

Ashbrook Compass



August 20, 2021

Dear Ashbrook Family,

I am super excited to write to you from the Head of School's Office and cannot wait to start our year: *together!* In fact, this idea of "being together," which is a daily meditation for me as I work to reconcile the variety of news coming from the ODE, OHA, and Benton County, is foremost on my mind as I think about 2021-22. Because I have received several questions about Ashbrook's plans for returning to school, I want to be clear: as of this writing, Ashbrook plans on being 100% in person.

Although this can change in the coming weeks and months, this is where we are, currently. For more details on our plans for the fall, please be sure to keep on the lookout for a mailing from me next week welcoming you back and providing you and your family with more information about constraints connected with the pandemic.

Most immediately, please be sure to read this edition of the Compass and as always, I am happy to answer any questions, so please reach out!

Be well, Doc

Dr. Christopher A. Schoberl
Head of School

Dates to Note:

August 23 -- Office back on regular hours, Mon-Fri, 8 am - 4 pm

August 30 - September 2 --Teacher In-service Week

September 3 -- School Closed

September 6 -- School Closed; Labor Day

September 7 -- 5th grade and New Student Orientation

September 8 -- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL; Half-day

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

Board of Trustees Update

In keeping with our practice of open and transparent communication with the Ashbrook community, here are the highlights from the Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting from July 15, 2021:

- The Board interviewed two candidates for Trustee positions, Kathy May and Jade Chambers. Both parents accepted the Board's offer to join the Board!
- Relative to increasing enrollment, the Board talked about how Ashbrook makes students feel known.
- The Board also talked about the values of diversity and inclusion at Ashbrook.
- The Policy Working Group reported that fundamental building blocks are in place with regards to Board policies. We should be able to start reviewing policies in a regular cadence starting next month.
- The Board thanked Rachel Sechler for her interim year as Head of School leading Ashbrook through some very tumultuous times. Thank you Rachel!

The Board is looking forward to the start of the school year!

Communicating with the Front Office

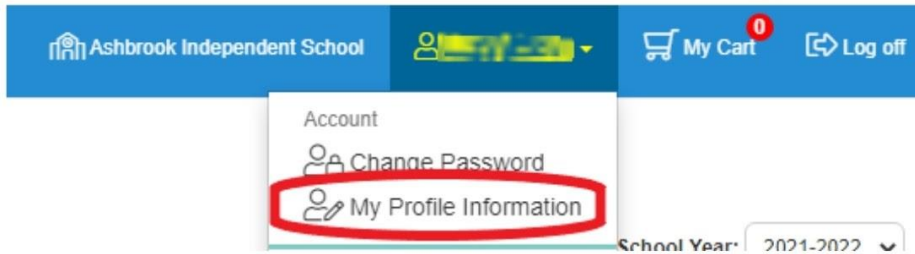
Miss Carol is now officially retired, but Ms. Rachael has settled in quite nicely! Although Miss Carol's email is being forwarded, please use Ms. Rachael's email address of rlevy@ashbrookschoool.org when communicating about your student. Including a first and last name (of your student and yourself) is super helpful until Ms. Rachael gets to know everyone.

Update emergency contacts and pick-up authorizations in MSP

If an emergency happens with your student, we want to get a hold of you and others in your trusted circle quickly. Please be sure to update your emergency contacts information in MSP under My Profile Information.

If an emergency happens to you, we want to know who can pick-up your student. Please update the authorized pick-up information under My Profile as well.

Thank you!



Dress Code

A copy of the dress code is [HERE](#). You can purchase uniform items through [Lands' End](#) (school code 900027194). Spiritwear items--not all of which conform to the dress code--can be purchased [HERE](#).

Before shopping for new clothes, however, you should check out the Ashbrook clothing racks **where every item is only \$1**. Parents have donated a ton of clothing in sizes ranging from from 4 to 16 and some of the items are new or so lightly used they seem new! This month, the clothing racks will be outside the front doors on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, or you can email Rachael in the office to make an appointment (rlevy@ashbrookscool.org).

Rozeanne Steckler selected to participate in National Science Foundation project

Dr. Steckler has been selected to participate in the 2021-2022 Wildfire module field test of the "GeoHazard: Modeling Natural Hazards and Assessing Risks" curriculum project. Dr. Steckler said she was particularly interested in helping to test the wildfire module and computer-based simulation because it's such an important topic for Oregon. Our 6th and 7th graders will learn about the risks and hazards wildfires pose to people and communities in their path. Additionally, they will study the scientific factors that affect the formation, propagation, and intensity of wildfires as well as how and why wildfires turn from a natural phenomenon to a natural hazard.

Important links for "Back to School" preparations

School supply lists can be downloaded [HERE](#).

A copy of the dress code is [HERE](#).

The form to register your student for the 21-22 After School Program can be downloaded [HERE](#).
