constructing Meaning. This training is built for teachers of grades 6-12 and focuses on how to teach language alongside content.

This training takes place from Monday, June 2, through Friday, June 6, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. It is a paid learning experience and also provides 35 hours toward the 45 English Learner Professional Development (ELPD) contact hours required by CDE for license renewal. If you are interested, [please RSVP here](#).

Registration will be confirmed based on RSVP timestamps. Please reach out to [Alexis Lauffenburger](#), Multilingual Program Coordinator, with questions!

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Catch a Rockies game, support our students at Mapleton Appreciation Weekend

Take yourself out to the ballgame—and support Mapleton students and teachers at the same time!

Join the Colorado Rockies and the Mapleton Education Foundation for **Mapleton Appreciation Weekend**, May 9–11 at Coors Field. A portion of every ticket sold will directly benefit the Foundation's efforts to enhance learning opportunities across the district.

Can't make it that weekend? You'll have two more chances to catch a game for a great cause on **Friday, May 23**, and **Sunday, May 25**.



Don't miss this chance to enjoy a day at the ballpark while making a lasting impact in your community. For more details and to purchase tickets, visit the [Foundation's website](#).

Purchase Rockies Tickets Here

Points of Pride



Mapleton Raider Drill Team makes history with national Top 5 finish

Mapleton's Air Force JROTC Raider Squadron Drill Team made history once again this past Saturday, placing fifth out of 51 teams at the Rocky Mountain Western Classic National Drill Meet, held at the National Western Complex in Denver. The Raider Drill Team was not only the highest-rated team from Colorado but also the top-rated Air Force team at the national level.

This marks the first time in program history that Mapleton has earned a national Top 5 designation!

Competing against elite teams from across the country, the Raiders earned trophies in the following categories:

- 1st Place: 5280 Color Guard
- 3rd Place: Unarmed Exhibition
- 4th Place: Inspection

This achievement caps a season of firsts for the Raider Drill Team, including their first-ever Grand Champion title at the Sam Solano Drill Meet in Pueblo this March, along with top finishes at other major competitions.

Congratulations to the entire team on an unforgettable and record-breaking season!

Mapleton Choir students perform at Coors Field for Rockies' Choir Night

Mapleton choir students had the unforgettable opportunity to perform "The Star-Spangled Banner" at Coors Field on Sunday, April 6, as part of the Colorado Rockies' annual Choir Night event. This special event invites young choir members from across the Denver Metro area to sing the national anthem together on the field before the game. Mapleton's group of 115 students, in grades 5–8 and representing 10 schools, made up nearly half of the total performing ensemble.



Held during the Rockies' home opening weekend, the event drew an enthusiastic crowd of about 1,200 Mapleton students, families, and community members who came to cheer on the performers and enjoy the game. This annual tradition continues to be a highlight for Mapleton's choir students, offering a unique and memorable opportunity to showcase their talents on a major league stage.

Stage Door Players close season with powerful production of "Radium Girls"

High school students from across Mapleton wrapped up the 2024–25 theater season with their District Play, "Radium Girls" earlier this month. The production, led by the Mapleton Stage Door Players, marked the culmination of months of hard work and rehearsal, bringing to life the emotional and historically significant story of the harmful effects of radium exposure in the early 20th century.



The performance was the final show of the Stage Door Players' season, which began with a lively production of the musical "Mean Girls" in November. The group now looks ahead to its next musical, scheduled for this November. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the students throughout this season's performances.

District Performing Arts students strike the right chord at Regional and State Festivals

Mapleton's Performing Arts Department is celebrating two outstanding achievements by its student musicians this spring.



The district's Zero Hour Wolverine Band earned an "Excellent" rating—the second-highest possible—at the Colorado Bandmasters Association Middle School Festival held in mid-March in Loveland. The band, made up of seventh-grade students, performed three musical selections for a panel of adjudicators and participated in a 30-minute clinic to receive expert feedback and instruction. Students also had the chance to watch and support other middle school bands from across the region, making it a full day of music and learning.

Also in March, Mapleton's Wind Ensemble, a high school-level band, received a "Superior with Distinction" rating at the Colorado Bandmasters Association Regional Contest, held at Adams City High School. This marked Mapleton's first high school band performance in more than 22 years—and it made quite the impression. Judges invited the ensemble to submit their performance for consideration at the prestigious Colorado Music Educators Association Convention in Colorado Springs in January 2026. If selected, it would be one of the highest honors a band can receive in Colorado.



Congratulations to all the student musicians and directors on these remarkable accomplishments!

Mapleton Celebrates Jazz Appreciation Month with Music, Mentorship, and Performances

April is Jazz Appreciation Month, also known as JAM, and Mapleton's Jazz Studies program is marking the occasion with a full lineup of events celebrating the art of jazz and the talent of its student musicians.

The celebration began on Wednesday, April 2, with the second annual Mapleton Jazz Festival, held at the Skyview Campus.

Thanks to support from the Denver Municipal Band, the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD), and Adams County funding, more than 50 jazz students participated in an immersive day of music education. Each student received a 30-minute individual practice session, a 30-minute group lesson with a professional musician from their instrument family, and a 30-minute full band clinic. The day concluded with student performances and a professional concert by the guest clinicians.



The festivities continue this Wednesday, April 16, when the high school Mapleton Jazz Messengers will perform at the District Art Show.

Jazz Appreciation Month wraps up with a free community concert on Wednesday, April 30, at 7 p.m. at the Mapleton Arts Center (MAC), featuring performances by the Mapleton Jazz Messengers and Jazz Lab Bands.

All are invited to attend and support Mapleton's talented young jazz musicians as they close out a high-energy, music-filled JAM!



Here are this week's "High Fives"

Melissa Berry, Global Intermediate Academy

"Melissa Berry has done an extraordinary job organizing and running CMAS testing here at GIA. Melissa has worked tirelessly to make sure students and staff feel her love and support. This includes coming into work at 4:30 a.m. on the first day of testing, to leaving hand written notes of encouragement in every testing room. Melissa's empathy for how stressful testing can be and finding creative ways to still keep everyone's spirits high are some

of her many superpowers. GIA is lucky to have you, Melissa."

Submitted by Stormie Griffin

Bryan Gallegos, Global Intermediate Academy

"I want to give a big high five to Bryan Gallegos at Global Intermediate Academy for the incredible work he's doing to get students excited about reading and using the library. From launching the "Grand Prix" of reading—which celebrates students who read and write reviews each month—to organizing Global's first-ever Scholastic Book Fair that brought in nearly \$3,000 in sales, Bryan is creating a vibrant culture of literacy. His creativity and energy are a shining example of the amazing work happening in libraries across Mapleton. Thank you to all our dedicated library staff who make these spaces welcoming, inspiring, and full of books waiting to be discovered. Your investment in our students and their love of reading makes a difference every day."

Submitted by Jim Lefebvre

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

Upcoming Events

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

Wednesday, April 16 - District Art Show

Friday, April 18 - Teacher Trade Day - No school for students

Wednesday, April 23 - Board Business Meeting, 6 p.m.

Friday, May 2 - Awards for Excellence, 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 3 - Prom

Tuesday & Thursday, May 6 & 8 - Virtual Parent Nights for Vaping Prevention, 7-8:15 p.m.

Monday, May 12 - Instructional Planning Day - No school for students

Wednesday, May 14 - 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

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Email: communications@mapleton.us

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

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