

Ashbrook Compass



Navigating Our Community

****This Compass contains important information about the first week of school.****

Upcoming Dates

August 31 - September 3 -- Teacher in-service week

September 4 -- Office Closed

September 8 -- PICTURE DAY (all grades)

September 8 -- Drive-Thru Pick-up (4-8th grades)

September 9 -- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

7:45 am Preschool, Pre-K, grades K-3 classroom doors open

8:00 am Grades 4-8 start online

12:00 pm Half Day - All students dismissed

The full academic calendar can be found [HERE](#).

Important Information on the 20-21 School Year

Dear Families,

We have been busy this summer working to prepare the school for both a return to the building and a smooth start for our students learning online. It's hard to believe the first day of school is just around the corner! We have covered a lot of information in the previous weeks, so I will recap the highlights of what you need to know.

- PS-3rd grades will be starting in-person classes on the first day of school, September 9th. (Our PS/PK was approved for in-person classes!)
- 4th-8th grades will be starting online classes on the first day of school, September 9th.
- When the statewide COVID cases drop to 5% or below for at least 3 consecutive weeks, we will begin planning the transition for the return of 4th-8th grade students.
- Schedules for online classes were designed for a smooth transition from in-person to online and from online back to in-person classes for all grade levels.
- Read the [Online Family Guide](#) for specifics about the online classes and schedules.
- Middle school elective schedules will be available in MSP by the 31st.
- September 8th is our school wide picture day and the opportunity for grades 4-8 to pick up books and materials. See map and directions below!
- Read previous [Compass Messages](#) for more detailed information.

We wish everyone a wonderful final week of summer vacation and as always, please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Rachel Sechler
Interim Head of School

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5th grade teacher Ms. Kelley. Welcome!



2nd Grade classroom ready to go!



Ms. Steckler setting up for science!

Picture Day is Tuesday, September 8, 9am - 12:00

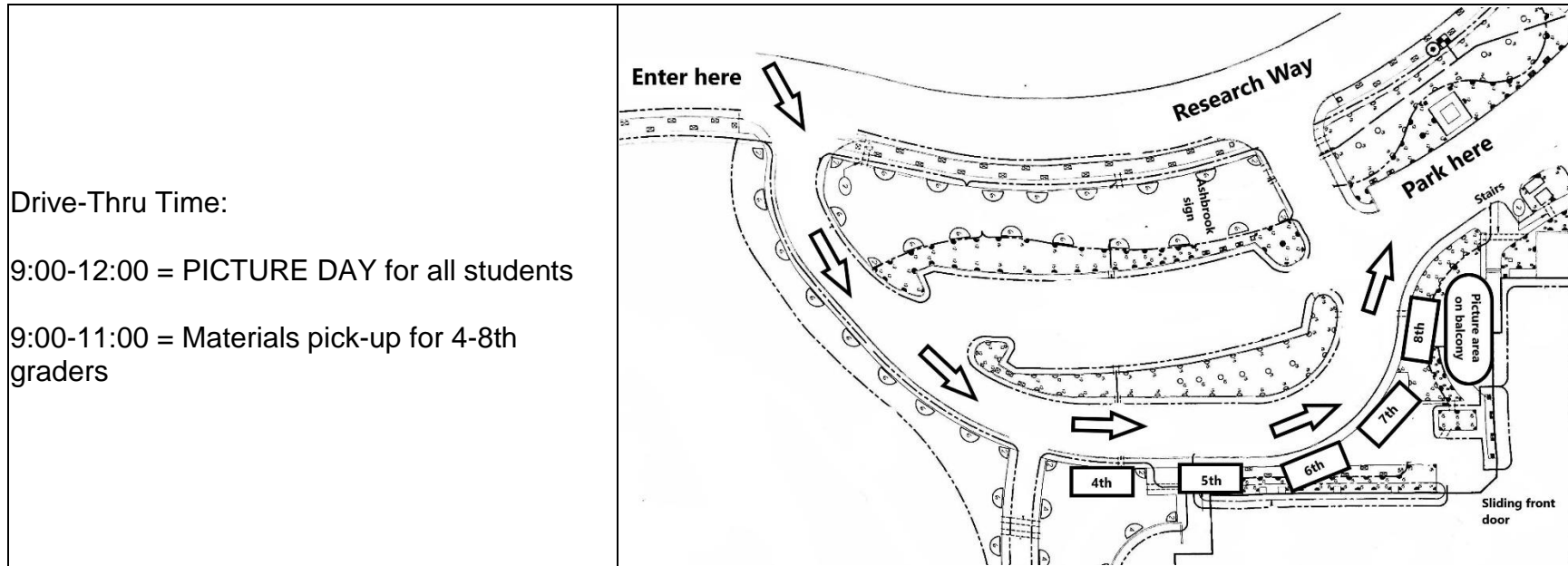
Please click [HERE](#) for the flyer and login to order your school pictures at mylifetouch.com and enter Picture Day ID: EVT23BZCW. Every student will have their picture taken, and uniform dress is not required. Class photos will be done in a composite format as opposed to a group photo. If you are unable to attend, retakes will be on October 23. (See Pick Up Day instructions below for parking instructions and entrance information.)

Drive-Thru Pick-up (4-8th grades) is Tuesday, September 8, 9am - 11am

Similar to last spring, we'll be having a drive-through area 9am-11 am for 4-8th graders to pick up textbooks and supplies. We are also doing Picture Day to take advantage of our virtual students and all teachers being on campus.

The following procedure will be followed to make this pick-up day a successful start to the new school year:

- Families will enter at the south entrance.
- Drive slowly in the direction of the one-way flow of traffic - see map below.
- If you have a student in grades 4-8, stop your car at the grade level table for your student.
- You may get out and retrieve your student's items from their grade level table and then return to your car. Whoever is stepping out of the car must wear a mask, and staff will also be wearing a mask and using sanitizer. If you are uncomfortable stepping out of your car, you may request that a staff member place the items in your trunk
- If you have more grades to visit, pull forward to the next table.
- Park in the staff parking area so your student(s) can wait in line on the outside balcony for pictures. Colored dots will be on the concrete to mark a 6' distance and students must wear a mask that will be removed for the picture. Students will enter one at a time to have their picture taken and parents must wait outside. NEW this year--siblings may have their picture taken together!



*Please email Carol at calley@ashbrookschool.org if you are unable to arrive during your family's time slot

Lower School After School Program

We are able to offer the After School Program to our PS-3 students. Students will be kept in their stable cohort while in the program. Pricing is offered on a monthly basis. The registration form is [HERE](#).

Lunch Program

We will be offering a Cold Lunch Program delivered to the classrooms. We will still be using local and organic ingredients to offer full meals with a protein, grain, fresh cut fruit, and lettuce. All of the items used to deliver and enjoy the meals (clamshells, bowls, forks, and spoons) are compostable. Pricing is offered on a monthly basis. The sign-up form with descriptions of every meal is [HERE](#).

Students in grades 4-8 can also order meals if you are able to pick them up at the school.

Dress Code

A copy of the dress code can be found [HERE](#). We have two full clothes racks of gently-used clothing available for \$1 per piece. In addition, we have many sizes of brand-new Lands' End mesh polos with the Ashbrook logo for \$10, several sizes of AIS "Friday wear" t-shirts for \$5, a single long-sleeve hooded sweatshirt in youth small for \$10, and 1 child and 3 adult gray long-sleeve fleece jackets with the embroidered logo for \$30. Call the Office to make an appointment and get ready for September 9th!

Media Release form

Ashbrook uses the first name, likeness, voice, participation, comments, and/or appearance of our students and their families in audio/visual media, including, but not limited to, video, sound and photographic still imaging, and written material for internal and external audiences. If you want to limit how your student's likeness is used, please fill out [THIS FORM](#) and return it to the office no later than September 14.

New bottle-filling stations are installed

The water fountain in the Commons and the one in the gym are now hands-free bottle-filling stations! Currently, the fountain part will be turned off but the new bottle-filling part will stay on so everyone can enjoy cool, filtered water without touching any other part of the machinery. Miss Carol was the first person in line!

Special thanks to the PTO for using fundraising money to cover the cost and installation of one unit!!



Current Metrics

Please keep in mind the following:

As long as Benton county remains under the 5% positivity test rate and has less than 30 cases per 100,000 population for **3 consecutive weeks**, our K-3rd grade students can be 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 | Oregon Test positive rate |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Week of 7/26/20 | 23 | 2.8% | 6.2% |
| Week of 8/2/20 | 14 | 3.2% | 5.2% |
| Week of 8/9/20 | 20 | 1.6% | 5.2% |
| Week of 8/16/20 | 16 | 2.0% | 5.1% |

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](#).