

Ashbrook Compass



Dear Families,

We end our week today and while students have a day off tomorrow, our teachers will be busy attending professional development opportunities of their choice. For this in-service day, the guidance for teaching staff was to select a professional development option of their choosing that would be meaningful to their teaching. In early September teachers started sharing ideas of upcoming webinars and virtual conferences. With social and emotional learning (SEL) at the forefront of our minds due to teaching through a pandemic and our upcoming accreditation visit this year, many teachers started seeking out professional development on various topics related to SEL. Our founders were forward thinking and established a continuing education fund to allow teachers each year to attend exciting teaching workshops.

A few PD sessions in attendance this month:

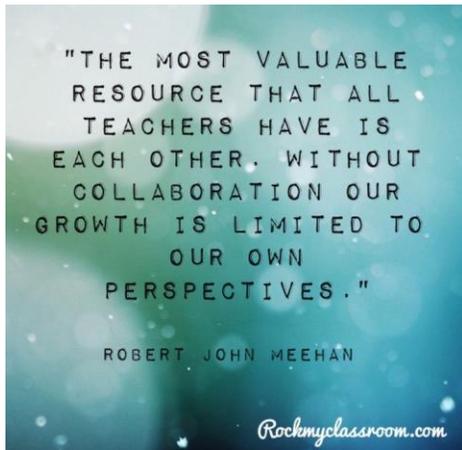
- ONREP: Overcoming Obstacles to Taking Students Outside w/Equity and SEL
- ONREP: Incorporating Nature-Based Social-Emotional Learning in the Classroom
- Character Strong: Adult SEL and Equity Series
- OCTE: Creating a Culturally Sensitive Classroom

We look forward to the collaborative department sharing of resources and ideas as teachers come together to work towards a common goal. Most importantly, not only are our students benefiting from the new methods and strategies, but they are watching their teachers model what it means to be a lifelong learner.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Rachel Sechler

Interim Head of School



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This week:

October 13 -- HOS candidate #3 visit

October 15 -- Shake Out earthquake drill

October 16 -- Middle School 'A Week' schedule

Upcoming Dates:

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

October 23 -- Picture Retakes

October 23 -- Middle School 'B Week' schedule

October 30 -- Halloween Celebration (more information coming soon!)

Head of School candidate visits via Zoom

Our third finalist will be on campus on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. Parent Zoom meetings will be held again at the following times: 8:30 - 9 am, 2 - 2:30 pm, and 5:30 - 6 pm.

In addition, if you have participated in any of the Candidate/Parent Zoom meetings, please provide feedback.

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

During the week of October 19, the Ashbrook PTO is hosting a Move-A-Thon. The main goal of the Move-A-Thon is to get students up and moving during the school day, especially virtual learners. Similar to jog-a-thons of the past, students will collect monetary pledges. However, instead of counting laps on a single day, students will count active minutes they have during school hours (8 am–3 pm) for the entire week (10/19–10/23). Students will be entered to win a prize basket simply for participating (no pledges necessary). In addition, students will work together in an effort to win the Golden Shoe Award and a Benny's Donut party for their class. Plus, the PTO will use the Move-A-Thon funds to purchase items for the school that promote health and safety now and for years to come.

Details to come on Monday, October 12. In the meantime, click [HERE](#) to see how some of the Ashbrook staff are moving and start thinking about how you will get your move on!

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Please help the Ashbrook PTO fund great events without lifting a finger. In years' past, we've had the Summer Pool Party, Sock Hop, Family Fun Night at the OSU MU and much more! Even though we can't plan in-person events yet, the PTO is looking ahead to see what we can do to connect as a community.

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 additional cost to you and your information is confidential. Please consider signing up if you have not done so already. If you're already signed up, please check that your information is up-to-date. If you have any questions or are interested in what the PTO does, please contact Jennifer Chang.

Thank you for your support.

New to the program? Sign up here: <https://secure.escrip.com/signup/index.jsp>

Update your existing account here: <https://secure.escrip.com/signin/index.jsp>

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!

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](#).