

Ashbrook Compass



Dear Families,

During these unpredictable and often worrisome times we find ourselves even more grateful and appreciative of the wonderful things taking place daily at Ashbrook. We are reminded of the care, respect, and love we have for all. We are reminded of our community who supports and encourages each other through challenges. We are reminded of our talented educators who go above and beyond every single day for all students. We are reminded of our students and families who bring unique perspectives and backgrounds that make up our diverse learning community. We are reminded to be thankful for each other and to take time to find all the positives in our busy days.

Each week we engage our community in many of the positives we see taking place at Ashbrook by posting to our social media sites. If you aren't following us on Facebook or Instagram, you are missing out on lots of extra smiles! Join us now to get your daily dose of greatness!

Sincerely,

Rachel Sechler
Interim Head of School

CHALLENGE – NURTURE – CARE - 2020

This week:

October 5 -- Pick-up Day for grades 4-8, 3-5 pm

October 7 -- PTO meeting via Zoom

October 8 -- HOS candidate visit

October 9 -- In-service Day, No School

Upcoming Dates:

October 16 -- Middle School 'A Week' schedule

October 19-23 -- Move-A-Thon Week (more information coming soon!)

October 23 -- Picture Retakes

October 23 -- Middle School 'B Week' schedule

Pick-up Day for grades 4-8 -- Monday, 3-5 pm

It's time to pick-up more materials for your Middle School student! Tables will be arranged in front of the school by grade. Paper bags with your student's name will have the materials teachers would like them to have at home to use for the next 4 weeks.

- Families will enter at the south entrance.
- Drive slowly in the direction of the one-way flow of traffic.
- Stop your car at the grade level table for your student(s).
- You may get out and retrieve your student's paper bag from their grade level table. If you have more grades to visit, then pull forward to the next table.
- Whoever is stepping out of the car to retrieve the bag should be sure to wear a mask.

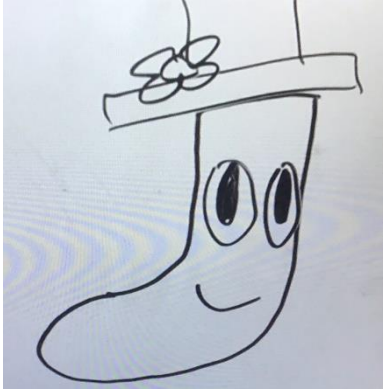
Please keep in mind Lower School releases at 3pm as well so please keep an eye out for students and families crossing the parking lot. Should you not be able to make it during this scheduled time, please email Michelle in the office so we can make other arrangements as needed.

Head of School candidate visits via Zoom

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

Socktober (October 2-28)

Attention Parents and kids,



We need your help reaching our goal of donating 1,000 socks to people in need in Corvallis. You can help by donating new children, women, or men's socks during the hours of 7:45 AM-4:00 P.M. Just drop the socks into the box placed in front of the school from October 2-October 28.

Did you know that 1,200 homeless women, men, and children live in Corvallis? Some live in their cars, others live in tents or shelters. Socktober supports homeless people by giving donated socks to The Community Consortium.

Thank you for giving generously!

The Ashbrook Fourth-Grade Class

Please welcome Lori Tully to the Board of Trustees!

The Ashbrook Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that we have added a new member to the Board. Lori Tully will be joining the Board as our first alumni parent Board member. Lori and her husband Chris Beatty joined Ashbrook 8 years ago when their daughter Kylie enrolled in the 2nd grade. Kylie graduated in 2019 and is now doing well in high school starting her 2nd year as a sophomore.

Lori spent much of her professional career at Hewlett Packard-Corvallis as an engineering manager. In that capacity, Lori managed in multiple areas of the company including manufacturing, research and development, big data and new business development. Five years ago, she retired from HP and joined Chris in running Spiritopia, a local distillery and winery located in Corvallis. As a small business owner, Lori was able to bring her experience and expertise to bear in the areas of finance, marketing, sales and staffing / HR.

Lori told us that her primary interest in joining the Board is to help the school continue to be financially secure and continue on its mission to challenge and nurture academically capable students. In fact, Lori indicated that with regards to Kylie's experience at Ashbrook that "she flourished ... both academically and personally and actually enjoyed going to school!". We are pleased to have someone of Lori's experience on the Board as we continue to help the school and its leadership deliver an excellent educational experience to its students.

Thank you,
The Board of Trustees

Drop off bins at Front Door

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!

Last week to apply for a PTO Mini-grant!

The Ashbrook PTO is proud to offer mini-grants again this academic year! 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.

Social Media

Have you liked Ashbrook on Facebook? Are you following Ashbrook on Instagram? We're posting great pictures once or twice a week and we don't want you to miss your student's smiling face if they are featured! Mrs. Sechler even posted a short video of our 3rd graders in gym this week, so check it out!

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. We will continue to monitor the case counts each week and stay in close communication with the Benton County Health Department in order to update you as soon as possible if plans need to change.

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 [HERE](#).