



# The Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, April 29, 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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## 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.

### Be Wary of Phishing Attempts

Phishing emails can often appear legitimate. Always verify the sender's email address, look for red flags, and avoid clicking on links or downloading attachments from unknown sources. If you suspect an email is a phishing attempt, report it to our IT department immediately.

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# Mapleton News

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## Open Enrollment is May 1-16!

### Upcoming informational meetings:

- **VIRTUAL:** Tuesday, April 29, 5–6 p.m. ([Join via Microsoft Teams](#)) **ADD TO CALENDAR**  
**Join the meeting now**

Meeting ID: 289 015 389 723 6

Passcode: K8cf3FW6

**Open  
Enrollment**  
It's your choice!



- **IN-PERSON:** Wednesday, April 30, 4–5 p.m., Skyview Student Center [ADD TO CALENDAR](#)

**Benefits information:**

👁️ **Medical:** [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](#)

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🦷 **Dental:**

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

👁️ **Vision:** Unchanged this year, but with additional enhancements.

- [VSP Vision Insurance Rates](#)

**Important:** Because of the transition to CEBT, all employees must actively log into iVisions to elect or waive coverage. Current benefits will not automatically roll over.



## Help Shape What's Next – Share Your Thoughts

Your voice matters—and your feedback helps shape strategies, programs, and support for you and our students.

Thanks to your input last year, we've already made meaningful changes. Now we're ready to listen again! The Employee Experience Survey is anonymous and takes just a few minutes to complete.

Take the [Employee Experience Survey!](#)

Thank you for helping us make Mapleton even stronger—together.

[Click here to take the survey!](#)



## Design plans underway for Explore Primary!

Interior colors and design plans for the new **Explore Primary (PK-1)** building were the focus of an exciting recent meeting between Mapleton, JHL Constructors, and HCM Architects.

Explore Primary will feature a warm, welcoming environment with a Scandinavian-inspired design, including pastel colors, lighter wood tones, muted carpets, and polished concrete floors. In a nod to the site's rich farmland history, playful barnyard animal elements will be featured throughout the building.



Designed with our youngest learners in mind, the building will also include dedicated spaces for a library, music and gym classes, and a café. Explore Primary is the second project in Mapleton's "Final Four" capital improvement program, approved by voters in 2022. York International School and Achieve Academy are next on the list—stay tuned for more updates as construction moves forward!

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# MAPLETON MATTERS

Tuesday, April 29, at 6 p.m.

## **New "Mapleton Matters" episode premieres tonight at 6 p.m.**

The latest episode of "Mapleton Matters," will be published tonight, at 6 p.m.! Tune in for important district updates, celebrations, and responses to community questions, presented by the Mapleton Board of Education.

Watch [tonight's episode, here](#).

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## Graduation 2025

**Graduation day is mere weeks away!** For all event details, including parking, times and locations, and cap decoration information, visit [Mapleton's 2025 Graduation page](#).

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### Staff volunteers needed for Graduation Day

Mapleton's Graduation Committee is looking for staff volunteers to help make Graduation Day a smooth, memorable experience for our students and their families.

It's a big day with lots of moving parts. Volunteers might help distribute programs, guide guests from the parking lot to the stadium, assist students and staff with gowns, or step in for the inevitable "other duties as assigned" that come with a large event.

The Committee is still finalizing how many volunteers they will need, but they're eager to start building a list of staff who are available and willing to help. If you're interested, please email [Matt Coates](#), Assistant Principal at Academy High School. The Graduation Committee will follow up in the coming weeks with more details and assignments.

Thank you in advance for your support—and best of luck as we finish the school year strong!

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## Encourage students to celebrate Decision Day this Thursday, May 1

This Thursday, May 1, help us celebrate the Class of 2025 by participating in Decision Day!

Students are invited to wear gear that represents their next step after high school—whether it's college, career training, military service, or an apprenticeship. Let's show students that every pathway forward is something to be proud of.

Staff are also invited to wear gear from their alma mater or chosen career path and help create a supportive, celebratory atmosphere across our schools.

Students and staff can share photos online by tagging @CoHigherEd, @MyColoradoJourney, and using #DecisionDayCO.

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## Celebrate our School Lunch Heroes this Friday, May 2

This Friday, May 2, is School Lunch Hero Day, a time to show appreciation for school nutrition professionals, who play a vital role in providing healthy meals to students.



Staff are encouraged to help students celebrate by making thank-you cards, creating a class poster, or simply offering a heartfelt "thank you" in the cafeteria. These small gestures can make a big difference in recognizing the hard work and care our nutrition teams provide every day.

Let's come together to celebrate the heroes behind every school meal!

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# Teaching and Learning

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## 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.

Remember, 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](#).

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### **DreamBox Benchmark 3 assessment dates**

The DreamBox Benchmark 3 assessment will be available for students to take now through Friday, May 9.

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### **Grades 3-8 Interim and Curricular Resource Math Alignment update**

A big THANK YOU to the Grade 3-8 Math Work Group for their ongoing work to align interim assessments with our curricular resources, **Bridges** and **enVision**. Interim assessment revisions are continuing in preparation for the 2025–26 school year to ensure greater standard specificity and stronger alignment with instructional resources.

In addition, the **Grade 3-8 math pacing guides** are also being updated for the 2025–26 school year. Updated pacing guides will be posted on the Teaching and Learning SharePoint site before the end of this school year.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to the teachers below who reviewed the pacing guides and provided valuable feedback for pacing and the interim assessments:

- Stephanie Menk, Monterey Community School
- Dani Cerna, Trailside Academy
- Nouvee Vang, Global Intermediate Academy
- Amber Wilcox, Global Intermediate Academy
- Zach Vine, Valley View Innovation School
- Justine Bickford, Valley View Innovation School
- Amber Prahinski, Global Primary Academy
- Micheala Draper, Global Primary Academy
- Danni Reffel, Global Primary Academy

If you have any questions about the pacing guides or interim assessments, please reach out to [Veronica Shea](#) at or ext. 1064.

You can also connect with any member of the Grade 3–8 Math Work Group:

**Grades 3–5:**

- Taylor Strupp, Monterey Community School
- Meagan Ackerman, Adventure Elementary
- Jordan Smith, Clayton Partnership School

**Grades 6–8:**

- Gabby Hernandez, Global Intermediate Academy
- Jivan Smith-Shively, Clayton Partnership School
- Ashley Hult, Mapleton Online

**District-Approved Curriculum Unit Assessment Calendar: MAY**

To support future student-focused planning during IDT meetings, below are the District-Approved Curriculum Unit Assessments that support classroom instruction. The assessment dates are based on the curriculum resource pacing guides and might be administered in May (see table below):

Content Area	Approximate Assessment Date	Unit/Topic Assessment
K-6 Reading DIBELS	2 x during the month	DIBELS Progress Monitoring for Students at "Below" or "Well Below" on DIBELS Benchmark
K-5 ELA Benchmark	May 8 & 27	Units 9 & 10
K-8 ELA EL Reading	May 1 & 22	Module 4: Units 2 & 3
K-5 Math Bridges	May 27	Unit 8
6 <sup>th</sup> grade ELA Into Literature	May 27	Unit 6
7 <sup>th</sup> grade ELA Into Literature	May 27	Unit 6
8 <sup>th</sup> grade ELA Into Literature	May 27	Unit 6
6 <sup>th</sup> grade Math enVisions	May 27	Topic 8
7 <sup>th</sup> grade Math enVisions	May 27	Topic 8
8 <sup>th</sup> grade Math enVisions	May 27	Topic 8
6 <sup>th</sup> grade Science Inspire	May 27	Unit 4
7 <sup>th</sup> grade Science Inspire	May 27	Unit 4: Module 3
8 <sup>th</sup> grade Science Inspire	May 8 & 27	Unit 4: Modules 2 & 3
Earth Science	May 4, 13, 21 & 27	Chapters 22, 23, 24 & 25
Biology	May 1, 11 & 27	Chapters 25, 26 & 27
Chemistry	May 2, 14, 23, & 27	Investigations 16, 17 & 18 3-D Benchmark Storyline 5
Physics	May 1, 8, 19 & 27	Chapters 24, 25, 26 & 27
Algebra 1	May 8 & 27	Unit 5: Topics 2 & 3
Algebra 2	May 1 & 27	Unit 5: Topics 1 & 2
Geometry	May 8 & 27	Unit 5: Topics 1 & 2

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# Mapleton Education Foundation

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## Mapleton Education Foundation announces 2025 Scholarship Winners

The Mapleton Education Foundation is proud to announce that it has awarded **34 scholarships** totaling more than **\$210,000** to members of the Class of 2025. Congratulations to this year's Mapleton Education Foundation Scholarship recipients!

This year's winners are listed below by scholarship, along with their high school and the college they plan to attend. More information and student photos is available on the [Foundation's website](#).

### Adams County COSI Scholarship

- Abundio M., Academy High School – University of Colorado Denver
- Alexandra B., Mapleton Early Career Prep (MEC)– Colorado State University
- Alexia S., Academy High School – Colorado State University
- Arin B., Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts (MESA) – Colorado State University
- Elizabeth A., York International School – University of Colorado Denver
- Jaidyn O., Academy High School– University of Colorado
- Josue G., Academy High School – University of Colorado
- Joyce B., York International School – Colorado State University
- Kaylee Y., MEC – University of Colorado
- Natalie G., Academy High School – Colorado State University
- Reesa A., MEC – University of Northern Colorado
- Vanesa R., MEC – Front Range Community College
- Yaretsi M., Academy High School – University of Colorado

### Alan T. Hull Scholarship

- Ashley O., York International School – Front Range Community College

### Building America's Future Scholarship

- Astrid C., Global Leadership Academy (GLA) – Front Range Community College
- Caleb L., York International School – Front Range Community College

### Charlotte Ciancio Superintendent Legacy Scholarship

- Leeland J., Academy High School – University of Colorado

### CoreCivic "Back on Track" Scholarship

- Dana V., Global Leadership Academy (GLA) – Front Range Community College

### **First Interstate Bank/Legacy Scholarship**

- Diego L., Academy High School – University of Denver
- Dominique G., Academy High School – University of Colorado Denver

### **John G. Byrd Scholarship**

- Yzabella T., Global Leadership Academy (GLA) – University of Dallas

### **Mapleton Music Educators Scholarship**

- Isabella N., Performing Arts School on Broadway – Metropolitan State University of Denver

### **Marco Olivas Memorial Scholarship**

- Carlos G., Global Leadership Academy (GLA) – University of Colorado Denver

### **Mapleton Education Foundation Legacy Scholarship**

- Sasha A., Academy High School – Metropolitan State University of Denver
- Valeria L., Academy High School – University of Colorado

### **Mountain States Toyota Technical Fund/Legacy Scholarship**

- Eileen C., Global Leadership Academy (GLA) – Front Range Community College
- Jazmin M., Mapleton Early Career Prep (MEC) – Community College of Denver

### **Ratkovich Memorial Scholarship**

- Dana Z., Mapleton Early Career Prep (MEC) – Colorado College
- Edith P., York International School – Regis University
- Jocelyn M., Mapleton Early Career Prep (MEC) – Front Range Community College

### **Raymond and Frances Memorial Scholarship**

- Caleb C., Academy High School – Colorado School of Mines

### **Rising Star Investment Scholarship**

- Raislynn C., Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts (MESA) – Front Range Community College

### **The Frank Family Energy and the Environment Scholarship**

- Hendrick L., York International School – Columbia University

### **Westerra Legacy Scholarship**

- Seriah D., Academy High School – Community College of Denver
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*Take a chance for change*



# GALA 2025

MAPLETON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

**Save the Date**

Friday, Oct. 3, 2025 @5:30 pm

**Westin Westminster**

10600 Westminster Blvd

Westminster, 80020

[WWW.MAPLETONEDFOUNDATION.ORG](http://WWW.MAPLETONEDFOUNDATION.ORG)

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**Points of Pride**

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## Global Leadership Academy students shine at FBLA State Leadership Conference

Six talented Global Leadership Academy (GLA) students represented Mapleton well last week at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference, held at the Gaylord Rockies Resort, in Aurora.

Over three days, students competed in a variety of business events, including marketing, leadership, and technology challenges, and participated in workshops designed to strengthen their project management, public speaking, and leadership skills. The conference gave students real-world experience and the opportunity to connect with future business leaders from across Colorado.

As part of the district's Career and Technical Education Business Pathway, these students have been developing entrepreneurial mindsets and gaining the skills to build and manage their own businesses with a strong focus on project management and leadership.

Congratulations to senior Emmy N., who placed third statewide in Spreadsheet Applications, qualifying her for the FBLA National Leadership Conference this June in Anaheim, California!

Also representing GLA were seniors Faith C., Lesley H., and Yzabella T.; junior Shantelle C.; and freshman Damariz O.

FBLA is the world’s largest career student business organization, empowering more than 230,000 students each year.

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## Mapleton Campus Supervisors participate in Critical Incident Response Training

Mapleton’s Director of Security and Student Safety, Dan Jimenez, and all our district Campus Supervisors took part in a Critical Incident Exercise last week alongside county and city officials, local fire departments, law enforcement, and EMS first responders.



The hands-on training, hosted at Water World and organized in part by the Hyland Hills Parks and Recreation District, gave our team the chance to learn alongside our community partners, better understand emergency response roles, and practice how we might respond in a high-stress situation.

Experiences like this are a great reminder of how much work happens behind the scenes to help keep our students safe. We’re grateful for the dedication of our Campus Supervisors, who help create safe, welcoming school environments every day by monitoring common areas, building positive relationships with students, responding to conflicts or safety concerns, and supporting emergency procedures when needed.

We’re also thankful for the opportunity to work and grow alongside our amazing community partners, all committed to supporting student safety and well-being!

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## Mapleton Gifted and Talented students learn civics at the State Capitol

Earlier this year, ten gifted and talented high school students from Mapleton—nine from York International School and one from Mapleton Early Career Prep—attended the 2025 Colorado Association of Gifted and Talented Legislative Day at the State Capitol.

Four students were selected to shadow state legislators, while the others attended legislative sessions on topics such as education, state affairs, and health. The day began with a welcome

session and ended with a keynote speaker, offering students a well-rounded look at how state government works.

Students were selected through a competitive statewide application process that included essays and staff recommendations. Although not all of the students are interested in pursuing careers in politics or law, they all expressed what a great opportunity this was to learn more about government and meet other students from all over Colorado!

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## Courage on display at Meadow Community School

This month, Meadow Community School middle schoolers created "Courage Shields" as part of their schoolwide social-emotional learning focus on courage and perseverance.

Modeled like coats of arms, the shields featured both written reflections and student-drawings. Students explored what courage means to them, how they demonstrate it in their lives, how they can support others in being courageous, and chose an animal that symbolizes bravery. Animal choices ranged from elephants and tigers to sharks and foxes—each selected for traits like strength, confidence, or resilience.



Student reflections included statements like "Courage is strength to do something that frightens you," and "I can help others be courageous by encouraging them and pointing out their strengths." The finished shields are proudly displayed in Meadow's 7th and 8th grade hallway.

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## Here are this week's "High Fives"

### Alice Ferguson, Clayton Partnership School

"Alice is an exceptional special education teacher and advocate for her students! She continues to strive for their education while going above and beyond the unique needs that are required. The students at Clayton LOVE being with Alice because she provides a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment where students feel valued and capable. We love you, Alice! Thank you for being such an essential part of our school"

*Submitted by Anonymous*

Leah Gutierrez, Operations

"Leah is new to Mapleton this year as the Transportation secretary. She is open to her tasks are done right. Leah will do what it takes to get the job done!"

*Submitted by the Anonymous*

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

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## Upcoming Events

**Friday, May 2** - Awards for Excellence, 6 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.

**Friday, May 16** - Scholarship Breakfast, 7 a.m.

**Saturday, May 17** - Graduation, 10 a.m.

**Tuesday, May 20** - DAAC Meeting, 4:30-6 p.m.

**Monday, May 26** - Memorial Day - All schools and offices closed.

**Wednesday, May 28** - Board Business Meeting, 6 p.m.

**Thursday, May 29** - Last day of school. All schools dismiss two hours early.

**Friday, May 30** - Teacher Work Day.

[Skyview Wolverines Athletics Calendar](#)

[District Performing Arts Calendar](#)

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### 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).

**Email:** [communications@mapleton.us](mailto:communications@mapleton.us)

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

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