



The Takeaway

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Welcome to “The Takeaway,” your weekly source for news and updates from across the district.

If you have a news item or update to share, we’d love to hear from you. [Send your ideas our way](#), and we’ll do our best to include them in a future issue.

Past issues of all our employee newsletters are available [on our website](#).

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District Services Survey closes Friday!

All,

Don't miss your chance to share your feedback in our annual [District Services Survey](#). This survey helps us strengthen the services we provide to each other and will further assist departments in identifying and implementing opportunities for improvement.

The survey closes on Friday, Oct. 17.

The survey will only take a few moments to complete. You will be asked to select all departments or locations you have interacted with over the past twelve months. For each department that you have interacted with, you will be asked to evaluate each department in five categories:

Accessibility: Can we reach a live person or use an electronic tool to reach someone?

Accuracy: Did we receive the right product/service, or was a variation communicated?

Attitude: Was it a nice experience? Did you receive service with a smile?

Operations: Do day-to-day operations run efficiently and effectively?

Timeliness: Was the response or solution delivered when promised?

To maintain the confidentiality of the District Services Survey, our partners at Studer Education will administer the survey, manage the data collection, and aggregate the data to provide results reports to department leaders.

Your voice matters, and your feedback helps us learn, grow, and improve. Thank you for taking a few minutes to share your thoughts.

The **District Services Survey** can be accessed here:

[Survey Link: Mapleton Public Schools District Services Survey](#)

Sincerely,

Mike Crawford
Superintendent

District Services Survey



Star Trak Wellness Challenge starts next week. Help us get to 250 participants!

Register today for Mapleton's newest wellness challenge, **Star Trak**, which launches **Monday, Oct. 20!** Join your colleagues, get moving, and help us reach our goal of **250 participants!**

[Sign up here](#) and get ready to track steps or convert more than 100 activities (swimming, biking, rowing, badminton and more) into step equivalents.

How it works

- Track your steps with your preferred device and explore seven eras of space exploration in the Star Trak platform.
- Earn red, yellow, or blue stars (worth 3, 4, or 5 points) each day by walking 6,000 steps up to 10,000+.
- Aim for 15 points per week and 60 points overall during the four-week program.
- Features include optional team participation, consistency badges, a wellness wall, and more than 200 healthy recipes.

Teams

- Participate individually or form a team of **up to five members**.
- Team formation deadline: **Wednesday, Oct. 22**.
- The challenge ends **Sunday, Nov. 16**; you may update activity until team scores freeze on **Tuesday, Nov. 18**.

Register for Star Trak!


 Mapleton Public Schools

MAPLETON READS

Community Reading Program



ALL THE BOOKS
 Written by Hayley Rocco
 and Caldecott Honoree John Rocco

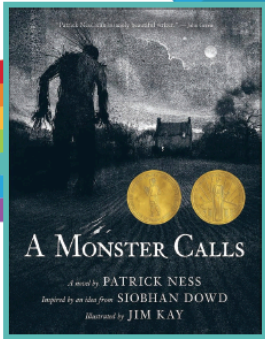
Reading Level: Grades K-3



ALL THIRTEEN
 THE INCREDIBLE CAVE RESCUE
 OF THE THAI BOYS'
 SOCCER TEAM
 CHRISTINA SOONTORNVAT

Written by Christina Soontornvat

Reading Level: Grades 4-8



A MONSTER CALLS
 A novel by PATRICK NESS
 Inspired by an idea from SIOBHAN DOWD
 Illustrated by JIM KAY

Written by Patrick Ness

Reading Level: Grades 9-12

Mapleton Reads – grab your copy today!

Mapleton’s annual community reading initiative, **Mapleton Reads**, is back for its 13th year, uniting students, families, and neighbors through a shared love of reading. From **October 2025 through January 2026**, readers across the district will explore this year’s three selected titles, grouped by reading level, sparking conversation and connection throughout the community.

Books are available in the main office of every school, the Welcome Center, and the Administration Building. Pick up your copy today!

Grades K-3: “All the Books,” by Hayley and John Rocco, follows Piper, a chipmunk who learns the joy of sharing stories with her community.

Grades 4-8: “All Thirteen,” by Christina Soontornvat, tells the true story of the 2018 cave rescue of a Thai soccer team, highlighting courage, teamwork, and hope.

Grades 9-12: “A Monster Calls,” by Patrick Ness, explores love, loss, and healing as a boy faces his greatest truth with the help of an unexpected visitor.

Don't forget to complete your cybersecurity training!

View the flyer below to access the two mandatory cybersecurity trainings and learn about the new Phish alert button.

 **Mapleton Public Schools Cyber Security Awareness**

KnowBe4 This Cybersecurity Awareness Month, we're strengthening our defenses against cyber threats!
Human error. Conquered.

 **Required Cyber Security Training**
All staff will receive an email from KnowBe4 with links to two short, mandatory online courses:

2025 Your Role: Internet Security and You (20 Min)

 Cybercriminals continue to evolve their tactics, using methods like phishing scams and artificial intelligence (AI) powered attacks to breach systems and steal sensitive data. This comprehensive training module provides employees with the tools and knowledge to safeguard themselves, their devices, and the organization from data breaches, ransomware, and other costly cyber threats.

Phish Alert Button in Microsoft 365: Identify Spam and Report Phishing (10 Min)

 The Phish Alert Button (PAB) is a vital tool for protecting against phishing attacks in today's digital workplace. This training module will guide you through how to use the PAB in Microsoft 365, helping you recognize suspicious messages, distinguish spam from phishing attempts, and report threats quickly and effectively.

Training Deadline: Complete both courses by Friday, October 31
Check your inbox for an email from KnowBe4 with the subject line about your assigned training.

 **New Phish Alert Button (PAB)**
The Phish Alert Button appears as an orange hook icon in the Outlook ribbon.

To use the PAB:

- Select the suspicious message
- Click "Phish Alert"
- Choose whether the email is "phishing" or "spam"
- The message will be removed from your inbox and forwarded to the Technology team for review, saving time and eliminating the need to enter a ticket.



Your participation is greatly appreciated as it strengthens our collective defense against cyber threats. For questions or concerns, contact the Mapleton Help Desk at Helpdesk@mapleton.us.



Pick Up Your Wolverine window cling

In celebration of Mapleton's attendance campaign, Wolverine window clings are now available in the main office of your school or department. 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."

Staff are encouraged to proudly display the clings on their car windows to help promote a culture of belonging and attendance across the district.

Integrated Services

Share your ideas for Mapleton's new Family Resource Center by Oct. 31

Help design Mapleton's future Family Resource Center by completing a short survey before Friday, Oct. 31. Your feedback will help shape a welcoming hub that provides programs and services to support students, families, and the entire Mapleton community.



Mapleton is in the early stages of developing this center, and we want to hear from **families, students, staff, and community partners** about what supports and resources are most needed to strengthen student wellbeing.

Ways to get involved:

- Complete the survey by Friday, Oct. 31 (scan the QR code or use the link).
- Share the survey with others in the Mapleton community.
- Encourage students to take the survey.
- Add the QR code to your school newsletter, bulletin, or classroom postings.
- Join a design team to help shape the center.

Contact [Tiffany Dragoo](#) at 303-853-1085 with questions or to request a bilingual flier.

Let's build something great together!

[Take the survey](#)

Teaching and Learning

Gifted and Talented professional learning course begins Oct. 23

Teaching and Learning will soon offer a **hybrid professional learning course** on gifted and talented education to help educators deepen their understanding of gifted learners. The 15-hour course, **The Gifted Learner**, begins **Thursday, Oct. 23**, with an in-person kickoff from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the

Central Administration Building's Trail Ridge Training Center. Participants will then complete asynchronous online work through **Friday, Dec. 19**.

The course counts toward standard relicensure credit and/or salary advancement, and optional graduate credit is available through Adams State University.

Register for this class by this Friday, Oct. 17. For questions, contact [Jennifer Snodgrass](#) at ext. 1051.

Register for The Gifted Learner

CDE Gifted Education Monitoring visit set for Dec. 2 to 4

The Colorado Department of Education will visit Mapleton Dec. 2 to 4 for Gifted Education Monitoring (GEM), a routine review of gifted and talented programming conducted every five years. The visit evaluates program quality and compliance and provides feedback to support continuous improvement.

Mapleton is coordinating with its GT Leads to schedule school site visits and gather samples of Advanced Learning Plans and programming initiatives.

For questions about the GEM process, please contact [Jennifer Snodgrass](#) at ext. 1051.

ALPs due in eduClimber by Nov. 21

Advanced Learning Plans (ALPs) must be updated and submitted in **eduClimber by Friday, Nov. 21**. The district's GT leads are supporting teachers with this work.

To assist, the GT office has **budgeted one substitute day per school**. For questions, contact [Jennifer Snodgrass](#) at ext. 1051.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Oct. 16 - End of First Quarter

Friday, Oct. 17 - Professional Development Day

Monday, Oct. 20 - Instructional Planning Day

Wednesday, Oct. 22 - Board Business Meeting, 6 p.m.

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

Friday, Nov. 7 - Teacher Trade Day

Wednesday, Nov. 19 - Board Business Meeting, 6 p.m.

[Skyview Wolverines Athletics Calendar](#)

[District Performing Arts Calendar](#)

[Share your good news!](#)

[Send a "High Five"!](#)

"Spark! Bright Spots and Big Moments" 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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