

The Tuesday Takeaway

Tuesday, April 22, 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.](#)



Thank you to all our Mapleton families, friends, and staff who joined us in celebrating our talented students at the 2025 District Art Show last week! More photos from the event are available 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.

Search Keyboard Shortcut

Press the 'Ctrl' key along with the 'F' key to quickly search content in a browser windows, Microsoft Office products, Adobe PDFs, etc.

Mapleton News



Employee Experience Survey - now available!

We're grateful to everyone who shared their voice in our last [Employee Experience Survey](#)—we heard you, and your feedback made a real impact! We learned so much and have already started making meaningful improvements based on what you shared.

Now, we're excited to hear from you again! In partnership with **Studer Education**, this **anonymous survey** is your chance to tell us what's working well and where we can grow. Your input will help shape future strategies, procedures, and programs that support **you** and the success of our students.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to help us continue building a stronger, more supportive workplace—together.

Staff Experience Survey - Available Now!


Open enrollment begins May 1!

It's that time again—Open Enrollment for your 2025-26 benefits kicks off Wednesday, May 1, and runs through Friday, May 16!

Open Enrollment
It's your choice!




This year brings exciting changes, including a new partnership with the Colorado Employer Benefits Trust (CEBT). Through this partnership, employees will have access to a broader range of high-quality, affordable benefit options. You can choose from three medical plans (two Kaiser and one UnitedHealthcare) and one simplified dental plan through Delta Dental. Mapleton's VSP vision coverage will remain unchanged, with enhancements. Plans offer stability and flexibility, with some even offering potential savings.

 **Medical – Choose from:**

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

 **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](#)

 **Active Enrollment Required:**

Because of our switch to CEBT, **all employees must log into iVisions to elect or waive coverage during the open enrollment window, May 1-16.** Your current benefits will not carry over automatically.

 **Need help?**

Join an info session in person or virtually! Mapleton's new broker, Willis Towers Watson, along with reps from Kaiser, UHC, and Delta Dental are coming to Mapleton to walk you through your options and new opportunities through the CEBT. We'll also offer a virtual session for added flexibility.

Meeting times and links (add it to your calendar so you don't forget!):

In-Person

- Monday, April 28, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Administration Building [ADD TO CALENDAR](#)
- Tuesday, April 29, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Operations Center [ADD TO CALENDAR](#)
- Wednesday, April 30, 4-5 p.m., Skyview Student Center [ADD TO CALENDAR](#)
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Virtual

- Tuesday, April 29, 5-6 p.m. [ADD TO CALENDAR](#)

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 289 015 389 723 6

Passcode: K8cf3FW6



Graduation 2025

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

Nominate a colleague for CDE's "Teacher Tuesday!"

Help celebrate the amazing educators in our community by participating in the Colorado Department of Education's (CDE) "Teacher Tuesday" campaign! Each week, one Colorado teacher is featured on the CDE's social media, highlighting their accomplishments, experience, and passion for teaching.

Do you know someone who deserves the spotlight—or want to be featured yourself? Submit a nomination and photo [using this form](#). Let's showcase the great work happening in Mapleton classrooms!

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.

Teaching and Learning

Educator effectiveness training requirement

Do you hold a Principal's License and need it to renew it? If so, this is your **last chance** to take the required training for renewal. Colorado administrators renewing an initial or professional license must now complete additional training in Observation and Feedback, as mandated by Senate Bill 22-070.

Part I is an asynchronous online module offered through the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and must be completed first. **Part II** can be taken through either CDE or Mapleton Public Schools, which is an approved provider.

Part I Training – 4-Hour Online Asynchronous Modules

[CDE E-Train Part I Registration](#)

Part II Training – Options

1. CDE 8-Hour In-Person Training [CDE Part Training Dates](#)
2. Mapleton In-Person Training – 3 sessions (*All sessions will be held in the Trail Ridge Training Room at the Broadway Building from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. **You will need to attend all three sessions.***)
 1. Wednesday, April 23
 2. Wednesday, April 30
 3. Wednesday, May 7

If you are interested in attending the Mapleton Observation and Feedback Training, or you have additional questions, please email Educator Pathway Coordinator [Toni Booth](#) to reserve your place. Just a reminder that you will not be able to renew your administrative license without this training.

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](#).

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.

Points of Pride



Here are this week's "High Fives"

Kelli Foster and Kevin Diep, Information Technology

"Thank you so much for spending the afternoon getting my computer to print! I have never seen anyone so determined to get something to work. You guys are amazing!"

Submitted by Mellissa Pfaff

Steve Lightfoot, Monterey Community School

"Steve has entered our building and brought a positive energy and lots of help! He has been such a great addition to the Monterey team!"

Submitted by the Monterey Culture Team

Veronica Shea, Teaching and Learning

"A huge shoutout to Veronica for all your support and guidance this year. You are a wealth of knowledge and an amazing leader and human. I have learned so much from you. Thank you!"

Submitted by Alli Blankenship

Kim Adams and Kate Dentino, Academy High School

"A big shout-out to Kim and Kate for their incredible work in organizing and running this week's testing! Thanks to their tireless efforts behind the scenes, everything went off without a hitch! Their dedication and meticulous planning ensured a smooth and efficient process for everyone involved. Thank you, Kim and Kate, for going above and beyond to make this a great week!"

Submitted by Mellissa Pfaff

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

Upcoming Events

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.

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.

[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](#)

Facebook: facebook.com/MapletonPublicSchools

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