

Ashbrook Compass



Dear Families,

Congratulations on completing your first two full weeks of school! The start of our new school year has been a rollercoaster of emotions for everyone, but we can now say that all classes are successfully up and running!

The words we are hearing with high frequency around here seem to be: transition, change, pivot, adjust, modify, shift, update, and uncertainty. As a result, what I'm constantly observing with our staff and students happens to be: flexibility, patience, determination, adaptability, open-mindedness, teamwork and resilience. What a beautiful set of skills to be teaching and modeling for our students!

Enjoy the pictures below and know that your children are receiving the very best learning from educators who truly care!

Sincerely,

Rachel Sechler
Interim Head of School

CHALLENGE – NURTURE – CARE – 2020

This week:

October 2 -- Middle School 'B Week' schedule

October 2 -- HOS candidate visit

Upcoming Dates:

October 7 -- PTO meeting via Zoom

October 8 -- HOS candidate visit

October 9 -- In-service Day, No School

October 16 -- Middle School 'A Week' schedule

No mixing and mingling please! Physical distancing reminders:

We are doing everything we can to keep our students safe and healthy, and a big part of that is keeping them masked and in specific groups or cohorts while on school grounds. PS and PreK are one cohort, K-2 is a cohort, and 3-4 is a cohort. Please do not allow students to be in close contact with others from another cohort.

In addition:

- Please use the red dots outside of the classroom doors to help [maintain a 6' gap between children and adults](#) during drop-off and pick-up.
- [Masks are required for everyone](#)--indoors and outdoors--while on school grounds. Please help model good behavior for our students.
- The school [playground is restricted to school use only](#). It is off limits after school and on weekends.

Thank you for doing your part to keep the Ashbrook community safe and healthy!

Head of School candidate visits via Zoom

Our first finalist will be on campus on Friday, October 2nd, 2020. Our second finalist will be on campus on Thursday, October 8th, 2020. Don't forget to sign-up for a Parent Zoom meeting with each candidate.

Drop off bins

If you need to drop off something for your student during the school day, please leave it in one of the clear bins outside of Ashbrook's front door. To limit exposure to our students, we are allowing only essential visitors in the school building. Thank you!



Photo of clear drop-off bins by the front door

Parent Commitment Forms still needed

Thank you to the 40 families who have already turned in their 2-page [Parent Commitment Form](#). If you haven't already done so, 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.

School Lunch Program update



Mr. Patane has been making excellent cold lunches for students and staff, but to keep the program sustainable, we need more students participating. The order form is [HERE](#). If we must transition to online learning, any remaining balance we be held until we are back in the building.

PTO Mini-grants

The Ashbrook PTO is proud to offer mini-grants again this academic year! Last year's recipients included:

- A new Tikes Town playhouse for PK-3 students
- Graphic Novel Club

- Choir Club
- Destination Imagination
- First Lego League
- First Lego League, Jr.
- “Eclipse” (student written/produced play)
- Cascades Raptor Presentation

Because of the unknown status of many clubs and events, mini-grant applications will be accepted once per quarter in an effort to provide flexibility with changing circumstances. The first deadline is Friday, October 9, 2020. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

Pay As You Go and Engagement Levels for grades 4-8 Reminder

The new Pay As You Go Plan allows families to make a commitment one month at a time. Given the current metrics, Grades 4th-8th will continue in online learning by the deadline of October 1st. Tuition within Scenario C (online learning) has a tiered approach option that accommodates individual family needs while providing tuition adjustments depending on the level of engagement. Contact Mrs. Sechler for requests regarding a change in engagement level prior to October 1st, as any change will have an impact on your child’s academic growth and ease of transition when it is time to return to the building.

<i>Lower and Middle School</i>		
Level 4	Core + Language + Core Electives + Enrichment(<i>only available in middle school</i>)	90%
Level 3	Core + Language + Core Electives/Specials (LS)	80%
Level 2	Core + Language	70%
Level 1	Core Only	60%

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)
	If the case count remains too high next week, we will need to transition K-3 to online learning.		There two columns must be green for 3 consecutive weeks before grades 4-8 can return to the building.	
Week of 8/16/20	15.9	1.9%	15.9	5.0%
Week of 8/23/20	12.7	1.9%	12.7	4.4%
Week of 8/30/20	12.7	2.5%	12.7	4.3%
Week of 9/6/20	20.1	2.8%	20.1	5.6%
Week of 9/13/20	36	6.6%	36	6.2%

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](#).