

Ashbrook Compass



Dear Families,

I hope you enjoyed hearing from Tze-Yiu Yong and Stephanie O'Connor on why they continue to choose Ashbrook for their family. Next up is Krista Lindberg, our PTO President.

We share these in the Compass, on our Facebook page, and on the Ashbrook website. If you would like your family to be featured in our Parent Perspective series, please let me know.

Rachel Sechler
Interim Head of School



Ashbrook is part of our family. Like every family, we have been through many good times as well as some challenging times. The dedication, enthusiasm and continued support of the Ashbrook staff to provide a nurturing and challenging academic environment for our children through thick and thin has reinforced our loyalty and commitment to the school.

We enrolled at Ashbrook 8+ years ago for the same reason most families enroll: guaranteed small class sizes, foreign language, physical education, art, music, and creative electives. We are thankful for this diversity every day as we watch our kids expand their knowledge and experiences. They are learning to manage academic rigor, think critically, and self-advocate--all characteristics that will help them in high school, college and future life endeavors. Furthermore, the desire of families and staff members to volunteer time and resources to the school is amazing. Ashbrook has so much hidden (and overt) talent! Our entire family has built relationships with staff, students and parents that very well may last a lifetime.

In our opinion, a moral, emotional and educational foundation is critical for a family. Ashbrook has helped foster these characteristics in our children and we are thankful. Ashbrook will always be part of our family.

Matt, Krista, Connor & Keira Lindberg

CHALLENGE – NURTURE – CARE - 2020

Next week:

December 15 -- Buddy Day

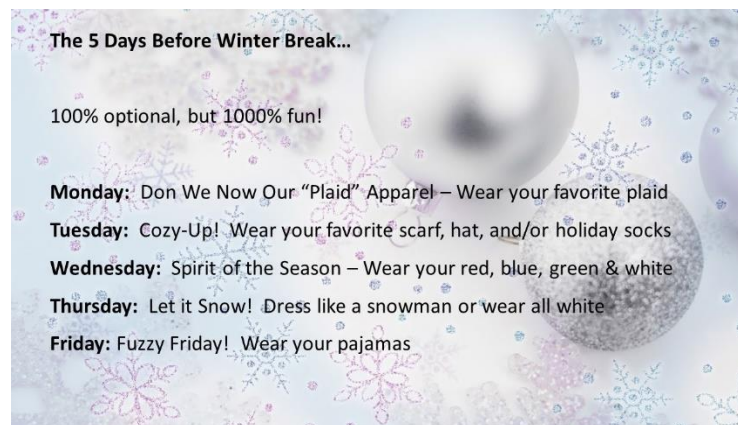
December 16 -- MS Virtual concert

December 18 -- Middle School 'A Week' schedule

Upcoming Dates:

Dec 21-Jan 1 -- Winter Break

Jan 4 -- First Day Back at School



Please support the 2020-2021 Explorers Fund

To watch our Explorers Fund video, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIFEpwphN7U&feature=youtu.be>.

By now, you should have received the annual Explorers Fund letter. We need your help raising \$60,000 so we qualify for matching funds from the Board of Trustees and an anonymous donor.

Go to the Explorers Fund page on the Ashbrook website (<https://www.ashbrookschoool.org/support-ais/>) where you can donate via credit card or EFT/ACH. And please feel free to share the link with family and friends who may also want to support Ashbrook. Ashbrook Independent School is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and gifts may be tax deductible.

Thank you!

Congratulations Aidan Lin!

Fourth grader Aidan Lin is one of this year's winners of the Oregon Blue Book Student Essay contest! Aidan is one of seven winners whose essay and drawing will be printed in the upcoming 21-22 edition due to come out in March. The Oregon Blue Book is the official state fact book about all levels of government in Oregon and is published by the Oregon State Archives, a division of the Secretary of State's Office.

Read Aidan's winning essay on Honeyman State Park at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bAZXC-LU0cqj3ByPiuDfamPqnIC8F7Ob/view>

Hour of Code

Today our K-5 students continued the tradition of celebrating Computer Science Education Week by doing an Hour of Code. The Hour of Code started as a grassroots initiative by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org to show that anybody can learn the basics of programming. It's now celebrated by millions of students around the world.

Thank you to ZZ Zhang and Yoshi Yamashita for helping to lead this important program at Ashbrook.

First Term Art Self-Portraits



Non-Traditional Food Drive

Due to downturns in the economy and employment since the beginning of the pandemic, national food banks are feeding more people than ever before. Today almost 30% of families with children in the US are food insecure. While traditional physical food drives are not recommended during the pandemic, our Ashbrook community can still help. In fact, monetary donations are always the most useful and efficient way to support food banks, due to lower handling costs compared to random donated items and the deep discounts for bulk purchases of both fresh and non-perishable items directly from suppliers. A donation of only \$1 can provide 6 healthy meals for families in need. This year, in lieu of our annual Ashbrook food drive, please consider making a one-time or recurring donation online to our own Linn-Benton Foodshare or to the Oregon Food Bank. And if you and your family have the time, you may even wish to volunteer in person or remotely.

The Vina Moses Giving Tree

Don't forget--the 5th and 6th graders have teamed up to support, advertise, and communicate with others about The Vina Moses Giving Tree. Please visit the Giving Tree website: <https://www.vinamoses.org/giving-tree>

COVID Update

ODE and OHA require that schools transition to online learning when cases exceed 100 per 100,000. The Benton County Health Department does not recommend any school to be open for in-person learning at this time.

All classes for grades K-8 are currently learning online, and when surveyed, 75% of families agreed to waiting until after the New Year to determine a further transition plan.

Current Metrics

Benton County is now in the red category. Metrics are released every Monday. For a complete guide to the current metrics, please visit

www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/Documents/Following%20the%20Metrics%20Visual.pdf