

Ashbrook Compass



Happy Chinese New Year!

Mrs. Chen created the art you see here to illustrate how Distance Learning has not stopped Ashbrook from providing diverse learning opportunities -- like teaching Mandarin Chinese -- to all of our students.

Her students created the art you'll find in this Google folder (link disabled). Enjoy videos with song and dance and traditions to celebrate. And listen to older students describe how they hope this Year of the Ox will be better than last year.

Enjoy the 3-day weekend!

Rachel Sechler
Interim Head of School

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Next Week:

Feb 15 -- Presidents' Day, NO SCHOOL

Feb 16 -- Coffee with Chris via Zoom, 6 - 7:45 pm (link below)

Feb 19 -- Middle School 'B Week' schedule

Feb 19 -- Lunch forms due (see below)

Upcoming Dates:

Feb 25-26 -- In-service days for teachers - no classes for 4th-8th grades

March 1 -- (tentative) 4th and 5th grades return

March 3 -- PTO Meeting via Zoom, 9 am

March 8 -- (tentative) 6th grade returns

March 12 -- Grade Day, NO SCHOOL

March 18 -- Half day, DISMISSAL at 12 noon, Conferences 1-6 pm

March 19 -- Conferences 8 am - 2 pm, NO SCHOOL

March 22-26 -- Spring Break, NO SCHOOL

March 29 -- (tentative) 7th and 8th grades return

Updated "Return to School" information

Middle School parents may want to re-visit the Return to School portion of our website [HERE](#). You can re-read our Ready Schools, Safe Learners Operational Blueprint for School Reentry and download the Daily Health Screen Tool [HERE](#).

Final Coffee with Chris

Share your thoughts with our incoming Head of School, Dr. Schoberl, on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6:00-7:45 pm via Zoom. If you can't make it or prefer to talk one-on-one, you can also reach him through his Ashbrook email.

Explorers Fund Update

Although you can donate to Ashbrook at any time, our big push for the Explorers Fund will end on February 28. We cannot thank our donors enough for the \$45,500 donated toward our \$60,000 goal. Any donation--big or small--is greatly appreciated, especially as we start to bring more students back into the school safely.

If you plan to donate later this spring and want to be counted toward our matching goal, you can make a pledge now and fulfill it any time before July 31. Email Ms. Tynon to pledge an amount; 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); or mail 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.

Thank you to the following Explorers Fund donors in the past month:

Doreen Hughes, Lucky and Bernadette Warwick, Chiawen Wu and Thomas Lin, Keith and Beverly Burand, Daniel and Jerri Jessop, Jason and Kathleen Lin, John and Maria Truax, Maarten van Zee, Beth and Matt Truax, Tsuyoshi Yamashita and Zhuqing Zhang, Daniel and Melinda Croft, Anne and Andrew Rice, Carol Alley, Michelle Cordova, Tom Stahl, Barbara Balen, Tze-Yiu Yong and Debby Tao, and Alan and Jennifer Chang.

Lunch Program Resumes March 1

To coincide with the 4th and 5th graders scheduled return on March 1, we will resume cold lunch service delivered to the classrooms. The sign-up form for the remainder of the year is [HERE](#). For those who want to start on March 1, please return the form by Friday, February 19.

New Attendance Email address

We have a new attendance email address for your ease in letting us know about upcoming appointments, early pick-ups, or absences for your student.

Current COVID Metrics

At this time, Benton County is in the orange category with 240 cases per 100,000 for the 1/24/20 - 2/6/21 time frame. ODE and OHA advise that elementary schools can prioritize careful phasing in of on-site or hybrid learning with county case rates less than 350 over a 2-week period, and schools are not advised to reduce in-person learning or return to distance learning based on metrics as long as the school can demonstrate the ability to limit transmission in the school environment.

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