

Ashbrook Compass



Dear Families,

As we enjoy the holiday season we are constantly reminded of the special traditions that will look very different this year for many of us. Yet, even with the barriers, many are finding creative ways to safely celebrate the joys of the holidays. At Ashbrook, we look forward every year to all the wonderful traditions that make our school so unique. I have been so proud to see our staff continuing to collaborate in the most imaginative ways to make some of Ashbrook's memorable traditions live on during these times. Here are some of the recent traditions we've enjoyed so far this year...in a new way of course:

- Monthly Buddy Day activities with lower and middle school students
- Jog-a-Thon became a week-long exercise-encouraging Move-a-Thon!
- Halloween festivities - the all new Ashbrook Spooktacular, which may become an entirely new tradition!
- Grand Day - songs, videos, and cards shared with our grand people!
- Scholastic Book Fair - raised several hundred dollars to go to our library!
- Middle School Concert - nothing stops Mrs. Coon!
- Spirit Week Dress up Days - see the pics below!
- Our staff even participated in our annual staff holiday party...a virtual party that is!

We wish our Ashbrook Community a safe and happy holiday season! We look forward to a new year of renewed hope, opportunity, and continued traditions. See you in 2021!

Rachel Sechler
Interim Head of School

CHALLENGE – NURTURE – CARE - 2020

Upcoming Dates:

Dec 21-Jan 1 -- Winter Break

Jan 4 -- First Day Back at School

Jan 8 -- Middle School 'B Week' schedule

Middle School Virtual Concert

The virtual music concert featuring students in Beginning Band, Concert Band, and Collegium will be available until Tuesday, 12/22.

Please support the 2020-2021 Explorers Fund

Donations are starting to come in and so far we have raised almost \$13,000 of the \$60,000 we need to qualify for matching funds from the Board of Trustees and an anonymous donor.

*Please note: Gifts received over the holiday break will be marked as donated by the postmark date. It's not too late to give this calendar year!

To watch our Explorers Fund video, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIFEpwphN7U&feature=youtu.be>. Go to the Explorers Fund page on the Ashbrook website (<https://www.ashbrookschool.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!

If You Plan to Travel, Plan to Quarantine

When it comes to traveling this holiday season, the Oregon Health Authority and Benton County Health Department recommend that you:

- Stay at least 6 feet away from other people who are not in your household, both indoors and outdoors.
- Wear a mask to keep your nose and mouth covered when you are outside of your home.
- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer.
- Look for symptoms of COVID-19, and take your temperature daily for 14 days.

If you travel out of state:

- Self-quarantine for 14 days upon returning to Oregon even if you do not feel sick or have symptoms.
 - Consider getting tested for COVID-19.
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Current COVID Metrics

ODE and OHA require that schools transition to online learning when cases exceed 100 per 100,000 over a 2-week period. **At this time, Benton County is now in the red category with 301 cases per 100,000 for the 11/29 to 12/12 time frame.** The Benton County Health Department does not recommend any school to be open for in-person learning at this time.

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