

Ashbrook Compass



Navigating Our Community

Important Information on the 20-21 School Year

Dear Families,

Did you know [our Ashbrook website](https://www.ashbrookschool.org/) (<https://www.ashbrookschool.org/>) has recently undergone a remodel? Check it out on your mobile device or computer to see the new design and easy to navigate pages! On the Parent Portal page, note the Return to School link; it will lead you to one location to find updated information regarding our response to COVID-19, the return to school plans, our Operational Blueprint and Communicable Disease Management Plan, and eventually our online distance learning details.

Please take some time to navigate this link as I've included an FAQ section as well as various sections to address some of the major changes to how school will look and feel different in order to create a safe environment.

Why is this important?

- Clear and easily accessible communication all in one place
- It is a living website that will be updated regularly with new information
- With what will likely be an online start to the school year, we will eventually return to the building and will need all of the safety measures in place - know what to expect

As you review what is currently available on our Return to School link you are encouraged to reply to the Compass message with any questions you may still have. Ms. Tynon will collect your questions, and we will work to address them on an individual basis or with some additional information on the site.

Sincerely,

Rachel Sechler
Interim Head of School

CHALLENGE – NURTURE – CARE - 2020



Señora Burand setting up her classroom.

Summer Office Hours

Through August 21

8:00-3:00 Monday-Friday

August 24 – September 3

7:30–4:00 Monday-Thursday

3:30 on Fridays

Office closed September 4

More things to start practicing with your student before school starts

This graphic has been widely shared online, but we wanted to bring it to your attention. Beginning School and Lower School students are used to having teachers open difficult lunch items, but we want to be as "hands off" as possible this year. Start practicing now on how to open items you may include in their lunches. Do they know how to open a small milk carton? Can they put their own straw in

their juice? Can they open their string cheese? Can they peel a banana? (Ms. Tynon only learned last year that she had been doing it from the wrong end all her life!)

For Middle School students, please remember that microwaves will not be available for reheating items.

Dear Parents
(of elementary school aged kids)

When your kids come to school we will have to help them open LOTS of the things you pack for lunch.

PLEASE HAVE THEM PRACTICE OPENING THINGS BY THEMSELVES.

These are EASIER to open. If I help them open it, I won't be putting my hands on parts that will go in their mouth.



flip top water bottles
bento box/or tupperware
ziplock bags
reusable sandwich bags
twist off snacks

These are HARDER to open. If you send these PLEASE have them PRACTICE opening it. If I help them open it, I will be putting my hands on parts that will go in their mouth.



milk carton
juice box w/straw to put in it.
lunchables have MANY packages to open inside of it.
yogurt tubes
individual chips/snacks
twist off drinks

If your kiddo can open everything in their lunch, it means less time waiting with their hand up, more time eating and less germs!! (even though we are washing our hands and disinfecting)

Current Metrics

Please keep in mind the following:

Both Linn and Benton county must remain under the 5% positivity test rate and have less than 30 cases per 100,000 population for 3 consecutive weeks before we can bring our K-3rd grade students on-site. To bring back our 4-8th graders, the statewide positivity test rate must also be under 5%.

	Benton New Cases per 100,000	Benton Test positive rate	Linn New Cases per 100,000	Linn Test positive rate	Oregon Test positive rate
Week of 7/5/20	19	2.5%	20	2.6%	5.8%
Week of 7/12/20	16	1.3%	13	2.3%	5.4%
Week of 7/19/20	5	2.8%	20	2.1%	5.8%
Week of 7/26/20	23	2.9%	20	3.7%	6.3%
Week of 8/2/20	15	2.0%	26	4.7%	5.4%

For the purposes of re-opening schools, only the three most recent weeks matter; previous week(s) are included to show trends over time. The data for previous weeks may change slightly as new reports are published – this is due to updated records in the underlying data base.

For the most up-to-date numbers, visit the Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 Health page [HERE \(https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19\)](https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19).

Update on Yearbook Arrival

The yearbook supplement is almost here, so we are waiting until we can give you both the yearbook and supplement at the same time. If you want to see if we have extras, email calley@ashbrookschoool.org to reserve one; \$13.00 check payable to AIS.