

Ashbrook Compass



October 8, 2021

Dear Ashbrook Family,

This month, Mrs. Sechler and I are hosting the first of our monthly “Leadership Coffees” for parents, from 9-10am on Zoom. Kindly use [this Sheet](#) to RSVP and to send us your questions ahead of time, so we can prepare for an hour that is most useful to you.

Through the advice of the Head’s Advisory Committee (HAC), we have staggered the times of these coffees to make them more accessible and will do our best to segment them according to the questions we receive ahead of time. Please keep your eyes on the questions being asked, via your continued access to this Sheet, and adjust your plans and expectations accordingly. For example, if you are a Middle School parent and you see that 90% of the questions being posed are Lower School related, you may decide to pass on this coffee, and in this case, we will try to schedule future Coffees to ensure an equitable balance of topics over the course of the year.

As you consider your questions, please keep in mind that this is a forum to hear Ashbrook’s thinking regarding vision, policy, and broader educational issues. If you have a question or a comment about a specific class and have already spoken with the teacher, please contact Mrs. Sechler or Doc offline, and we would be more than happy to hear your thoughts.

I hope you have a GREAT weekend!

Be well, Doc

Dr. Christopher A. Schoberl
Head of School

P.S. We had a great response to the October Pulse survey, but are still not where we should be. Please take a moment and click [HERE](#) or revisit the email sent directly to you earlier this week. This survey will close at midnight tonight!

Next Week:

October 15 -- [PTO Mini-Grant applications](#) and Summer Months Character Traits entries due

Upcoming Dates:

October 20 -- Coffee/Tea with Leadership, 9 am via Zoom

October 21 -- Movie Night for grades 2-4

October 22 -- Teacher In-service, No School

October 27 -- Last Day of Socktober

October 28 -- Picture Retakes

October 29 -- Ashbrook Spooktacular

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

Coffee/Tea with the Leadership

You are invited to join Doc and Mrs. Sechler over a hot cup of coffee or tea while they answer your questions about all things Ashbrook! These opportunities will be held monthly alternating between morning and afternoon sessions. Please see the dates/times below as well as the link to enter questions you would like us to address. For our first session on October 20 at 9:00am, all questions should be submitted by October 14. We will share some of the topics we plan to cover ahead of time in the October 15 Compass.

Upcoming sessions of Coffee/Tea with the Leadership:

- October 20th 9:00am via Zoom - Enter questions [HERE](#) by October 14
- November 17th 2:30pm
- December 8th 9:00am
- January 26th 2:30pm
- February 16th 9:00am
- March 16th 2:30pm
- April 20th 9:00am
- May 18th 2:30pm
- June 8th 9:00am

Good Reading Habit

Please check your Middle School child's backpack and, among everything else in there, make sure they always have a leisure reading title (a non-school book) with them. This is a book they will be asked to retrieve if there is ever downtime in a class (rare, but it happens), the after school program, or study hall once all assigned work has been completed.

Parent Partner Survey

Thanks to the 22 parents who submitted responses to our Parent Partner Survey! The information you shared will provide our young Explorers with access to your professional, life experience, and recreational interests, skills, resources, and passions. This information has been shared with our teachers, who will definitely be in touch with you if they think your background will enrich the student experience in a class or an assembly.

Our Beginning School classes want you to know that it's Fire Safety Month!

The Corvallis Fire Department is pleased to announce it will host a Drive-Through Open House TOMORROW, Saturday, October 9, from 10 am – 1 pm at the Solar Livestock Barn located at the Benton County Fairgrounds. Visitors will be able to remain in their vehicles as they drive through the barn to look at Fire Department engines, ladder trucks and rescue rigs, and have a chance to see Sparky the Fire Dog.

This year's fire safety theme is: "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety." Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond. Learn the sounds of your specific smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, check the manufacturer's instructions that came in the box, or search the brand and model online. With over 90% of all home fires caused by human inattention, it continues to be extremely important for families to make time for fire safety and share important fire safety information with all family members, particularly small children.

For more information regarding the Drive-Through Open House tomorrow, community members can call 541-766-6961 or email fire@corvallisoregon.gov.

Like Us!

If you love our school, please post a brief comment on each site below (write one review, and cut and paste it 3 more times!). If you do not love our school, please let Doc know why!

- [Ashbrook on Yelp](#)
 - [Ashbrook on Great Schools](#)
 - [Ashbrook on Niche](#)
 - [Ashbrook on Google Reviews](#)
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Socktober is underway!

You can drop off new socks in the bin by the front door or you can buy them online and have them delivered to The Ashbrook Sockdrive, 4045 SW Research Way, Corvallis, OR 97333. The socks will be donated to shelters throughout Corvallis at the end of the month.

ENTRIES NEEDED! STUDENT CONTEST: Summer Months Character Traits

Does your student have some thoughts about what three traits we should add to our Character Trait list for the summer months? Would they like to win a snazzy long sleeve Ashbrook t-shirt AND a free dress day for their entire class? If so, have them write Doc a note according to the following instructions: On a single page, describe each trait and its month and WHY you think it would be important for Ashbrook to adopt (due by the first bell of the day on 10/15).

COVID Reminders to All Parents

Ashbrook has enrolled in Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 Screening Program for K-12 students. This weekly testing program is entirely optional. **You can pick-up a barcoded test kit on Monday mornings from the orange bucket just outside the front door**, test your child that night or Tuesday morning, and return the test Tuesday morning. You will receive confidential results in 1-2 days. For more details, click [HERE](#).

If your student has seasonal allergies or a chronic/managed health condition, please email Ms. Rachael in the office with your student's name and symptoms. These conditions will be documented in the office. A student experiencing a symptom as a result of their known condition does not need to quarantine unless other non-related symptoms develop.

Please remember to screen your child each morning before coming to school. This includes asking your student how they are feeling, doing a symptom check, as well as checking their temperature. If your child is experiencing any of the symptoms on [this list](#), do not send them to school.