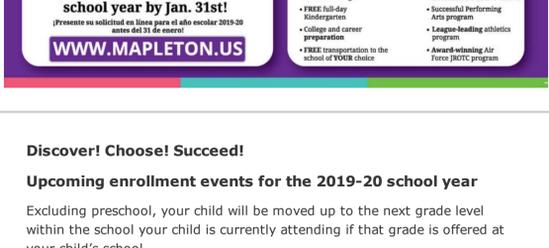


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News from the District



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Upcoming enrollment events for the 2019-20 school year

Excluding preschool, your child will be moved up to the next grade level within the school your child is currently attending if that grade is offered at your child's school.

Please plan to attend one of our upcoming enrollment fairs or contact the Welcome Center if your child:

- Is currently enrolled in Mapleton's preschool program and will be heading to kindergarten next year
- Is a sixth grader at Adventure, Explore or Welby needing to select a seventh grade
- Is an eighth-grader needing to enroll in ninth grade
- Is interested in attending a different Mapleton school for the 2019-20 school year.

Preschool and Kindergarten Discovery Fair

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019
4 - 6 p.m. | Skyview Student Center

As your child prepares to make the exciting transition into preschool or kindergarten, we would like to provide you with the information you need to choose a school that matches your child's learning style, interests and passions. Learn about all of Mapleton's choices for learning at our Preschool and Kindergarten Discovery Fair!

Next Level - Seventh Grade Discovery Fair

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019
5 - 7 p.m. | Skyview Student Center

Sixth graders attending Adventure, Explore and Welby are invited to explore their options for seventh grade at Next Level: Mapleton's Seventh Grade Discovery Fair. At Next Level, you and your family will have an opportunity to meet with teachers and school directors from all of Mapleton's schools that offer seventh grade. You will also learn about extracurricular opportunities, including middle school sports and Performing Arts.

Highway to High School

Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019
6 - 7:30 p.m.
6 - 6:30 p.m. - High School 101 presentation (Rosa Auditorium)
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Fair in the Skyview Student Center

As your child prepares to make the exciting transition into high school, we would like to make sure you have all the resources you need to choose the Mapleton high school that best matches the interests and passions of your future high school student.

As a high school student in Mapleton, your child has access to schools that are small-by-design. All high schools participate in extracurricular activities including Athletics, Air Force Junior ROTC, Performing Arts, homecoming, and prom, just to name a few. In any Mapleton high school, your child will receive the support they need to explore the colleges and careers that interest them and will have exclusive access to more than \$50,000 in scholarships courtesy of the Mapleton Education Foundation.

To help you and your family prepare for high school, we invite all current Mapleton eighth graders and families to attend Highway to High School!

For more information about the enrollment fairs, or our online enrollment process, please visit www.mapleton.us.

Social media safety

This school year, several Mapleton schools have been alerted to Facebook pages created with the intention of disrespecting our school communities and bullying students. We work closely with the Facebook support team to quickly remove these pages when they are discovered. We also continue to monitor and report any new accounts of this nature as they are created.

We encourage educators, students, and their families to continue to come forward and report Facebook or other social media accounts that appear to be created with the intention of hurting or bullying other students in their school and community.

Student parking at the Skyview Campus

Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019, student parking permit holders will be required to park in the designated student parking lot. The student parking lot can be accessed off of Moon Court.

There is no cost to obtain a parking permit. To promote the safety and security of all students and staff, students must display the parking permit hangtag in their vehicle. Students wishing to obtain a parking permit should speak with their school director. All student drivers without a current parking permit, or students that park in staff lots, may face administrative action that could lead to having the car towed.

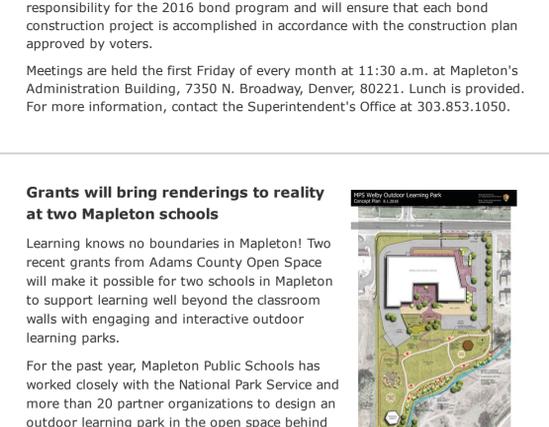
Administrative Actions

- Yellow notice of 1st offense on vehicle
- Orange notice of 2nd offense on vehicle and license plate number recorded
- Red notice of 3rd offense on vehicle and student contacted by Campus Supervisor
- E-mail notice of 4th offense, student referred to home school administration
- 5th offense student vehicle may be towed

Parking passes may be revoked for the following reasons:

- Failure to show a valid driver's license, current vehicle registration and current proof of insurance
- Reckless, careless and unsafe driving
- Parking in spaces outside the designated student parking lot
- Taking an underclassman off campus in their vehicle
- Students without parking permits are welcome to park off campus in the community and are reminded to be respectful of our neighbors by not blocking driveways and obeying all parking signs

Thank you for your support and understanding of this new practice.



Graduation rates improve for the fifth year in a row!

Recent data from the Colorado Department of Education shows graduation rates in Mapleton improving dramatically over the past five years. Excluding Mapleton's online school, Colorado Connections Academy, the graduation rate used to compute Mapleton's accountability rating went from 61.1 percent in 2015 to 85.8 percent currently!

"We are motivated by these numbers and know that there is still a lot of work to be done," said Superintendent of Schools Charlotte Ciancio. "As a District, we continue to refine our practices to make sure we are providing our students with the resources and opportunities they need to be successful here and in their post-secondary pursuits." The District has adopted new curricula and introduced Advanced Pursuits. The District has initiated new curricula and introduced Advanced Pursuits, among other initiatives to continue to push graduation rates in the right direction.

Mapleton saw a slight increase in the dropout rate, as well as a small decrease in attendance rates for the 2017-18 school year. Grants to support dropout prevention efforts are currently being pursued. Schools also continue to work with students to address individual needs and remove potential barriers to academic success. The District is in the second year of an attendance initiative, *Be Here, Get There*, aimed at offering increased support to help students and families overcome barriers to non-attendance.

Construction Updates



Please join us!



Ribbon Cutting

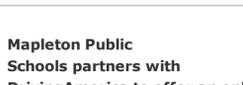
Friday, Jan. 11, 2019
7480 N. Broadway, Denver, 80221

3:45 p.m. | Presentation of Colors by Mapleton's Air Force JROTC and Ribbon cutting

4 - 4:45 p.m. | Open house

Global Leadership Academy and Global Intermediate Academy invite you to a special ribbon cutting celebration! Mapleton is pleased to open the third new school building on the Broadway Campus. GIA and GLA will open the school building together. GIA's new building will be complete in the fall of 2020.

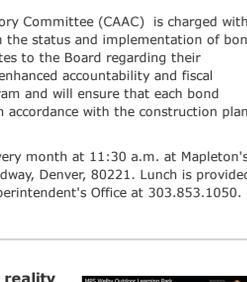
For more information, please call 303.853.1020.



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Interested in learning more about Mapleton's Capital Construction Campaign? Join CAAC!

Help us build Mapleton's future! Be the first to learn about Mapleton's construction projects, tour construction sites and share your thoughts and ideas on how we can best build for the future of Mapleton's children.



The Construction Accountability Advisory Committee (CAAC) is charged with meeting monthly to receive reports on the status and implementation of bond projects and to provide monthly updates to the Board regarding their activities. The committee will provide enhanced accountability and fiscal responsibility for the 2016 bond program and will ensure that each bond construction project is accomplished in accordance with the construction plan approved by voters.

Meetings are held the first Friday of every month at 11:30 a.m. at Mapleton's Administration Building, 7350 N. Broadway, Denver, 80221. Lunch is provided. For more information, contact the Superintendent's Office at 303.853.1050.

Grants will bring renderings to reality at two Mapleton schools

Learning knows no boundaries in Mapleton! Two recent grants from Adams County Open Space will make it possible for two schools in Mapleton to support learning well beyond the classroom walls with engaging and interactive outdoor learning parks.



For the past year, Mapleton Public Schools has worked closely with the National Park Service and more than 20 partner organizations to design an outdoor learning park in the open space behind Welby Community School.

The National Park Service created a concept map featuring all desirable elements identified from students, staff and the community. This final outdoor park will include a history walk, demonstration gardens, outdoor classrooms, bird watching areas, and pollinator gardens. The overall vision of the outdoor learning park honors the natural history of the area while creating engaging outdoor play and learning spaces that support Welby's Expeditionary Learning school model and provide opportunities to invite the Welby community to enjoy the park's amenities.

The District also partnered with senior engineer students from the Colorado School of Mines to design an outdoor classroom structure that resembles a treehouse. All elements of the 'treehouse' were designed to maximize exposure to local wildlife and the surrounding ecosystem to help students explore the natural world around them. Seniors participated in the project as a part of Colorado School of Mines Capstone Design project required for graduation.

The \$168,839 grant from Adams County Open Space will make it possible for Mapleton to begin to dig in on this highly-anticipated project. Design and construction teams will be sought after the first of the year.

The second Adams County Open Space grant will fund the creation of an outdoor learning space at the new Explore Elementary site, near 104th Avenue and York Street. The grant will cover the planning, design, and construction of irrigation, pathways, landscape, and signage for the proposed outdoor learning space. To help create meaningful relationships for students and community members with the natural world around them, the space will include a range of recreational activities and experiences. To honor the rich history of the area, the park will be designed to honor the ranching and farming heritage of the area and create engaging Expeditionary Learning opportunities. Construction on the new school and the outdoor learning park is expected to begin in 2019.

Both outdoor learning parks are unlike any play space currently available within Mapleton's boundaries.

Points of Pride



Mapleton's Transition Center is keeping the good times brewing at the Skyview Campus!

The Skyview Café strives to create a safe environment where students learn and master the skills necessary to be as independent as possible in their adult lives. This year, as part of this experience, the Transition Center students proudly opened Mapleton's first ever coffee shop, the Skyview Café.

The Transition Center, which serves students ages 18-21, is a part of Mapleton's Integrated Services Department and provides transition students with experiences beyond what they would be able to receive in a classroom setting.

The Skyview Café is open to all Mapleton students and staff who are looking for specialty drinks, such as pumpkin spice lattes and peppermint mochas, snacks, or a respectful and supportive environment to study or do homework. The café allows for the Transition Center students to learn the ins and outs of a business, such as customer service and the handling of money, while fostering relationships that increase the appreciation and acceptance of individual differences and diversity.

And if you can't come to them, they can come to you! The Skyview Café traveling coffee cart makes daily rounds to all schools and offices on the Skyview Campus.

Check out the video to learn more about the Skyview Café...and get ready to place your order!

FYI...

Mapleton Public Schools partners with DrivingAmerica to offer an online driver's education course



Colorado state law requires that all 14 1/2 to 15 1/2 year-olds take a 30-hour driver's education course and pass a permit test to get their driver's permit. Mapleton has partnered with DrivingAmerica to offer students an online, self-paced driver's education course.

Students may register for the DrivingAmerica state-certified online program for \$74. DrivingAmerica will donate a portion of each registration fee back to the district to be used for student events and activities. [Click here to enroll in the DrivingAmerica online program.](#)

The DrivingAmerica course is 100 percent online, self-paced and may be viewed from any device, anytime. The 30-hour course is designed to be equivalent to an in-person classroom experience, features easy to follow lessons and is fully interactive with animations, games, and videos.

Upcoming Events

[Click here to view upcoming Performing Arts events!](#)

[Click here to view upcoming Athletics events!](#)

Dec. 21 - Jan. 8 - Winter break for students

Wednesday, Jan. 9 - Students return to school (except GIA and GLA students)

Monday, Jan. 14 - GLA and GIA students return to school

Friday, Jan. 11 - GIA/ GLA Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Tuesday, Jan. 15 - DAAC meeting, 4:30 - 6 p.m., Administration Building Board Room, 7350 N. Broadway, Denver 80221

Tuesday, Jan. 22 - Board of Education meeting, 6 p.m., Administration Building, 7350 N. Broadway, Denver 80221

Thursday, Jan. 24 - District Science Fair, 6:30 p.m., Skyview Student Center, 8990 York St., Thornton, 80229

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