

Ashbrook Compass



Dear Families,

We all love Ashbrook, but it's great to hear from you directly on why Ashbrook is special to your family. We've asked a few families to share why they chose Ashbrook or what keeps them here year after year, and we'll be highlighting one per month in the Compass and on social media. Our board president, Tze-Yiu, stepped up to be the first one to share. I hope you enjoy!

Rachel Sechler
Interim Head of School

CHALLENGE – NURTURE – CARE - 2020

Reasons we stay at Ashbrook



We've been very happy with Ashbrook for 7+ years (Liam is in 2nd grade, Natalie is in 6th grade) and we've stayed with Ashbrook because of the great community, the small class sizes, and a greater ability for teachers to flex to the needs of our kids. Also, with the way the school year has started, we're really thankful that we can send Liam onsite and we're really impressed with the quality of the online delivery of instruction for Natalie. It's great to be here at Ashbrook - there is so much potential for all kids at all grade levels, not only academically but for the whole child!



Liam, Natalie, Debby and Tze

This week:

October 19-23 -- Move-A-Thon Week

October 23 -- Picture Retakes, 8:30 - 10:30 am

October 23 -- Middle School 'B Week' schedule

Upcoming Dates:

October 26-27 -- Pumpkin drop-off

October 28 -- Final day of Socktober

October 28-29 -- Pumpkin voting open

October 30 -- Halloween Spooktacular

Ashbrook Students. . . "Get Your Move On!" next week!

The PTO Move-A-Thon is almost here! Has your student collected pledges for their movement minutes? Students will be entered to win a prize basket simply for participating (no pledges necessary) and classes will work together in an effort to win the Golden Shoe Award and a Benny's Donut party. All Move-A-Thon funds will be used to purchase items for the school that promote health and safety now and for years to come.



Which LS and MS classes will win the coveted Golden Shoe trophy and get a Benny's Donut Party by collecting the largest average amount on donations?

Picture Retakes - Friday, October 23 - 8:30-10:30 am

Lower School Parents: Please let the teacher know that your student will be taking pictures. A staff member will pick up your student from the classroom when it is their turn.

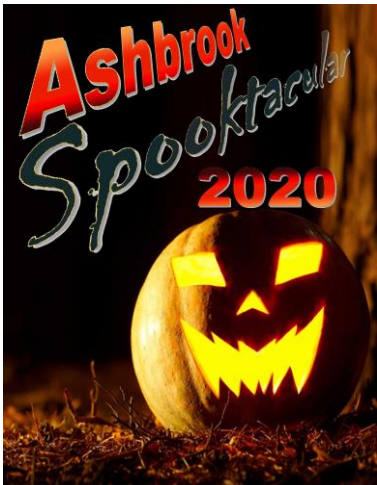
Middle School Parents: Please bring your student to the school between 8:30-10:30. Your student should enter the building alone through the cafeteria double doors. A mask must also be worn when entering the building.

Order forms are available in front of the office or you may order online at Lifetouch.com using the Picture Day ID: ETVVVQS2. If you ordered pictures in September and would like a retake, return the first picture package to the photographer and you will receive the same picture package with the new image. If you do not return the original package, you will receive a new proof and can then decide which image you prefer.

Ashbrook Spooktacular 2020

The Ashbrook staff will be hosting the first ever Ashbrook Spooktacular on Friday, October 30th!

This socially distanced and cohort-sorted event will include a trunk-parade for all students, who can then vote on their favorite trunk. For our Middle Schoolers, we will have a costume-contest and a pumpkin-chunkin' event!



That's right--students who are attending school remotely are welcome to come in costume and participate!

- 4th grade- parents will drop off in fire lane for screening at 1:45 and park in the lot until their students are released back to them at 2:00
- 5th/6th grade parents will drop off in fire lane for screening at 3:15 and pick up in the same spot from 4:00-4:15
- 7th/8th grade parents will drop off in fire lane for screening at 3:35 and pick up in the same spot from 4:15-4:30

Please be sure to take your student's temperature at home before they attend this event!

It is also required that all parents have completed and returned their Parent Commitment Form and reviewed the “When Should I Keep My Student Home?” document that was sent out at the beginning of the school year.

Pumpkin Carving Contest

The pumpkin carving contest is back! Any 4th-8th grader can enter a carved pumpkin for judging. Pumpkins should be dropped off on a table outside of the school on Monday October 26 or Tuesday October 27. (Don't forget to put the student's name on a piece of paper inside the pumpkin or tape it to the side.) Voting is October 28-29; PK-3 students will vote during the school day, and 4-8th graders will be able to vote virtually after we post pictures. Prizes will be awarded at the October 30 Ashbrook Spooktacular 2020 event.

Inspiration from previous years' contests.



Socktober Update

The socks are piling up but we're still not done! You have until Wednesday, October 28, to turn them in. Every Lower School classroom has a collection bag, and there is a clear bin in front of the main doors every day. Keep them coming!

Staffing Update

On Monday, we are excited to have Eric McMurtrey start as our new full-time custodial assistant! Tim Herbert left in September, and since then, Ed Trueblood has been working extra hours to keep up with all of the cleaning required to keep our students safe. Thank you Ed! (And thank you also to Ms. Rachel Terry for stepping in to help during the busy lunch and recess times!)

Eric is returning to the area to be closer to family and comes to us with over 7 years of school custodial experience. We are truly excited to have him join the Ashbrook community!

PTO Staff Appreciation Committee

The Staff Appreciation committee is looking for volunteers to help celebrate Ashbrook's dedicated staff for the 2020/21 school year. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Elizabeth Richardson.

eScrip

Please help the Ashbrook PTO fund great events without lifting a finger. By registering your credit cards and using them to pay at Market of Choice and certain online businesses, a portion of your purchase will be donated to the PTO. There is no cost to you and your information is confidential.

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Current Metrics

According to the Benton County Health Department and the Oregon Department of Education, we are able to continue with in-person classes for K-3 as long as we have no positive cases within our school community unless directed otherwise by the Benton County Health Department.

The metrics for grades 4-8 returning to the building remain the same: Benton County must have fewer than 10 cases per 100,000 and a test positivity rate of under 5% for 3 consecutive weeks. For the most up-to-date numbers, visit the Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 Health page.