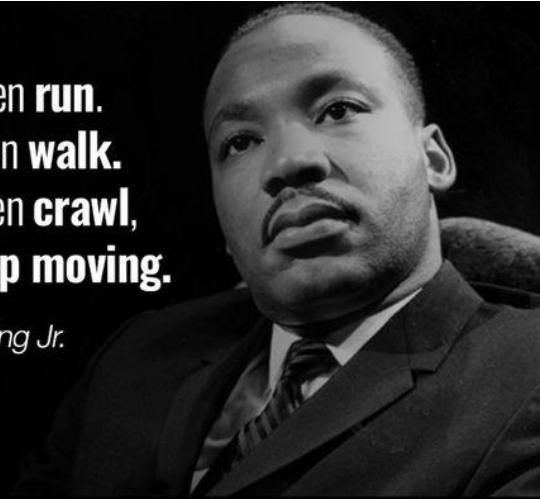


Ashbrook Compass



If you can't fly, then **run**.
If you can't run, then **walk**.
If you can't walk, then **crawl**,
but by all means, **keep moving**.

- Martin Luther King Jr.



Dear Families,

Please enjoy this folder of celebration (link deactivated) as we honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. this weekend. We are excited to share with you a special presentation from our guest speaker Fay Stetz-Waters, the Civil Rights Director from the Oregon Department of Justice. In addition, several MS students offer book recommendations, Rhea Gopal and Violet Peck-Creech read poetry by Maya Angelou, and Mrs. Coon plays a few jazz tunes. Take time to reflect and enjoy, and have a nice 3-day weekend.

Rachel Sechler
Interim Head of School

CHALLENGE – NURTURE – CARE - 2021

Next Week:

Jan 18 -- Dr. Martin Luther King Day; No School

Jan 20 -- Buddy Day

Jan 22 -- Middle School 'B Week' schedule

Upcoming Dates:

Jan 25 -- Grades K-3 anticipated return to in-person learning, to be determined next week

Jan 29 -- LS Virtual Concert

Explorers Fund Update

We are excited to announce that we have raised 71% of the \$60,000 we need to qualify for matching funds from the Board of Trustees and an anonymous donor!

There is still time to donate, of course. Click [HERE](#) to be taken directly to the Explorers Fund page on the Ashbrook website where you can donate via credit card or EFT/ACH. There is a small payment processing fee regardless of how you donate online, but you can avoid those fees by mailing a check directly to the school marked ATTN. Explorers Fund. Ashbrook Independent School is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and gifts may be tax deductible. End-of-Year Contribution Statements

If you donated to Ashbrook in 2020 and need an end-of-year contribution statement for tax purposes, please contact Kelly Tynon at ktynon@ashbrookscool.org. She can generate a statement and email it to you within the day.

Chamber Workshop on "Keeping Children Safe Online"

The Corvallis Chamber of Commerce is offering a Zoom-based Brown Bag Workshop on Wednesday, January 20 at 12 noon titled "Keeping Children Safe Online."

You may also be interested in the Jan. 27 "Protecting Children from Boundary Violations and Sexual Abuse" and the Feb. 3 "Healthy Touch for Children and Youth" workshops as well.

Current COVID Metrics

ODE and OHA advise that schools transition to online learning when cases exceed 100 per 100,000 over a 2 week period. At this time, Benton County is in the red category with 280 cases per 100,000 for the 12/27/20 - 1/9/21 time frame.

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