

Ashbrook Compass



November 19, 2021

Dear Ashbrook Family,

There is so much going on at Ashbrook, it's hard to capture it in only a few Instagram pics each day, so I'd like to use this Compass intro to highlight a few of the wonderful Ashbrook moments I get to witness every day. GO EXPLORERS!

- Dr. Steckler and several Middle School students have formed a weekly Girls in STEM Club.
- Mrs. Capps and the Philanthropy Elective are in the middle of a very successful fundraiser to raise money for a community garden, a composter, a chicken coop, and three chickens.
- As the result of a student contest, we now have a full twelve months of character traits to aspire to and [HERE](#) is a limited edition "suitable for your fridge" poster with all 12!
- Kudos to our awesome Pre K and Second Grade teachers for the fabulous Buddy Day experience they created for their students.
- Our 4th and 2nd graders held a Read In today! What a great complement to the Book Fair, which has been going strong all week and ends Wednesday.

More information and pictures on each of these wonderful moments can be found later in the Compass.

In addition, the November Pulse aggregate results can be found [HERE](#). Based on my conversations with the Head's Advisory Council, we will move to a once-every-two-months cycle for Pulse, so be on the lookout for the next one in January. And if you have any questions or concerns during non-Pulse months, reach out to me directly.

Be well, Doc

Dr. Christopher A. Schoberl
Head of School

Next Week:

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

Upcoming Dates:

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

Dec. 1 -- PTO meeting via Zoom, 9 am (link below)

Dec. 2 -- Middle School Dance and Parent Connection Night (see below for more info)

Dec. 3 -- Grade Day, No School

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

[Family Volunteer Opportunities](#) -- 8 opportunities available!

Lunch Program

Don't miss out on our delicious lunches! Fall term lunches end Thursday, December 2. Winter term lunches start Monday, December 6.

If your student wants their fall order to continue into winter term simply send Elaine an email. If you need to fill out a **[lunch order form](#)** for winter term lunch orders, please send that to Elaine on **Monday, November 22**.

Scholastic Book Fair ends Wednesday

We still have the Parent Only Shopping Hours of 2-3 pm on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday, the Parent Only Shopping Hour is 11am-12 pm. You can also visit the **[Ashbrook Scholastic Homepage](#)** and shop online through November 30!

Grand Day is November 24 -- watch for email with link!

We look forward to celebrating all of the Grand people in our students' lives on Wednesday, November 24! 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!

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](#).

PTO meeting December 1 via Zoom

Come one, come all to the next PTO meeting! We'd love to have you join us and learn more about the PTO. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 9:00 am on Zoom.

When: Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 9 am

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" based on answers from YOUR students! Libations and snacks will be provided. You don't have to create a team; we will form teams that night. We hope to see you there!

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 \$70 is free, orders less than \$70 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! **Last day to order is Friday, December 3.**

Girls in STEM Club

Dr. Steckler and several Middle School students have formed a weekly Girls in STEM Club. They had a planning meeting last week at lunch, where they decided to meet on Thursday evenings from 6-7:30 pm at Ashbrook (Dr. Steckler suggested every other week... but

the girls were adamant about a weekly meeting!) and be guided by the interests of the girls. The photo was from their inaugural meeting on Thursday, November 18. Dr. Steckler and her husband Mike Bailey, a professor in the OSU School of Engineering, ran a similar club when they were in San Diego. They welcome parent involvement and sharing of expertise that might interest the girls, and if the girls express an interest in an area that you might know something about, you could receive a phone call or email from Dr. Steckler! Please feel free to contact Dr. Steckler if you have any questions.

Philanthropy Elective Fundraiser

Mrs. Capps and the Philanthropy Elective students are in the middle of a very successful fundraiser to raise money and generate an awareness of a school project involving a community garden, a composter, a chicken coop, and three chickens. They have been selling handmade and customized items such as coasters, monogrammed drinking glasses, masks, and various types of jewelry. They are also raffling off two handmade fleece blankets. All money raised will go to supporting this agricultural extravaganza!

2nd and 4th grade Read-In

This morning Doc Schoberl was introduced to a student experience he had never heard of before: our fourth grade was engaged in a READ IN! Said Doc, "Leave it to Ashbrook teachers to incorporate interesting and creative experiences for their students. Ms. Jenson told me that this was a reward for all of the hard work that students have been doing, and I could tell how excited they were as they piled out of their cars with favorite books and their sleeping bags, pillows, favorite blankies, and stuffies!" Second grade joined the fun in the afternoon.

PreK and 2nd grade Buddy Day

Kudos to our awesome Pre K and Second Grade teachers for the fabulous Buddy Day experience they created for their students. Making pumpkins, playing Charades, and getting a chance to be outside on such a lovely day made for some fun times for our kids. Being able to connect between grade levels in this way is an important part of what makes Ashbrook such a strong community. Way to go Ms. Wheatley, Mrs. White, Mrs. Wall, and Ms. Jessop!

Spiritopia joins HP, First Alternative Co-op, and Combat Construction in supporting the Rube Goldberg Machine Contest!

Thank you, Spiritopia, for joining as another business sponsor of this exciting contest! If you own a business or know of one that may be interested in sponsorship, please share [THIS LETTER](#).

Also, are you connected with OSU Engineering?

The teacher-coaches of the 10 teams chosen to participate will be meeting on the OSU campus in January. As a part of this meeting, we would love to have a couple of graduate or undergraduate Engineering students greet them and spend time speaking with them about concepts such as transfer of energy and other aspects of the contest as well as how to talk with their young students about the opportunities and challenges of the materials they are being asked to use in building their “complex simple machines.” These two OSU students will be paid a stipend of \$200 each. If you know an OSU Engineering student who may be interested, please have them contact Doc directly at (508) 826-0039 by voice or text.

COVID News

Please visit the [Benton County COVID-19 website](#) for upcoming vaccination and testing events. Benton County Health encourages 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](#).

