

Ashbrook Compass



November 24, 2021

Dear Ashbrook Family,

I am sending you all good wishes for a healthy and happy Thanksgiving. This will be my 60th Thanksgiving, and ever since I can remember, my family (extended and now my own immediate family), has read [The Gift of the Magi by O. Henry](#), a short story about being mindful of the needs of others. If traveling plans involve a lengthy drive, this may be a good solo, aloud, or partner read. If you are not watching football on Thursday and are looking for a good, funny, GREAT family film to watch, check out Mousehunt (here is the [Common Sense Media review](#)) on Netflix, one of my family's faves (I will refund twice the purchase price if you do not love it!!)!! Wherever your plans take you and your family, we look forward to reconnecting with you and those marvelous Explorers you entrust to us every day.

Be well, Doc

Dr. Christopher A. Schoberl
Head of School

Next Week:

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

Dec. 2 -- PTO meeting via Zoom, 9 am (link below) -- DATE CHANGE

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

Dec. 3 -- Grade Day, No School

Upcoming Dates:

Dec. 8 -- Coffee with Leadership

Dec. 16 -- MS Music Concert

Dec. 17 -- No After School Program

Dec. 17 -- 2nd-4th Grade Movie Night, 5-7 pm

Dec. 18 - Jan. 2 -- Winter Break

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

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

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 2 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 usually held the first Wednesday of every month at 9:00 am on Zoom.

When: Thursday, Dec. 2, at 9 am -- DATE CHANGE

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.**

Vina Moses Giving Tree

The 5th grade class is partnering with Vina Moses this holiday season by sharing about The Giving Tree. Stop by to grab a tag or [go online to claim a digital one](#). Please return all gifts to Ashbrook no later than December 9. Enjoy [this video](#) made by the 5th graders telling you about The Giving Tree.

Ashbrook Admission Ambassador REIMAGINED

I recently heard from several parents that the requirements to be a part of AAA (particularly the photo and bio blurb) were obstacles to participating, so we made it simpler: Would you like to help fill our school with even more awesome kids? If so, AAA (Ashbrook Admission Ambassadors) may be your chance!

As an AAA, you would respond to emails from applicant families interested in hearing a parent perspective on Ashbrook. Simply answer the five questions on [this form](#) to indicate the Ashbrook topics you would be comfortable speaking about, and it will contact you with an alias email address (an AAA address that forwards to your actual address so we are not broadcasting your personal email address). That's it... No photos, no bios... Just your availability to answer a few emails a month! The information you provide will be posted on the Ashbrook webpage and look something like this:

- Call Chris S (Chris' family has been at Ashbrook for 4 years and is currently in the 6th grade) if you'd like to know more about: financial aid at Ashbrook, the theatre arts program, or parent involvement.
 - Call Mary J (Mary's family has been at Ashbrook for 8 years and is currently in the 7th grade) if you'd like to know more about: science curriculum, community life, or electives.
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Model United Nations: CrisisCon 2021 recap from Mrs. Washburn

Last week, if you sensed that the world was brought to the brink of international crisis and then pulled back from the edge, you were probably experiencing the energy of the Model United Nations CrisisCon. On Tuesday, November 16, six Ashbrook students took part in this first-ever event. Chris, Yin Yan, Keira, Eva, Kai, and Natalie worked with high school students from around Oregon to solve fictional international crises ranging from an Ebola outbreak on the border of China and Myanmar, to a series of raging wildfires which threatened Rio de Janeiro, to North Korea's invasion of South Korea.

In a nod to the Marvel Cinematic Universe, a bonus crisis involving a shadowy organization known as The Assassins threatened thirty major world leaders. Students reported that they enjoyed the event, and are looking forward to Winter Term's Model United Nations elective.

Well done, MUN-sters!

COVID News

Because there is no practical way for us to ensure that our students remain socially distanced while at recess, please know that, under Benton County ordinance, Ashbrook School will continue masking in outdoor settings.

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](#).

Number of Ashbrook Students Tested for COVID-19

