



[MJM] Mapleton Jazz Messengers

June 8, 2026

Hello MJM,

- **I am so proud of all of you for such an incredible performance yesterday. It sounded fantastic!**
- This event is higher profile and lots of people go, so there were many people who saw us who don't normally see student groups. I got many compliments from various people on your playing, your enthusiasm, and the group as a whole. Congratulations! I am filled with gratitude to be your teacher. You are a fantastic group of people. Wow.
- Seniors, some of you have been in this group since the beginning as 8th graders. You have all helped this program grow and begin to thrive. Your ground work has helped propel this program to where it is now, and will be the foundation for many great years to come. Keep in touch and I wish you all the best moving forward in the next chapters of your lives!
- One thing I forgot to do is make thank you cards to Dean and City Park Jazz for having us...we will have to do that during marching band camp.
 - If you are a graduated senior or not in marching band, I would really appreciate it if you took a moment to write a note of thanks and mail it to my office - I will deliver all the cards to CPJ in August after band camp.
 - Skyview Welcome Center
Zach Brake, Band Director, Performing Arts
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- [Here are some photos from the event on the Denver Post!](#)
- Finally, I want to make sure and recognize many people who support this program and to whom I am extremely grateful.
 - Mr. Curry for everything he does to support the Jazz Messengers and lead the Jazz Lab this year! I literally could not have done this without you these past five years.
 - Parent/guardian/family helpers and volunteers (*so many of you*) for the help running items, packing & moving, and being all around supportive. We are so lucky to have a great community supporting the band program, and I am grateful for each of you.
 - The amazing Performing Arts team and Mapleton School District - we have a great administration, support staff and team of music educators and a supportive district that allows for opportunities such as these.
 - And of course - the student musicians. It is you who make this group what it is. Your enthusiasm, your dedication, your effort, your persistence - these things make the band amazing, and will be good habits for you to have for the rest of your lives. I am beyond proud of you, and hope you all have a great summer.

Thanks for an awesome year.

Mr. Zach Brake, Jazz Messengers Director