

# Ashbrook Compass



Dear Families,

As we face the devastation of the fires in Oregon and remember the events of 9/11, we are reminded to hug each other a little tighter and come closer together as a community during these uncertain times. At Ashbrook, we strive to provide your children with a safe and loving environment amidst all the anxiety in the world around them.

Our Beginning and Lower School teachers and students are patiently waiting for their first day of school! As we monitor the air quality in Corvallis, we will follow the recommended air quality index to determine when it is safe to return to the building and also return to normal outdoor activities:

- Green = return to school - normal outdoor play
- Yellow = return to school - limited outdoor play
- Orange = return to school - no outdoor play
- Red = no return to school
- Purple = no return to school

See the [Air Quality and Outdoor Activity Guidance for School](#) for more details.

If the air quality in Corvallis is within the Orange, Yellow, or Green index then we will follow our soft start half day schedule for Monday, September 14th. We will continue to update families as we monitor the air quality over the weekend.



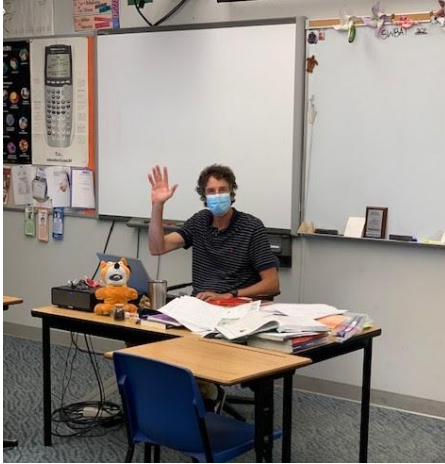
We will make it through all of this, in part because of our strong Ashbrook community. Thank you for your patience and perseverance.

Sincerely,

Rachel Sechler  
Interim Head of School

### CHALLENGE – NURTURE – CARE - 2020

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Mr. Hunt in his classroom.



Mrs. Coon's music room is ready for in-person and online learning!



Mr. Olson teaching online from his art room.

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### This week:

**September 14** -- School lunch service starts; Lower School half-day

**September 15** -- After School program starts

**September 16** -- PTO meeting via Zoom, 9 am

**September 16** -- Virtual Back to School Night, 4:30-7:30 pm

**September 18** -- Middle School 'B Week' schedule

### Upcoming Dates:

**September 25** -- Middle School 'A Week' schedule

**October 9** -- In-service Day, No School

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## School Lunch service and the After School Program

If you will be using either of these services, please return your forms to Elaine in the Office. Our food is ordered a week at a time, so lunch forms turned in after today will need to wait until the week of September 21 to start.

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## Virtual Back to School Night

In order to limit visitors to the building, this year's Back to School Night will take place on your couch (or your desk or your dining room table). The Beginning School teachers will be hosting live Zoom sessions for families to join and hear about the plans for the year starting at 4:30 p.m., grades K-2 start at 5:15 p.m., and grades 3-4 start at 6 p.m. Middle School teachers will be hosting Open House Q&A Zoom sessions 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Mrs. Sechler will be on Zoom the entire time to answer any general questions you may have. **Watch your email next week for a list of links!**

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## Parent Commitment Form

Ashbrook is excited to welcome students back to school, whether they join us for in-person learning or for online learning. We are asking families to commit to in-person and online learning expectations on this [Parent Commitment Form](#). Please download the form, fill in both sections (so if we need to transition, you will have already received the expectations), sign electronically, and then save it under your last name. Email that file to Michelle in the Office **by next Friday, September 18**.

Click [HERE](#) if you need to review our Operational Blueprint for School Reopening

Click [HERE](#) if you need to review the Daily Health Screening Tool and "When should I keep my student home?" document from the Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Education

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## Current Metrics

Please keep in mind the following:

All 4 columns must be green for **3 consecutive weeks** before all students can be back in the classroom.

	Benton New Cases per 100,000 (must remain under 30 for K-3)	Benton Test positive rate (must remain under 5% for K-3)	Benton New Cases per 100,000 (must remain under 10 for grades 4-8)	Oregon Test positive rate (must remain under 5% for 4th-8th graders)
	These two columns must remain green for grades K-3 to be in the building.		There two columns must be green for <b>3 consecutive weeks</b> before grades 4-8 can return to the building.	
Week of 7/26/20	23	2.8%	23	6.2%
Week of 8/2/20	14	3.2%	14	5.3%
Week of 8/9/20	20	1.6%	20	5.3%
Week of 8/16/20	16	1.9%	16	5.0%
Week of 8/23/20	13	1.9%	13	4.4%
Week of 8/30/20	13	2.1%	13	4.3%

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](#).

### Beyond Ashbrook

The Ashbrook community is heartbroken over the wildfire devastation we are seeing in our state. We are thankful there are no evacuation orders in Benton County, but we know many people from surrounding counties have been evacuated to our area. If you can donate money, resources, or volunteer time, please visit <https://bentoncountywildfirerresponse.recovers.org/>