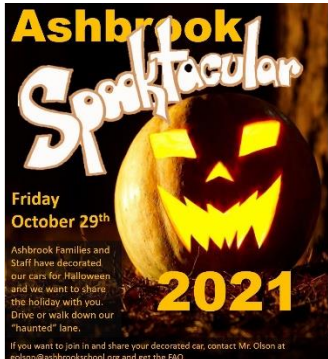


Ashbrook Compass



October 22, 2021

Dear Ashbrook Family,

I am genuinely excited about Trunk-or-Treat! Getting to know Ashbrook and our children through these really enjoyable traditions, such as Bike to School and the 8th grade trip to the OSU Ropes Course, has been a lot of fun! This year, we are proud to announce that we have also invited Adams and Muddy Creek students to drive through our "haunted lane." On top of this, in a wonderful expression of community, we have asked YOU, our parents, to also participate in decorating your cars for our Trunk-or-Treaters!

Please help us make this an amazing event for our children (and the families from other schools!) by signing up to decorate your car. Keep in mind that you do not need to remain by your car: if you are able to decorate it and leave it, you can return at the end of the event to "undecorate" it. (We promise to take good care of your ride.)

Given the many ways that the pandemic has forced us to cancel so much in the way of events and gatherings, it's great that the creative minds among us have rallied and developed such a terrific in-person event. Please join the Ashbrook community by adding your car to the Trunk-or-Treat event on 10/29, and let's make this a GREAT in person Halloween event for our kids!

Be well, Doc

Dr. Christopher A. Schoberl

Head of School

Next Week:

October 25 or 26 -- Pumpkin carving entries are due

October 27 -- Last Day of Socktober and October Admissions Event

October 28 -- Picture Retakes

October 29 -- Ashbrook Spooktacular

Upcoming Dates:

Nov. 3 -- PTO meeting via Zoom, 9 a.m.

Nov. 4 -- Half-day of School; Parent Teacher Conferences 1 - 6 pm

Nov. 5 -- No School; Parent Teacher Conferences 8am - 2pm

Nov. 11 -- Veterans Day, No School

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

Parent Teacher Conferences November 4 and 5

Please be on the lookout for a detailed email in your inbox early next week regarding Parent Teacher Conferences. Parent Teacher Conferences are an important opportunity to learn about your student's progress and discuss goals to work towards this year. Both Zoom and in-person conferences may be available.

Conference dates:

November 4 - Half day of school - conferences start at 1:00 PM

November 5 - No school day - conferences start at 8:00 AM

Love and Logic Response to "My Teacher is Mean"

Enough time has passed in this school year for parents to start hearing a typical complaint from their kids about teachers: "My teacher is mean!" Because we care deeply for our kids, we always want to help them with the problems that they face. Sometimes our efforts might not be the best for our kids in the long run. Click [HERE](#) to read about how to respond with empathy when your student says their teacher is being "too tough."

Socktober ends Wednesday!

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.

October Admission Event being Advertised on FaceBook and elsewhere

Know anyone who might be interested in learning more about our School? Please let them know (and of course, you are always welcome!) about this upcoming event:

Education as Opportunity: Lifting Up the Bottom vs. Pushing Down the Top

October 27th, 6:30-8:00PM

Join the Ashbrook Head of School Dr. Chris Schoberl and members of the Ashbrook mathematics and science faculty as they address how Ashbrook works to provide every student with the opportunity to be their best selves. Learn how Ashbrook allows students access to math and science courses based on their current state of understanding and their level of interest rather than solely upon grade level. Finish this meeting with a virtual walking tour of our beautiful campus and a Q and A session to address your thoughts. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Picture Retakes

Picture Retakes are scheduled for Thursday, October 28th. Please email Ms. Rachael by Wednesday, October 27 if your child will need their picture retaken and she will fetch them at their grade's scheduled retake time. No extra paperwork is needed, but please send the original photographs with your student to give back to the photographer.

To order retaken pictures, visit mylifetouch.com with the Picture Day ID: EVTCS44D3

2nd Annual Ashbrook Spooktacular is Friday, October 29!

If you want to participate in the car decoration part of the event, please sign up for a parking spot by contacting Mr. Olson. We need to know how many cars to save spaces for. The area for teachers will be just past the playground in the fire lane, and the area for parents will be in the upper parking lot on the music room side of the staff parking lot.

The cars will have to be left for several hours so you should plan ahead. (Cars must be set-up by 12:30 pm and left until after student pick-up.) If you want to drop your decorated car off at the beginning of school and pick it up later in the afternoon, it will be safe as we will have people who will be watching them.

Prizes will be awarded to the scariest, funniest, most creative, and most original cars, but please remember that we do not allow overly violent or bloody displays or weapons (even fake ones).

Halloween Costumes

Please remember when preparing for Halloween that your child's costume needs to be school appropriate. This means no blood, gore, or weapons. Students will come to school in their costume but please know that they will be outside for recess so regular shoes are required. Keep in mind that your student will be wearing their costume all day, so they need to be able to independently manage their costume during recess, PE, and when using the restroom.

Finally, even if the costume has a mask associated with it, your student will still be required to wear a face mask underneath.

Oregon Model UN CrisisCon is Nov. 16

The Oregon Model UN CrisisCon will bring together students from across the state to try to solve a rising (fictional) global crisis. The event will be held via Zoom starting at 5:30 p.m.

CrisisCon is a great chance for students in 7th and 8th grade to get some experience with Model United Nations. The event is free, and students need no prior preparation--just a willingness to collaborate, think strategically, and employ diplomacy. Students do not need to be enrolled in the Model United Nations elective to participate in CrisisCon.

Students can sign up for this event by using [THIS LINK](#). Contact Mrs. Washburn with any questions.

Apply to be an AAAA at Ashbrook

Are you interested in applying to be a AAAA (Ashbrook Adult Admission Ambassador)? If selected, you would commit to being accessible (I guess that would make you an AAAAA!), via email, to prospective families engaged in some stage of the admission process. To provide this access, Ashbrook IT will give you an email alias for your website profile (which would look very similar to the profile [HERE](#) provided by Doc as a model). We are looking for 10 AAAAs who will be selected from a pool of applicants based on our effort to provide the greatest variety of perspectives to our hopeful applicant families. If you are interested, please upload a copy of what YOUR profile would look like beneath Doc's (through the link above), and we will be in touch.

Ashbrook Rube Goldberg Machine Contest

Are you a parent with some connection to a Corvallis area business, either directly or through someone you know? Would you like to join other area businesses and the OSU School of Engineering in the creation of an exciting STEAM contest hosted by Ashbrook this winter? If so, please view the preliminary materials [HERE](#) and consider being a Sponsor, Collaborator, or Partner!

We are looking for 10 Sponsors to donate \$500 to the contest and their business logo/name will be included in all contest promotional materials, including fliers, ads, and contest t-shirts.

We are looking for 5 Collaborators to donate \$1000 and they will receive all of the Sponsor benefits plus one company representative will be invited to consult in program development, help choose 10 teams from those that apply, and judge on contest day.

We are looking for 2 Partners to donate \$2500 and they will receive all of the Collaborator benefits plus one company representative will be invited to help choose the task to be performed and provide one Chief Judge (for a total of 2) who is responsible for overseeing the OSU student judging team and process.

If this sounds like your cup of tea, please be in touch with Doc by November 15.

FAQs about Ashbrook's COVID Testing Program through WVT

This week we were back up to 17 families being tested through this program. Since we started our testing program three weeks ago, these are some common questions we have been asked:

Does the program cost parents anything? No, it costs parents nothing to participate: free, nada, zilch.

Why does the website ask us to provide insurance company information? This is so the State can better understand who is using this program and to get a better sense of what percentage of families are struggling with the pandemic because they do not have health insurance.

Does the school see our names or our results? No. Test results are reported to us in the aggregate only (number of tests, number of positives, and number of negatives).

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.