



Mapleton Public Schools

The Family Connection

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Food resources in Mapleton

Due to the federal government shutdown, SNAP benefits for November may be delayed. School meals in Mapleton are not impacted and will still be available at no charge to all students.

If you need additional food before your SNAP benefits are available, there are local resources that can help:

- **Colorado 211:** Call 2-1-1- or 866-760-6489 or visit www.211colorado.org
- **Feeding Colorado:** Visit www.feedingcolorado.org/find-food or email info@feedingcolorado.org
- **Hunger Free Colorado Food Resource Hotline:** 855-855-4626

Mapleton's school meals will not be impacted, and school breakfast and lunch will continue as usual, remaining free for students. [To view daily menus and meal times, visit Mapleton's website.](#)

[Additional Resources in Mapleton:](#)

Wolverine Den Food Pantry

Achieve Academy, 9100 Poze Blvd., Thornton, 80229

Thursdays, 9-11 a.m.

Thanks to our partnership with [Food for Hope](#), Mapleton families can access nutritious food right here in our community through the Wolverine Den food pantry.

The Wolverine Den food pantry is located on the bottom level of Achieve Academy (9100 Poze Blvd.) and is open to all Mapleton families **every Thursday from 9–11 a.m.**, with no appointment needed. The pantry offers a variety of essential items and will continue to expand its selection as it grows. All Mapleton families are invited to stop by the Wolverine Den.

Thornton Community Food Pantry

Skyview Campus, 8990 York St., Thornton, 80229

Mondays and Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Located on the Skyview Campus, 8990 York St., Thornton, the Thornton Community Food Pantry serves residents in zip codes 80229 and 80260. Guests will need a photo ID and proof of address for each visit. The Thornton Community Food Pantry is open Mondays, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.



What's your Superpower?

In celebration of **Mapleton's attendance campaign**, Wolverine window clings are now available in the main office of your child's school. If you haven't received yours yet, stop by your main office to pick one up.

The circular stickers feature the messages **"Be Present. Be Proud. Be You."** and **"Activate your superpower in Mapleton."** Mapleton families are encouraged to proudly display the clings on their car windows to help promote a culture of belonging and attendance across the district.

Let us know: How is consistent attendance your child's superpower? Email your stories or photos to communications@mapleton.us.

What's the difference between an excused and an unexcused absence?

Excused Absences are absences for which students have been granted permission to be out of school. They include, but are not limited to:

- Illness or injury of the student
- Family emergencies or death in the family
- Medical or dental appointments that cannot be scheduled outside of school hours
- Religious observances
- Court appearances
- School-sponsored events or activities
- Other absences as approved by the school administrator.

Unexcused Absences are absences not approved by the school administration. They include, but are not limited to:

- Truancy or skipping school without a valid cause.
- Absences without notification from parents/guardians.
- Absences that do not meet the criteria for an excused absence, regardless of parent or guardian permission.
- Vacation or travel

Want to learn why attendance matters for your student and what you can do to support them?

- [Elementary Handout in English](#)
 - [Elementary Handout in Spanish](#)
 - [Middle/High Handout in English](#)
 - [Middle/High Handout in Spanish](#)
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How Sick is Too Sick?

The "How Sick is Too Sick?" guide from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment helps families make those tricky calls about when students should stay home. From

fevers and coughs to flu, pink eye, and everything in between, the guide is packed with clear advice to keep our classrooms healthy and learning strong.

How sick is too sick?

In-district transfer update

To help reduce classroom disruptions while still giving families the freedom to choose their school, Mapleton is updating when in-district transfers can happen.

Beginning now, transfers between Mapleton schools may only be requested and approved during the final week of each quarter.

Transfer windows for this school year:

- **December 15–19, 2025**
- **March 2–6, 2026**

If your student would like to attend a different Mapleton school for the **2026–27 school year**, you'll be able to make that choice during the **Annual Update**, which opens in **January**.

Don't miss your chance to help design Mapleton's Resource Center

There is still time to help us design our new Family Resource Center!

You have until tomorrow, **Friday, Oct. 31**, to complete a short survey letting us know what supports, programs, and services are most needed to strengthen student and family well-being in Mapleton.

Let's build something great together!

[Take the Family Resource Center survey today!](#)

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Have you picked up your books yet? It's time for Mapleton Reads!

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, the Welcome Center on the Skyview Campus, or the Administration Building and read along with us.

Resources for Families

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4

Your voice matters! Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4. Adams County Elections website has everything you need to be vote-ready.

[Register to Vote](#)

[Voter Services and Polling Centers](#)

[Track my Ballot](#)

[24-hour Ballot Drop Box Locations](#)

[Colorado Ballot Information](#)

Mapleton is a Safe Zone

In Mapleton Public Schools, we believe that everyone deserves unlimited opportunities to maximize their unique abilities. We believe people thrive in a caring environment, and know that effective learning and teaching take place in safe, secure, and welcoming environments.

The resolution, [*Affirming Support for All Students, Families, and Staff Members*](#), elevates the belief statements that are central to Mapleton's mission. It declares Mapleton a Safe Zone, where all students, regardless of their background, can achieve their dreams in caring environments, free of fear, disruptions, and discrimination. Mapleton remains committed to providing quality public education to every student, regardless of a child or family member's citizenship/immigration status.

[Resources are available on Mapleton's website.](#)

Low to no cost vaccinations through the Adams County Health Department

The Adams County Health Department offers low and no-cost vaccines for people with and without insurance, including Medicaid, CHP+, Kaiser, Tricare, Medicare, and most private insurances.

- All childhood and adult routine vaccines
- Respiratory and seasonal vaccines (seasonal flu, OVID-19, RSV)
- Respiratory vaccines for infants, children, and adults

- Mpox vaccine
- Rabies vaccine
- Tuberculosis (TB) skin tests
- Blood tests/titers to check if you're protected against measles, mumps, rubella, and chickenpox.

Call [303.451.0123](tel:303.451.0123) to schedule an appointment or visit during Wednesday walk-in hours, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Make sure to bring all your immunization records and insurance card, if applicable, to each visit.

Adams County Immunizations Clinic

1401 W. 122nd Ave.
Westminster, CO 80234

By Appointment Only

Monday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday: 1- 5 p.m.

Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

After-Hour Appointments

Second Tuesday of each month, 1- 7 p.m.

Walk-In Hours

Wednesday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Weekend Events around the Neighborhood

[Mile High Trunk-or-Treat – Denver](#)

Tonight! Thursday, October 30 | 5–9 p.m. MDT

Empower Field at Mile High (Parking Lot C) | 1701 Bryant Street, Denver, CO

[Free admission – registration encouraged!](#)

[Dia de los Muertos Festival 2025](#)

Saturday, Nov. 1 | 12-5 p.m.

MCallister Park Center, 750 W. 96th Ave.

This free annual community celebration with live entertainment, food trucks, artisan market, decorative altar, face-painting, and educational activities.

[Create & Learn: Día de los Muertos - Crea y aprende](#)

Saturday, Nov. 1 | 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Anythink Huron Street

Age group: Families Children All ages

Enjoy hands-on crafts while learning the history and meaning of this holiday. The whole family is welcome to join this bilingual event which will be hosted in English and Spanish!

Operation Freebird

Each year, the Adams County Sheriff's Office hosts its annual Operation Freebird event, which provides the community with access to free food from ACSO and the Food Bank of the Rockies.



The event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mountain States Toyota at 201 W. 70th Ave., Denver, CO. 80221.

This event is presented on behalf of the Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with Waste Management, Mountain States Toyota, and Food Bank of the Rockies.

Food boxes will be available while supplies last. Individuals must be present to receive food items. Individuals can also receive dental screening, flu shots, mental health resources, veteran services, housing and food assistance, and other resources.

School and Department Contacts

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

[Athletics](#)

- [Career and Technical Education](#)
- [Curriculum and Instruction](#)
- [District Performing Arts](#)
- [Early Childhood Education \(preschool\)](#)
- [Health Services](#)
- [Junior Air Force ROTC](#)
- [Nutrition Services](#)
- [Transportation](#)

Work in Mapleton!

Mapleton is hiring! Check out our current opportunities!



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Achieve Your Dreams!

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