



# The Tuesday Takeaway

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025

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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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## Skyview Wolverines make history at 2025 CHSAA Wrestling State Championship

Let's hear it for our Wolverines, who made history this past weekend at the 2025 CHSAA Wrestling State Championship, delivering their best performance to date.



**The Girls Wrestling team placed second overall, with a total score of 82.5, and were led by Academy High School's Sofia C., who won the 235-pound division to become the district's first-ever Girls State Champion Wrestler!**

Mapleton also had four other wrestlers earn podium finishes in their respective weight classes:

- **Andrew P. – 3rd place (106 lbs)**
- **Jennifer C. – 6th place (105 lbs)**
- **Ariyah A. – 2nd place (110 lbs)**
- **Arianna A. – 4th place (115 lbs)**

A huge thank you to our Skyview Wolverines Wrestling coaching staff for leading the team to the best season in district history! And to all our state qualifiers, your hard work and dedication inspire us all.

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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.

#### Password Resets

Quick reminder that the Mapleton password policy requires staff to reset passwords every 90 days. When resetting your password, prioritize creating a strong, unique password, using a mix of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols, avoiding personal information. Use a passphrase if necessary. For more comprehensive password requirements please refer to page five of [Board Policy GBEE](#).

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## Mapleton News

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Join Us!

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Ribbon Cutting

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025 | 3:30 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the grand opening of Meadow Community School, Mapleton's newest community learning hub designed with YOU in mind! Explore the state-of-the-art, nature-inspired school and discover innovative learning spaces tailored for preschool through eighth grade students. Made possible by the generous support of our community and a \$13 million BEST grant, Meadow Community School is a place where creativity, collaboration, and curiosity thrive. Come tour the school, connect with our team, and help us mark this exciting milestone!

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## Bundle up and join us as we cut the ribbon at the new Meadow Community School!

After the ribbon cutting, come inside to warm up and tour our beautiful new PK-8 school building, made possible by generous community support and a \$13 million grant from Colorado's Building Excellent Schools Today program.



### Snow Wonder has started, but there is still time to sign up!

The [Snow Wonder](#) wellness challenge is officially underway, but there is still a chance for you to claim your spot and earn great prizes! Mapleton's second, month-long challenge of the school year is here to help you stay active and energized during the colder months.

Here's how it works:

- Earn inches of snow by logging healthy activities like exercise and mindful eating.
- Watch your virtual winter scene transform as you reach new milestones.
- Explore beautiful winter destinations while boosting your energy and well-being.
- Compete for exciting prizes along the way!

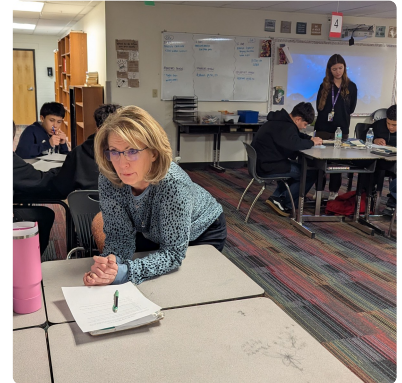
The challenge began on Monday, Feb, 17 and runs **Sunday, March 16**. Staff are encouraged to register and/or form teams by **Monday, Feb. 24**. Start logging your activities today and join the fun!

Don't miss out—[register now!](#)

**Register for the Snow Wonder wellness challenge!**

## York International School's middle school students are on the move for school's MEET program

York International School middle school students are on the move through the school's Mapleton Educator Empowerment Teams (MEET) program, an innovative teaching program aimed at personalizing learning and improving student outcomes. Students move between multiple teachers to strengthen their reading, writing, and math skills. This flexible approach allows teachers to adjust instruction based on student needs, leading to higher engagement and deeper learning.



Now in place at a handful of Mapleton schools, MEET varies by grade level and school but shares a core goal—enhancing education through collaboration. Read more about York's middle school MEET program in the "News from the District" section on our [homepage](#).



## Final deadline for faculty regalia orders extended to Wednesday, Feb. 26

Good news! The faculty regalia order deadline has been extended—but not for long. This is your last chance to order custom regalia for the 2025 graduation ceremony. **All regalia orders must be submitted through this [link](#), by Wednesday, Feb. 26.** After then, Jostens will no longer be able to accommodate orders due to the custom nature of faculty regalia. Don't miss out—place your order today!

## Wear yellow on Wednesday, Feb. 26, for Love the Bus month!

This **Love the Bus Month**, we're showing our appreciation for our transportation team by wearing **yellow!** Join us in celebrating their hard work and dedication by **wearing yellow on Wednesday, Feb. 26**, and thanking them for safely transporting our students every day. Let's make sure they feel the love and support they deserve! ❤️🚌

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## Employee Resources

The following resources are available to all employees:

**Resources for Living** – This is an employer-sponsored program available at no cost to you and all members of your household. That includes dependent children up to age 26, whether or not they live at home. Services are confidential and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### To access services:

- 1-866-252-4468 / TTY: 711
- [resourcesforliving.com](https://resourcesforliving.com)
- **Username:** Mapleton
- **Password:** eap

### Colorado Educator Support

This site is dedicated to helping Colorado's educational workforce.

### Regis University Center for counseling, Family, and Play Therapy

Regis University's Center for Counseling, Family and Play Therapy offers low-cost/free in-person counseling, family therapy and play therapy for people in the local Denver Metro community.

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## Food for Hope "Wolverine Den" pantry now open for Mapleton families

Mapleton Public Schools, in partnership with the nonprofit Food for Hope, opened the "Wolverine Den" food pantry last week to provide ongoing nutritional support to district families. Located at Achieve Academy (9100 Poze Blvd., Thornton), the pantry is open every Thursday, from 9-11 a.m.



The pantry offers essential food items at no cost to families and operates on a walk-in basis—no appointment required. All Mapleton families are welcome to utilize the pantry each week. Staff are encouraged to share this valuable resource with families to help ensure everyone who needs support can access the pantry.

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## Teaching and Learning

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## Attention K–12 Math Teachers: We need your input!

Teaching and Learning is excited to introduce a K-12 math focus in collaboration with the Instructional Infrastructure. To better understand what is working, what supports may be needed, and gather other relevant information to support teachers across grade levels, surveys will be sent to K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 math teachers. These surveys will be distributed to individual math teachers during the week of Feb. 24. Thank you in advance for helping to inform and improve our work.

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## Colorado ELPD requirement for license renewals and available support options

Starting on Sept. 1, 2025, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) will require all license renewals in elementary education, math, science, social studies, English language arts, and middle-level endorsements to include 45 documented hours of English Language Professional Development (ELPD).

To assist Mapleton's professionally licensed educators in meeting this requirement and addressing the needs of multilingual students, the district is offering several professional development options. Details are provided below:

### June and Fall 2024 Secondary Constructing Meaning Cohorts

For staff who completed 35 hours of Secondary Constructing Meaning training in the June 2024, Fall 2024 Cohort A, or Fall 2024 Cohort B, an additional 10 hours of ELPD will be offered through the optional full-day "Refining Our Practice" module. This module will be available twice in the spring, on instructional planning days—March 7 and May 12.

To participate, educators must have attended the five day Secondary Constructing Meaning Institute in one of the listed cohorts. Participants will be paid the standard extra duty rate as outlined in the contract. Completing both the five day training and the 10-hour module will fulfill the CDE's 45-hour ELPD requirement.

### Future Options for Satisfying the ELPD 45-Hour Requirement

- MPS Embedded English Language Development Certification
- WIDA Self-Paced Workshops
- Outside of Mapleton Approved English Learner Professional Development Programs

Please see this DRAFT table outlining future options for Mapleton staff seeking to fulfill the CDE 45-hour ELPD requirements: [CDE 45-Hour ELPD Requirements.pdf](#)

Additional information on the CDE 45-hour ELPD requirements can be found at [CDE's official website](#). For Mapleton-specific questions, contact [Alexis Lauffenburger](#), Multilingual Program Coordinator, at ext. 1003.

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## Summer Secondary Constructing Meaning training now open to all secondary teachers

Due to high interest and teacher requests, we are expanding the Secondary Constructing Meaning training this summer to include all secondary teachers!

### **What is Secondary Constructing Meaning?**

To better support our growing population of multilingual learners with integrated language support in Tier 1, all Mapleton grade 6-12 science and social studies teachers will receive training in [E.L. Achieve's Constructing Meaning](#). This framework provides explicit language instruction to help students engage with grade-level content in English. By analyzing language demands, lesson planning incorporates both language and content goals. This approach is used across all subjects, with language instruction tailored to students' English proficiency levels, enabling them to think, discuss, read, and write effectively toward lesson objectives.

While the program was initially intended for science and social studies classrooms, Constructing Meaning is relevant for math and ELA teachers as well. All Mapleton teachers, regardless of content area, are invited to participate in this professional development opportunity.

The **June 2025 cohort** is one option for completing this training.

**Secondary Constructing Meaning Cohort Survey:** <https://forms.office.com/r/3c8Z4edd35>

The summer cohorts will consist of five full days, with compensation provided per diem as outlined in the negotiated contract.

For questions, contact [Alexis Lauffenburger](#), Multilingual Program Coordinator, at ext. 1003.

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## Mapleton Education Foundation

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### **Run Colfax for a cause and support Mapleton students**

Planning to run in the Colfax Marathon this May? Make your miles count by running on behalf of the Mapleton Education Foundation!

Through the Colfax Marathon's Charity Partners Program, runners can support nonprofit organizations by selecting a charity during registration. The [Mapleton Education Foundation is on the list](#), giving you the chance to make a real impact. By running for the Foundation, you'll help raise funds for more than 7,000 students across 20 schools.

Ready to get started? Register for the Colfax 5K, Urban 10 Miler, Half Marathon, Marathon, or Marathon Relay [here](#) and learn more about [running for the Mapleton Education Foundation here](#).

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# Points of Pride

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## Mapleton high schoolers explore career paths and network at two events

Mapleton high school students explored career opportunities at two special events last week, the Adams County High School Youth on the Job Training and Apprenticeship Fair and Mapleton Early Career Prep's Career Love Day.

Students talked to professionals in a variety of industries to learn about apprenticeships, what careers in those fields look like, and jobs students may not have even known existed. The experiences were both very eye-opening and gave students more options to consider after they graduate high school.

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

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## Mapleton Performing Arts Department shines with two major events

The Mapleton Performing Arts Department has had an exciting few weeks, highlighted by two major successes that have put the district in the spotlight.

On Feb. 7 and 8, Mapleton hosted its first annual Junior High School Honor Band at the Mapleton Arts Center, bringing together 85 talented student musicians from 17 area schools, including 27 students from Mapleton. These students, chosen for their dedication and skill, spent two days rehearsing and performing under the direction of the Director of Bands from an award-winning middle school program. Organized by Mapleton Band Director Zach Brake, the event gave students a unique opportunity to collaborate with peers from other schools, strengthening their musical abilities and building confidence.

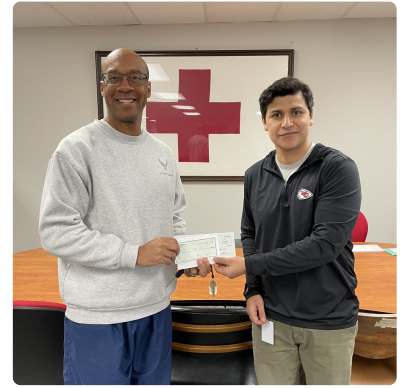
On Feb. 14, the Mapleton Jazz Messengers, the district's high school jazz band, performed at the 60th annual Mile High Jazz Festival at Metropolitan State University of Denver. The festival showcased top middle and high school jazz bands, as well as professional acts like Guerilla Fanfare. The Jazz Messengers delivered an electrifying 12-minute performance for an audience with a judge's panel, earning the second-highest rating of "excellent." The students also had the opportunity to learn from renowned jazz pianist Annie Booth during a clinic session.

Both events demonstrated Mapleton's exceptional musical talent and highlighted the strength of its performing arts programs.

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## Mapleton JROTC cadets raise funds for Los Angeles wildfire victims

Mapleton's Air Force JROTC Raider Squadron cadets recently raised over \$400 to help families impacted by the Los Angeles wildfires. Tasked with raising at least \$50—about one dollar per cadet—they far surpassed their goal, collecting a total of \$425.75 over two weeks.



The cadets had full control over how they gathered funds, with many contributing from their own pockets. Donations ranged from \$1 to \$60 from a single cadet. The funds were delivered to the Denver Red Cross Association, ensuring they would directly aid wildfire victims. Through generosity and teamwork, the cadets proved that even small efforts can make a big impact.

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

#### Ann Sosa-Jaquez, Meadow Community School

"Ann has been extremely communicative with a family and our department on a process needing support. Thanks to Ann for going above and beyond by communicating with the Department of Integrated Services and a family to make sure they have a complete understanding of their particular situation, helping them with the process in the moment, and telling them what to expect moving forward. Thanks, Ann!"

*Submitted by AJ Staniszewski*

#### Luke Baker, Academy High School

"Luke Baker is a one-of-a-kind teacher. When you step into his classroom, you'll see students reading, writing, engaging in Socratic seminars, and justifying their thinking. Even from the hallway, it's awesome to watch him in action.

Sometimes, seniors describe his English 4 class as 'challenging,' but after they graduate, many return to share how well it prepared them for college. One of Luke's greatest strengths is his unwavering commitment to high expectations. Students know what's expected of them, and they consistently rise to the challenge. In fact, many appreciate and respect the dedication he brings to their learning every day. Thank you, Luke, for making a positive impact on Academy High School students!"

*Submitted by Edgar Torres*

#### Kayla Ramos, Academy High School

"Kayla is one of those teachers who creates a safe and welcoming environment for her students. Recently, a student reached out to her for advice on a potential housing insecurity issue he was facing. Without hesitation, Kayla stepped in to provide support. While the assistance she offered was invaluable, the fact that the student felt comfortable enough to share this with her speaks

volumes about her ability to build trusting and nurturing relationships—especially with students experiencing challenges that often go unnoticed. Keep up the great work, Kayla! You're a HUGE asset to Academy!"

*Submitted by Edgar Torres*

**Carlee Smith, Global Primary Academy**

"Carlee was the first person to pilot and test-run our new "Medically Necessary" process and has been very helpful in providing feedback on the process and how it could be most beneficial to school teams, outside providers, families, and, most importantly, students. Carlee understands both sides of the situation, having been an outside private provider and now being in a school setting.

Thanks so much, Carlee! "

*Submitted by AJ Staniszewski*

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

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## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, Feb. 26** - Board Business Meeting, 6 p.m.

**Thursday, March 6** - Professional Development Day - No school for students

**Wednesday, March 12** - District Science Fair

**Wednesday, March 12** - Board Study Session, 5:30 p.m.

**Monday, March 17-Friday, March 21** - Spring 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](mailto:communications@mapleton.us).

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