

# Ashbrook Compass



November 12, 2021

Dear Ashbrook Family,

I will devote my Compass into this week to congratulating the winners, honorable mentions, and entrants to the Monthly Character Trait Contest. Not long ago, I asked our awesome students to think about character traits for June, July, and August (we already have a great list for the school year), that we could commit to working on "in the off season." I was delighted to receive so many awesome entries, and while they made it tough to choose, here is what we came up with.

Winners of the Summer Character Traits contest are Satya in grade 4 and Saul in grade 2, who win Ashbrook t shirts! Their proposals of Bravery (June), Citizenship (July), and Responsibility (August) were selected from all entries by the Founder of our School and the creator of the original monthly Character Traits, Mr. David Gore.

On top of this, Stella's entry was so well written, that she wins a "most earnest effort" award of a t shirt. Honorable Mention was earned by the entries of Mr. Wilson, the entire 4th grade and, in particular, Orion.

Finally, because the students who entered the contest made the effort, they won for their grades (2, 4, and 6) a dress code free day they can select with the help of their teachers! Thank them when you see them!

Thanks to Mr. Gore and to all who entered, for your bravery, citizenship, and responsibility!

For a full list of entries, click [HERE](#).

Be well, Doc

Dr. Christopher A. Schoberl

Head of School

P.S. Check out this week's Student Compass [HERE](#).

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**Next Week:**

**Nov. 15** -- Philanthropy Class fundraiser starts

**Nov. 16** -- Model UN CrisisCon

**Nov. 17** -- Coffee/Tea with the Leadership and Scholastic Book Fair starts

**Nov. 19** -- Student biome projects presented, by the front doors at 1:35 pm

**Upcoming Dates:**

**Nov. 22** -- Winter Term hot lunch orders due

**Nov. 24** -- Grand Day; Half-day of School; No After-School Program

**Nov. 25-26** -- Thanksgiving Break

**Nov. 30** -- November Admissions event via Zoom, Education is Well Rounded: The Arts as Essential Curriculum

**Save the Date! Dec. 2** -- Middle School Dance and Parent Connection Night (see below for more info)

[2021-22 School Year Event Calendar](#) -- check out the updates!

[Family Volunteer Opportunities](#) -- 7 opportunities available!

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**Scholastic Book Fair Starts Wednesday!**

We need volunteers for the Book Fair!! Visit the [Ashbrook Scholastic Homepage](#) and click on the orange Sign Up button to register. All volunteers will need to complete the 21-22 volunteer forms through the office. These include an updated background screening form as well as a copy of your Covid vaccination status. Please be sure to submit these to Ms. Rachael ASAP.

Use the same link to set-up your students eWallet, a convenient digital payment account so your child can shop the Fair cash-free. Grandparents, friends, and others can contribute to the eWallet to help build your home library.

**And just for you** -- Parent Only Shopping Hour, 2-3 pm every day during the Book Fair!

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**Thank you HP, First Alternative Co-op, and Combat Construction for supporting the Rube Goldberg Machine Contest!**

Thanks to HP coming on as a Partner and the Co-op and Combat as Sponsors, we will now be able to offer scholarships to area teams who may not otherwise be able to compete.

If you own or know of an area business that wants to be a part of this STEAM contest hosted by Ashbrook, please view the preliminary materials [HERE](#). For as little as \$500, the business logo/name would be included in all contest promotional materials, including fliers, ads, and contest t-shirts. Please be in touch with Doc by November 15.

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## **Coffee/Tea with the Leadership**

The November Coffee/Tea with the Leadership is on November 17th at 2:30. Add to [THIS FORM](#) any questions you'd like Doc and Mrs. Sechler to address during this session. Some topics they will plan to cover will include upcoming events such as the Book Fair and Grand Day as well as an overview of what to expect when report cards are sent home in a few weeks.

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## **Philanthropy class student fundraiser**

Mrs. Capps's philanthropy class will be holding a fundraiser next week, and they will be selling handmade items such as scrunchies, play-doh, stickers, coasters, keychains, and more! Most items are priced from \$1 to \$15. There will also be a raffle for a large crocheted blanket, and raffle tickets will be \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20. The funds raised will go towards chickens, a chicken coop, a composting system, a garden, and fruit trees. Look for their table in the commons all week after school.

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## **Parents invited to view 7th grade science projects November 19**

Next Friday, the 7th graders will be available just outside the front doors at 1:35 pm to present their biome science projects. Students will be building models representing a biome enclosure for a zoo that must contain 2 major animals, 2 major plants, 10 organisms, 8 abiotic factors, and more. Come check out what the students are learning!

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## **Grand Day is November 24**

We look forward to celebrating all of the Grand people in our students' lives on Wednesday, November 24th! Mark your calendars for this date as you will receive a folder of special messages from the students as well as a link to join a live event at a tentative start time of 11:40 am!

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## **Zoom Admission Event Nov. 30, Education is Well Rounded: The Arts as Essential Curriculum**

We've scheduled another Zoom Admissions event on Nov. 30, this time with a focus on our educational opportunities in the arts. If you are interested in attending, RSVP [HERE](#). If you want to see slides from our October event, Education is Opportunity: Lifting Up the Bottom vs. Pushing Down the Top, click [HERE](#).

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## Support the PTO YUM-raiser!

The Ashbrook PTO is once again hosting a See's Candy YUM-Raiser this holiday season. See's Candy makes a delicious and easy holiday gift for all the special people in your life - including yourself! Orders are placed on our [Ashbrook PTO Yum-raising website](#) and are shipped directly to you or your gift recipients. Shipping for orders over \$65 is free, orders less than \$65 ship for a small fee. Proceeds go to the Ashbrook PTO to benefit our entire school. The PTO contributes to community building events, educational resources, educational experiences and much, much more! Please feel free to share the website with friends and family and order today!

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## Uniform Donations

Thank you for continuing to donate your student's old uniforms to our clothing racks! Please be reminded that all donations must be laundered, free of stains, tears, major fading and pet hair. If you ever need to look through the racks of uniforms, please contact Ms. Rachael in the office.

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## Parent Connection Night and Middle School Dance Dec. 2

All Ashbrook parents are invited (not just those with middle schoolers) to Parent Connection Night 6-8 pm on Thursday, December 2. We plan to play "Family Ashbrook Parent Feud." You don't have to create a team; we will form teams that night. We hope to see you there!

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## Online shopping reminder --give Ashbrook 0.5% on your eligible Amazon purchases

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support Ashbrook every time you shop, at no cost to you. Sign up at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-1131186> or activate it under Settings in the Amazon Shopping app on iOS and Android phones. Once activated, you'll find the same convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to Ashbrook. Amazon does not share any private information with Ashbrook; we only see how much has been raised on our behalf, how many eligible purchases were made each quarter, and the total number of accounts linked to Ashbrook.

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## COVID News

From Benton County Health Department last week: *Please visit the [Benton County COVID-19 website](#) for upcoming vaccination and testing events. We encourage community members with access to a pediatrician to seek vaccination at their provider's office or local pharmacies.*

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](#).