

# Ashbrook Compass



Parent Teacher Conferences are next week! These meetings are an important opportunity to learn about your student's progress this year and discuss goals to work towards to prepare for next year. Please be sure to sign up for a time to meet with all of your student's teachers.

Watch this video [HERE](#) to view the process or go directly to the [Parent Teacher Conference Folder](#) with the sign-up sheets for each department. Remember to scroll to the next tabs at the bottom of each sheet to find each teacher's sign-up sheet.

March 18th - Half day of school - conferences start at 1:00 PM

March 19th - No school day - conferences start at 8:00 AM

Let me know if you have any questions!

Rachel Sechler  
Interim Head of School

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## Next Week:

**March 15** -- 6th grade returns

**March 16** -- Founders' Day -- check email on Tuesday for a link to our Event folder!

**March 17** -- MS Concert

**March 18** -- Half day, DISMISSAL at 12 noon, Conferences 1-6 pm (no after-care for K-3)

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

## Upcoming Dates:

**March 22-26** -- Spring Break, NO SCHOOL\*

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

Updated -- [2020-21 School Year Event Calendar](#)

New -- [2021-22 School Year Event Calendar \(DRAFT\)](#)

\*Per OHA guidelines: If you plan to travel out-of-state or out of the country over Spring Break, we expect your student to be quarantined for 14 days upon return, as it is the safest option to prevent the spread of Covid-19 to others. However, they may come back to school after 10 days if they do not experience any symptoms or after 7 days if they receive a negative test result from an antigen or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test that was conducted within 48 hours of the end of the 7-day period.

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## Continuing Return to School Update -- 6th grade!

The 6th grade students will be starting in-person classes on Monday, March 15th! We are on track to continue to follow our projected timeline for returning the 7th/8th graders on March 29th. Mrs. Sechler is meeting with each grade level a few days prior to their return date to talk through some of the new routines to expect. She has also created a parent version of the new routines to be shared with each grade level as their return date approaches. If you would like a sneak peek of what is being covered, see the following slides: [Student Slides](#) [Parent Slides](#)

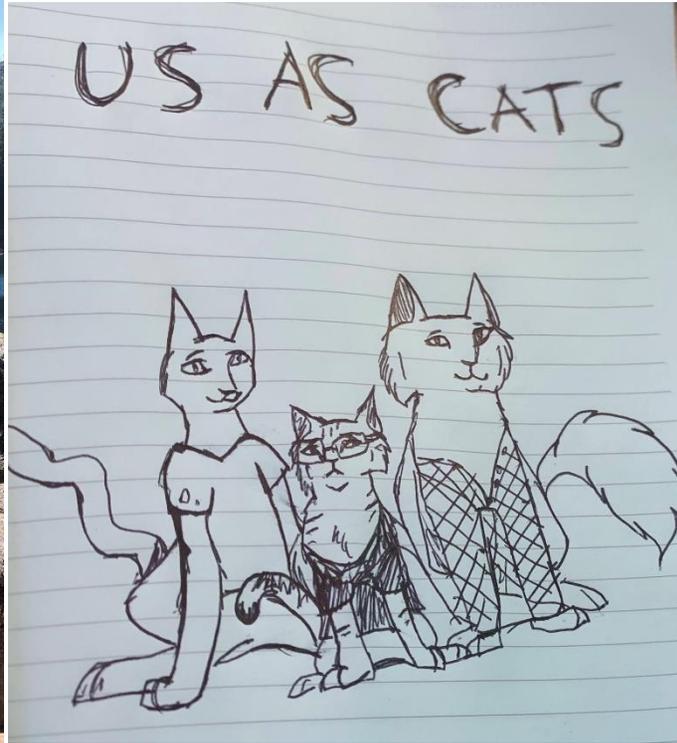
Also, if your student has seasonal allergies:

- what symptoms to expect must be documented for your student since allergy symptoms mimic some of the COVID Primary and Non-Primary symptoms. Otherwise your student must remain home and be symptom-free for 48 hours. Email Carol with student name and symptoms.
  - please administer any needed medications at home to limit Staff contact with your student.
  - if medication must be administered at school, [this form](#) must be completed and dropped off with the medication in the bin outside the front doors.
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## Please Drop-off Items Outside

We are still limiting traffic inside the building as much as possible, so please drop off items for teachers or students on the white table **outside** the front doors. Thank you!

## Parent Perspective from the Terry Family



From a very young age we knew we had a precocious girl on our hands. At the age of 2 she was drawing portraits and asking philosophical questions about what species would be on earth after humans were extinct. She was interested in learning about everything from dinosaurs to the different galaxies in the universe. When she wasn't reading about them, she was drawing them.

This all changed after enrolling her in public school. After her first day of kindergarten, I asked what she learned and she replied softly, "I learned that people yell and push." For 2 weeks we watched our little girl lose interest in learning and then school all together. She had been so excited to start kindergarten but began crying every time we got in the car to go to school. Public school is fine, but we knew we couldn't keep her in that environment so we started to ask friends what we should do. One close friend had her daughter enrolled at Ashbrook and told us that she knew Emma would love it.

She was right. Overnight we had our daughter back. She was excited to learn again and wasn't overwhelmed by an overcrowded classroom. Her favorite thing about school was having art every day. She would come home laughing about something Mr. Olson had said, and it was such a joy to see her enjoy learning again.

Emma is now in 5th grade and still loves Ashbrook. Because of the pandemic we have all been through a rough storm, but Ashbrook has been our rock. The staff has done everything in their power to keep the children on track with their education. We are so happy to have found Ashbrook.

~Rachel, Ash, and Emma (5th grade) Terry

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## **The Summer Program is Back!**

The Ashbrook Summer Program has returned! Our goal is to offer 8 weeks of camps, 5 days a week 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. The program is tailored to current preschool through 3rd grade students. Priority will be given to current Ashbrook students, but if space is available we will open spots to non-Ashbrook students who meet our qualifications for attendance in the program.

Click [HERE](#) to view the Summer Program information sheet that includes the themes for each week and a link to RSVP so you can save a spot for your student.

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## **Enrollment Season has begun!**

We look forward to seeing all of our PS-7 students again in the 2021-2022 school year, and you should have received an email with information regarding re-enrollment. If you did not receive it or cannot find it, please email Ms. Tynon and she will resend it. Or just use the links below!

### **Links:**

[Family Handbook](#)

[Enrollment Contract](#) (now available to sign electronically!)

[Preschool Through 8th Grade Payment Options Grid for 2021-2022](#)

### **Deadlines:**

4/2 - All changes submitted - MSP billing of deposit

4/9 - [Financial aid](#) applications due (accepted 2/23-4/9)

4/23 - Financial aid awarded

4/30 - Deposit due

6/15 - Early bird discount for lump sum tuition payments due

6/30 - Lump sum tuition payments due

8/2 - 10-month payment plan begins

## Recommend Ashbrook and Receive \$100 as a Thank You

Do you know families that are interested in joining the Ashbrook community? We know your recommendation, based on your child's experience at Ashbrook, is the #1 reason other families come to Ashbrook. We love hearing that our families are bragging about us! If you refer a family to Ashbrook and they go through the Admissions process, we will give you a \$100 credit toward your tuition or a \$100 gift card to your favorite store as a thank you for helping reinforce our enrollment efforts!

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## Another Alumni Update

We love hearing from our graduates, and we received an update from **Serita Sulzman**, a 2012 graduate of Ashbrook. Check out what Serita has been up to now on [the Alumni page](#) of our website! If you know of an alumnus who you think should be featured in our social media, on the website, or in the Compass, please have them contact Ms. Tynon.

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## PlanetPalooza 2021 Needs Volunteers

Are you longing to use your planning and organizing skills again? Please consider lending a hand to PlanetPalooza, Ashbrook's premier socially-distanced Earth Day extravaganza! This year's event will be a collaboration between Ashbrook Independent School, the Corvallis Department of Parks and Recreation, the Majestic Theatre, the Corvallis Climate Coalition, and a host of other organizations.

We'll be bringing back the much-loved Procession of the Species parade--but this year participants will stand in well-defined areas allowing them to maintain a 6-foot distance from each other. Instead of the parade moving, a camera dolly will roll past participants and the images will be used in a PlanetPalooza short film to be released on Earth Day.

Filming of the parade will take place on Saturday, 17 April, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Waterfront Park in downtown Corvallis. In order to make the magic happen, we need 5 Volunteer Coordinators, 3-5 Crowd Wranglers, and 3-5 Gratitude Gurus. Please consider donating your time and talent to this community-wide event. Contact Mrs. Washburn for more information or to volunteer.

Many thanks from the PlanetPalooza Supreme Executive Planning Committee!

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## Place Your Order Now for the 20-21 Yearbook

Go to [ypay.lifetouch.com](https://ypay.lifetouch.com) and enter code 12883621 to order your 2020-2021 Ashbrook Yearbook. This year, the price is only \$10.

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## Chromebooks and Chargers Needed Back

As your student returns to the building (or if they already have), please return any Chromebooks and chargers borrowed from Ashbrook. We will need those computers for in-person middle school classes. You can drop them off in the box by the front door.

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## PTO Mini-Grants

The Ashbrook PTO is proud to offer mini-grants again this academic year! Last year's recipients included:

- Tikes Town playhouse
- Middle School Graphic Novel Library
- Choir Club
- Destination Imagination
- First Lego League
- First Lego League, Jr.
- "Eclipse" (student written/produced play)
- Cascades Raptor Presentation

The final deadline for the 2020-2021 academic year is Friday, April 2, 2021. Click [HERE](#) to download the application.

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## Largest donation yet from AmazonSmile Program

Thank you for supporting Ashbrook with your Amazon purchases! The school received its first 3-digit donation from the program last month thanks to the 62 people choosing Ashbrook as their charity of choice. You can sign up through your Amazon phone app or go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

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## **Crafting Supplies Needed**

Due to physical distancing requirements, Mrs. Capps' Spring sewing elective is turning into a crafting elective! Mrs. Capps would be grateful for any unused crafting supplies you would be willing to donate as well as blankets, towels, and clothing (t-shirts, sweatshirts, jeans) that can be repurposed, old wreaths, and drinking glasses that have a smooth surface so students can etch them.

There will be a box by the front door to drop off donations. Thank you!

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## **No Lunch Program / No After School for Grades 4-8**

We do not have enough families participating throughout the week to make the program sustainable at this time. If you are interested, please complete [this form](#) so we can add you to our numbers.

Due to the staffing requirements needed to keep cohorts separate, we are unable to offer the After School Program for Grades 4-8 at this time. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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## **Please use the NEW Attendance Email**

Please use [attendance@ashbrookschoo.org](mailto:attendance@ashbrookschoo.org) for any attendance information about your student - early pick-ups, doctor appointments, and upcoming vacations, including around Spring Break.

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## **Current COVID Metrics**

At this time, Benton County is in the yellow category with 138.8 cases per 100,000 for the 2/21/20 - 3/6/21 time frame.