

Ashbrook Compass



March has been full of celebrations here at Ashbrook! As we look ahead to spring, sunshine, and new beginnings, the laughter in the halls is growing louder each week as more students are returning to the building. Igniting those student connections in-person has been truly magical!

This month we celebrated:

- The return of 4th, 5th, and 6th graders back to the building! It's going smoothly and everyone is settling into their new routines.
- The one-year anniversary on March 11th of when we last closed to all in-person classes and successfully navigated school and learning during a pandemic for an entire year.
- Ashbrook's 24th birthday! Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Gore for founding our beautiful school.
- Middle school student science inventions as they presented their projects in class through the [OSU iINVENT](#) program this week. Thank you to Ms. Steckler for finding an alternative approach this year to ensure our students have a successful science fair experience!
- Our continued partnership and strong relationships between teachers and parents as everyone prepares for 2 days of conferences to work together to help our students grow!

Now, we take all of these positive vibes with us as we all head out to Spring Break. We wish you a restful and safe break.

Rachel Sechler
Interim Head of School

CHALLENGE – NURTURE – CARE - 2021

Next Week:

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

March 26 -- Parent Survey due

Upcoming Dates:

March 29 -- 7th and 8th grades return

April 2 -- Middle School 'A Week' schedule

April 7 -- PTO meeting via Zoom, 9 a.m.

April 9 -- Middle School 'B Week' schedule

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.

Continuing Return to School Update -- 7th and 8th grades!

The 7th and 8th graders will be starting in-person classes on Monday, March 29th! Mrs. Sechler met with each grade level today to talk through some of the new routines to expect.

Seasonal Allergies

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 in the office 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.

Middle School Concert

Our 2021 MS March Concert is now available for viewing (hyperlink removed)! This concert features rehearsal excerpts from Beginning Band and chamber music performed by our Concert Band and Collegium members. This concert will be available until Friday, March 26th when it will be deleted.

Ashbrook is hiring!

We are currently looking for an IT Support Specialist, a School Secretary, and a part-time Summer School Assistant Teacher. For more information or detailed job descriptions, visit the [Career page](#) of our website.

Parent Survey Reminder

Hello Ashbrook Parents!

I know it is a busy time for all of you especially as we are attending parent / teacher conferences and then next week we head into Spring Break. This is a quick reminder that the Board survey for AIS Parents is still open until next Friday (March 26th). The survey only takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete and is mobile friendly! About a third of you have already taken the opportunity to let us know your thoughts on a variety of topics related to the school. The Board uses your input as it works with the school on present and future plans and actions and we want to make sure that your voice is heard. Once the survey closes, we will analyze the results and report back out to you on actions that the Board and school will be taking - the timing of that report out will likely be late May or June.

Have a careful, mindful and safe Spring Break! Tze for the Board of Trustees

A big THANK YOU to the PTO Staff Appreciation committee for dropping off an amazing assortment of goodies to keep us fueled during the Parent-Teacher Conferences!



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!

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.

Enrollment Season is here

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
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Recommend Ashbrook and Receive \$100 as a Thank You

Recommendations are the #1 reason other families come to Ashbrook. 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!

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!

We'll be bringing back the much-loved Procession of the Species parade but 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. Contact Mrs. Washburn for more information or to volunteer.

George and Martha Laid Eggs!

The ducks chose a spot just outside of the 5th grade classroom to start a nest, so Miss Kelley's class will be keeping a close eye on them. There's only 5 eggs now, but a typical clutch can have up to 13 eggs! Once Martha starts incubating the eggs, we may see ducklings in 25-29 days. We will keep you posted!

Can you spot Martha in this picture?	5 eggs so far
	

2020-21 Yearbooks

Go to ypay.lifetouch.com and enter code 12883621 to order your 2020-2021 Ashbrook Yearbook. This year, the price is only \$10.

PTO Mini-Grants

The Ashbrook PTO is proud to offer mini-grants again this academic year! Last year's recipients included the Tikes Town playhouse, the Middle School Graphic Novel Library, the Choir Club, Destination Imagination, the First Lego Leagues, "Eclipse" (student written/produced play), and the Cascades Raptor Presentation.

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

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 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.

Attendance Email

Please use the new attendance email for any attendance information about your student - early pick-ups, doctor appointments, and upcoming vacations.

Current COVID Metrics

At this time, Benton County has 107 cases per 100,000 for the 2/28/20 - 3/13/21 time frame.