



The Tuesday Takeaway

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Welcome to the final *Tuesday Takeaway* of the 2024–25 school year...coming to you on a **Wednesday**. Thank you for a great year and for helping us fill each edition with great stories, helpful updates, and celebrations from across the district. The *Tuesday Takeaway* will return on Tuesday, Aug. 5!

We'll see you on Wednesday, Aug. 6, for our Opening Day celebration!

In the meantime, you can [browse past issues anytime on our website](#). Have a fun, safe, and relaxing summer!

Kindergarten, here we come!



Last week at Preschool on Poze, Mapleton's youngest learners celebrated a big milestone, Kindergarten Signing Day!

Families, friends, and staff gathered to cheer as preschoolers signed their "letters of intent," officially committing to kindergarten this fall. We're so proud of these future scholars and look forward to watching them grow and thrive in the years ahead!

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Mapleton News

Windows 11 upgrade

In preparation for Microsoft's discontinuation of the Windows 10 operating system, the Technology team is working with staff across the district to upgrade computers to Windows 11. Upgrades have already been completed for principals, assistant principals, front office staff, Operations, and Central Administration. The next phase will focus on teachers.

Teachers are asked to drop off their computers at the Technology department starting at the end of this week. The team will complete the upgrade and notify each teacher once their device is ready, typically within 2–3 days.

The goal is to complete all upgrades before the new school year begins. The Technology team appreciates everyone's support and cooperation during this process.

Helpful back-to-school links

Over the next few weeks, we'll be posting important updates and information to help you prepare for the 2025–26 school year. We encourage you to check the links often for important updates. As a reminder, teachers return on Monday, Aug. 4, and Opening Day will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 6.

- [Employee Calendars](#)
 - [Academic Calendar and Bell Times](#)
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Summer resources

The Wolverine Den

The Wolverine Den food pantry, made possible by Mapleton's partnership with Food for Hope, will maintain regular hours throughout the month of June, with the exception of Thursday, June 19, when it will be closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.

To ensure families receive the resources they need, Food for Hope will be open on Tuesday, June 17, from 9-11 a.m.



June Schedule:

- Thursday, June 5 | 9–11 a.m.
- Thursday, June 12 | 9–11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, June 17 | 9-11 a.m. - OPEN**
- **Thursday, June 19 | Closed for Juneteenth**
- Thursday, June 26 | 9–11 a.m.

The final day of summer service will be **Thursday, June 26**. Food for Hope will reopen on **Thursday, September 11**. As a reminder, the Wolverine Den is located at Achieve Academy, 9100 Poze Blvd., Thornton, 80229.

Summer Food Service Program

Mapleton is once again participating in the Summer Food Service Program to ensure children stay nourished and healthy during the break. Thanks to support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, free dine-in breakfast and lunch will be available at four Mapleton schools for all children 18 and younger during the month of June. No registration or ID is required. Meals must be eaten on-site.

Adult meals are available for \$2.25 for breakfast and \$4.25 for lunch, not including milk.

Meal Sites, Dates & Times:

Global Primary Academy

- May 30–June 20 (closed Wednesday, June 19)
- Breakfast: 8–8:30 a.m.
- Lunch: 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Trailside Academy

- June 2–13
- Breakfast: 8–8:30 a.m.
- Lunch: 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

York International School

- June 2–20 (closed Wednesday, June 19)
- Breakfast: 8–8:30 a.m.
- Lunch: 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Adventure Elementary

- June 9–27 (closed Wednesday, June 19)
- Breakfast: 8–8:30 a.m.
- Lunch: 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

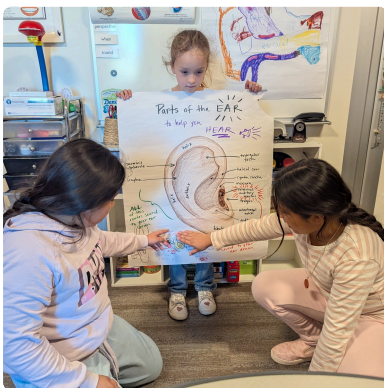
Points of Pride



Clayton Partnership third graders get a taste of “real science” at Academy High School

Third grade students from Clayton Partnership School got a hands-on taste of “real science” during a special visit to Academy High School last week by helping make soap. The visit gave the third graders students a chance to see high school-level chemistry in action and work side by side with older students on a project both fun and educational.

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



Explore PK-8 club aims to normalize hearing loss and build understanding

Explore PK-8 students are helping their school become a more inclusive and understanding place through a new Hearing Loss Awareness Club. Started this past January, the club is designed to educate classmates, build friendships, and empower students to talk openly about hearing loss and support those who use hearing aids or other accommodations.

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

Performing Arts School on Broadway students create calming jars to focus, manage stress

Students at the Performing Arts School on Broadway (PASB) had the chance to create their own calming jars during a lunchtime activity last Friday in the school's "Center Stage" space. Calming jars are mindfulness tools designed to help people manage stress and anxiety. By shaking the jars and watching the glitter inside settle, individuals can focus their attention, practice deep breathing, and regain a sense of calm.

All PASB students in grades 7–11 were invited to stop by and design their own personalized jars using colorful materials and trinkets. About 25 students participated, creating jars tailored to help them manage stress, refocus, and regulate emotions. The jars create a centering point for students to regain focus and calmness, helping them return to class ready to learn.

The supplies for the activity were funded through the Colorado Department of Education's Bullying Prevention and Education Grant, which was awarded to the district last fall.



Here are this week's "High Fives"

The lunch ladies of Monterey: Marcela Arzate, Rebecca Yancey, and Rosa Barron

"Thank you Marcela, Rebecca, & Rosa for feeding our students every day! We appreciate your hard work, kind smiles, and the care you put into preparing nutritious meals for the students."

Submitted by Monterey Culture Team

Sean Thornton and Ricky Celestine, Transportation

"The only two employees from Transportation with perfect attendance!"

Submitted by Robert Martinez

Viviana Orozco, Achieve Academy

"Viviana is an amazing part of our crew. She always steps in to help wherever needed in addition to her busy schedule in the office. She loves every student as she showers them with encouragement and daily hugs. We are blessed to have her at school. Thank you, Viviana, for everything you do for us at Achieve Academy!"

Submitted by Sherry Krenek

Kali Horn, York International School

"Kali has absolutely killed it in first grade this year!! Her positivity throughout the year was contagious and I feel so lucky to be her teammate! She has made such a huge difference in her 22 students' lives and I can't wait to see all the things she accomplishes in the upcoming years in first grade!!"

Submitted by Nicole Nemechek

Zach Brake, Max Tuning, and Jeremy Newton; Performing Arts

"A heartfelt thank you to Mr. Brake, Mr. Tuning, and Mr. Newton for volunteering as chaperones for our sixth grade overnight education trip! These three men generously gave up their time—during an incredibly busy end-of-year stretch—to make sure our students could experience this important rite of passage before heading off to middle school.

We also want to express our deep appreciation to Mrs. Cutting, who graciously supported this effort by allowing them to step away from their regular teaching duties to be there for our students. Your leadership made it possible for them to join us, and we are so grateful for your flexibility and support.

Thanks to all of you, our students were able to learn, grow, and create lasting memories. We couldn't have done it without you!!"

Submitted by Adventure Elementary Sixth Grade

Vanessa Turnbull, Human Resources

"A huge thank you to Vanessa Turnbull from Human Resources for always being incredibly responsive, supportive, and solutions-oriented—especially when it comes to getting staff hired and onboarded quickly at Adventure. Your efficiency and willingness to go the extra mile make a big difference, and we truly appreciate your partnership. Thanks for helping us build a strong team and for being someone we can always count on!"

Submitted by Marisa Abreo

Mellissa Pfaff, Academy High School

"I reached out to Mellissa to see about giving my third grade students an opportunity to see chemistry and she went above and beyond. She provided materials so I could pre-teach a lesson on pH, including all of the materials for a classroom experiment. Her lesson and the support from her students was engaging and supportive and she even sent all of the kids with safety goggles. They will never forget their time in high school science!"

Submitted by Liz Mourer

Karen "Ducky" Duckworth, Monterey Community School

"Ducky is the heart of Monterey Community School. She is knowledgeable, kind, and reliable. Ducky works diligently to provide her students engaging lessons and she is often sought out by staff for her advice. Thank you for everything, Ducky!"

Submitted by Monterey Culture Team

Sara Penilla, Monterey Community School

"Sara is such a hard worker and never stops moving! She helps Monterey in so many different ways and holds the title of many jobs! Sara is kind, patient, flexible, and organized. The students have nothing but kind things to say about her, and love having her here at Monterey. We appreciate you, Sara!"

Submitted by Monterey Culture Team

Ronaldo Ortiz, Integrated Services; Diana Lujan, North Valley School for Young Adults

"Thank you for the time, care, and attention to detail you pour into planning and organizing graduation. From the spreadsheets and orders to the doling out of cords, your dedication, leadership, patience, and ability to manage each moment keep everything running smoothly and stress-free.

Because of your efforts, our students and families enjoy a meaningful, seamless, and memorable celebration. I appreciate all you do to make it happen every year."

Submitted by Michelle Barrott-Jackson

Natalie Alamat, ESS

Huge shoutout to our amazing District Sub Coordinator, Natalie! 🙌 Your responsiveness and quick action have made a *huge* difference this year. Thanks to your behind-the-scenes efforts, the sub shortage has had a far smaller impact on our schools. We appreciate everything you do—you're a quiet hero keeping things running smoothly!

Submitted by Sarah Kopperud

Alicia Martinez-Holman, Adventure Elementary

Huge shout-out to Alicia for being an absolute rockstar for Adventure's PK team this year! From planning support to differentiation coaching to keeping families in the loop, she's done it all—and always with a smile. We're so lucky to have you, Alicia! 🙌

Submitted by Sarah Kopperud

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

Upcoming Events

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

Wednesday, June 11 - Board Study Session, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 19 - Juneteenth - All district offices closed

Wednesday, June 25 - Board Business Meeting, 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.

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