



Mapleton Public Schools



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**ON OCTOBER 1,
WE WEAR PINK!**



**BELONGING LOOKS
GOOD ON YOU.**



Be Present (in pink!), Be (Colorado) Proud, and Be Counted!

There are so many great reasons to be in school tomorrow, Wednesday, Oct. 1!

Wednesday, Oct. 1, is the Official Student Count Day!

Each fall, the Colorado Department of Education holds an official student membership count. On Wednesday, Oct. 1, every public school in Colorado will report how many students are enrolled and present, whether in person or online. The primary purpose of October Count is to determine how much state funding each school district receives.

Why is attendance on October Count Day so important? On October Count Day, schools across Colorado report student attendance to the Colorado Department of Education. This information is used to determine how much funding each school receives for the entire year.

That means **your child's presence really matters**. When your student is in school on October Count Day, it helps ensure their school has the teachers, programs, and resources needed to support every child's learning.



This year, we're building on our theme of **belonging** with the "You CAN Sit With Us" campaign (inspired by Sources of Strength) – a positive, inclusive twist on a movie quote – to show every student that belongs in Mapleton!

So, on **Wednesday, Oct. 1**, wear **pink** and unite with your classmates in a strong visual statement of inclusivity. Let's show our school culture **welcomes everyone**.

Wednesday, Oct. 1, is also Colorado Proud Day!

Colorado Proud Day is an annual celebration where schools across our state shine a spotlight on local agriculture and help students learn about the benefits of healthy, locally sourced foods.




For Colorado Proud Day, our Nutrition Services team is preparing a mouthwatering menu that highlights the best of Colorado, including:

- A ground beef and cheese quesadilla featuring locally sourced and Colorado Proud ground beef, tortillas, sour cream, pinto beans, and house-made pickled jalapenos.
- Fresh selections on the salad bar, including cherry tomatoes, watermelon, cantaloupe, apples, lettuce, and carrots—all grown right here in Colorado!
- And to top it off...a special chocolate chip cookie from Colorado bakery, Sweets of Inspiration.

Students will also have a chance to see who can make the loudest crunch by biting into apples grown in Colorado orchards.


The poster features a background image of a construction site with a shovel and a hard hat in the foreground. The text is overlaid on this image. At the top left is the Mapleton Public Schools logo. The main title 'Explore Primary' is in a large, dark blue font. Below it, 'GROUND BREAKING' is written in a large, bold, blue font with a white outline. A yellow banner contains the date and time: 'Wednesday, October 8 | 4:30 p.m.'. A red location pin icon is positioned above the address: 'Next to Explore PK-8 | 104th Avenue & York Street' and '10310 York St., Thornton, 80229'.

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Explore Primary

GROUND BREAKING

Wednesday, October 8 | 4:30 p.m.



Next to Explore PK-8 | 104th Avenue & York Street
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Explore Primary Groundbreaking, Wednesday, Oct. 8

Hard hats, shovels, and big dreams are headed to Mapleton as we officially break ground on **Explore Primary**, our newest school building designed especially for our youngest learners!

Located near the current Explore building, Explore Primary will welcome preschool through first-grade students. Once construction is complete, the existing Explore school will be renovated to serve second through eighth grades, creating more classroom space in one of Mapleton's fastest-growing neighborhoods.

With playful barnyard-inspired design elements, pastel colors, natural wood tones, and bright, welcoming spaces, Explore Primary will celebrate the site's farmland history while inspiring curiosity and joy. The building will also feature dedicated spaces for a library, music, and gym—tailored perfectly to the needs of our early learners.

This exciting project is the **second of Mapleton's "Final Four" capital improvement projects**, made possible by our community's support in 2022. A huge thank you to our partners at **JHL Constructors** and **HCM Architects** for helping us bring this vision to life.

Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate this milestone and break ground on Explore Primary! Wednesday, Oct. 8, 4:30 p.m.

Wolverine Den Food Pantry open to all Mapleton families

The Wolverine Den Food Pantry, made possible through our partnership with Food for Hope, is open and ready to serve all Mapleton families every **Thursday from 9–11 a.m.**, with no appointment needed.



Located on the bottom level of Achieve Academy (**9100 Poze Blvd.**), the pantry offers nutritious, shelf-stable foods and other essential items, and the selection will continue to grow to meet community needs.

Beginning this week, the Wolverine Den will have frozen meat available in the pantry's new freezer. Other fresh items will be available in the coming weeks.

Come by every Thursday to pick up free, healthy groceries and support your family. **Everyone is welcome!**

Join the District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC)

The **District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC)** will hold its **welcome meeting for the 2025–26 school year on Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 4:30–6:00 p.m.**

DAAC is an advisory committee that provides valuable feedback to the Board of Education on important district matters, including the budget, performance, and policies such as the discipline code. By joining DAAC, you will have the opportunity to collaborate with district leaders, review critical topics, and share input that directly impacts Mapleton students, staff, and schools.

DAAC meetings are held once a month on Tuesdays from 4:30–6:00 p.m. via Zoom and are offered in both English and Spanish. The meeting link will be shared on the [DAAC page on the Mapleton website](#).

If you are interested in joining DAAC, please call **303.853.1012**.

Mapleton Reads starts October 1!

This year marks the 13th year of Mapleton Reads, the district's community reading Initiative. From October 2025 through January 2026, Mapleton Public Schools will promote the following book titles:

"All the Books," by Hayley Rocco and Caldecott Honoree John Rocco (*K-3rd Grade*)

"All the Books" introduces us to Piper Waterstone—a charming, book-obsessed little chipmunk who treasures her collection of books so much she refuses to share it. She takes her beloved books everywhere, hauling them through every season, until the burden of her growing pile becomes truly cumbersome. After a mishap—in the rain, of all places—she's gently guided into a grand, welcoming library by a kindly mole (the librarian), who shows her that she can enjoy all the books she wants... as long as she's willing to share them with her neighbors

"All Thirteen," by Christina Soontornvat (*4th-8th Grade*)

"All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team" tells the gripping true story of the 2018 Tham Luang cave rescue in Thailand. When twelve young soccer players and their coach became trapped deep underground by sudden flooding, the world watched in suspense as an international team of divers, engineers, and volunteers raced against time to bring them out safely.

Through vivid storytelling, photographs, and firsthand accounts, we learn about the boys' courage, the dedication of their rescuers, and the global cooperation that made the seemingly impossible rescue possible. This inspiring account of this story shows the power of hope, teamwork, and resilience.

"A Monster Calls," by Patrick Ness (*9th-12th Grade*)

"A Monster Calls" is a captivating and beautifully told story about love, loss, and the courage it takes to face the truth. Every night since his mother fell ill, Conor has been visited by nightmares. But one night, when the clock strikes 12:07, something different comes—something ancient, wild, and elemental. A monster arrives at his window, not to scare him, but to tell him three stories. In return, Conor must tell his own: the truth he has been hiding, the one he cannot bear to say out loud. Woven with myth, tenderness, and deep compassion, "A Monster Calls" is a powerful exploration of grief, healing, and hope.

Pick up copies of each title at any Mapleton school or the Administration Building and read along with us!

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Resources for Families

School and Department Contacts

Contacting your school: Visit [School Finder](#) to see a list of all schools and their contact information.

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[Career and Technical Education](#)

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[District Performing Arts](#)

[Early Childhood Education \(preschool\)](#)

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