

Ashbrook Compass



March 11, 2022

Dear Ashbrook Family,

When I was growing up, bullying was not a topic that schools spent any time addressing. I guess they just felt that there were some things kids themselves needed to work out. As someone who was bullied, I still harbor tremendous regret and sadness when I think of that little boy I was, embarrassed, inarticulate, socially isolated, worried about being branded a tattler, and not sure who to reach out to. Along with my anemic academic experience, which I have shared with many of you, this is a significant part of the reason I dedicated my life to ... [to read more, see article HERE.](#)

Warm Regards, Doc

Dr. Christopher A. Schoberl
Head of School

P.S. Did you lose either of these precious objects? The one on the left was brought to me by my Kindergarten friend Hazel (Thanks kiddo!), who found it in the parking lot, likely kicked out when someone was exiting your vehicle. The one on the right, not quite as exciting, is from a Ford, and I imagine one of your children, grabbing a water bottle from a drink holder as you drove up to drop off, also inadvertently grabbed this, which stuck to the water bottle JUST long enough for you to drive away. Both currently live on the counter in the main office (grab a bumper magnet while you're at it!)



Next Week:

March 15 -- Advisory Day Schedule

March 16 -- Founders Day

March 17 -- Half-day of school; dismiss at 12 noon

March 17 & 18 -- Parent Teacher Conferences

Upcoming Dates:

March 21-25 -- Spring Break

March 31 -- Admissions Open House, 3:30 - 5 pm

April 1 -- Parent Connection Night Tag Sale Preview (based on your interest)

April 2 -- Tag Sale fundraiser

Save the date: May 14, Celebrate Ashbrook at the Corvallis Club! More details below.

[School Year Event Calendar](#)

[Family Volunteer Opportunities](#) -- 11 opportunities available!

Parent Teacher Conferences are next week

March 17th - Half day of school - conferences start at 1:00 pm

March 18th - No school day - conferences start at 8:00 am

HERE is the folder with the sign-up sheets for each department. (link removed) Remember to scroll to the next tabs at the bottom of each sheet to find each teacher's sign-up sheet.

Admissions and Enrollment Updates

Re-enrollment

The 2022-2023 enrollment season has started! You should have received an email with enrollment steps for the 22-23 school year. Here are some additional documents for your reference as you plan for the new year. Please remember to read the Family Handbook, sign the enrollment contract, and then pay the deposit in MSP in order to finalize your student's enrollment.

- [2022-23 Payment Options Summary](#)
- [2022-23 Dewar Tuition Insurance leaflet](#)
- [2022-23 After School Program Registration](#)
- [2022-23 Ashbrook Family Handbook](#)

Enrollment Deadlines



We have a very healthy application pool for the 22-23 school year! We will be making decisions for new admissions and processing applications on a rolling basis. Once a class is full we will be developing a wait pool. It is important for us to know how many spots we will have available for eligible students. According to the enrollment contract, **Ashbrook needs to know by April 29th** if your family is deciding to enroll for the 22-23 school year. See the timeline for enrollment below:

- 4/13 - [Financial aid applications](#) due

- 4/22 - Financial aid awarded
- 4/29 - Deposit due and all changes submitted
- 6/15 - Early bird discount for lump sum tuition payments due
- 6/30 - Lump sum tuition payments due
- 8/2 - 10-month payment plan begins

Admissions Resources

If you know someone who could benefit, please pass these resources along:

- December Admission Event: 12/7 slideshow, [The Arts as Essential Curriculum at Ashbrook School](#)
 - January Admission Event: 1/19 video, [Ashbrook's Beginning and Lower School Experience: an Excellent Education is Built on a Strong Foundation](#)
 - February Admission Event: 2/10 video, [Math/Science Education at Ashbrook: Lifting Up the Bottom vs. Pushing Down the Top](#)
 - A Second February Admission Event: 2/24 video, [Humanities, Foreign Language, and Physical Education at Ashbrook School](#)
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Congratulations to Kai Yamashita for placing 2nd in the Oregon State Mathcounts Competition! Kai will advance to the National Mathcounts Competition to be held in Washington D.C. on the weekend of May 7-8. Way to go Kai!

Summer Program Teaser

Ashbrook will be offering the most comprehensive Explore Summer! catalog of classes ever! These classes will be available to ALL students, including those not currently enrolled at Ashbrook.

Our Youngest Explorers program (formerly Summer Camp) is for students currently in Preschool through 2nd grade. There will be a different focus every other week starting July 11 and running through August 19. The program is offered as individual weeks or an entire 6-week program and is covered under our Certified Child Care licensing.

The rest of our Explore Summer! program will offer a variety of classes, some for students currently in grades 3 through 5, others for middle schoolers only, from July 11 through August 12. Classes are one week in length unless otherwise noted. The list:

- Explore Corvallis Hikes for students rising to 4th through 9th grades
- Explore Tasty for students rising to 3rd through 5th grades
- Model United Nations: an Introduction for students rising to 5th through 7th grades
- Softball Camp for students rising to 3rd through 5th grades
- Chinese Culture Youth Summer Camp for students rising to Kindergarten through 4th grade and students rising to 5th through 10th grade
- Mask Workshop for students rising to 4th through 8th grades
- Technical Theater and Video Workshop for students rising to 6th through 9th grades
- Sizzling Summer Science for students rising to 6th through 9th grades
- AI Adventurers for student rising to 2nd through 5th grades (in cooperation with Inspirit AI)
- 2-week Competitive Math Boot Camp for students rising to 5th through 8th grades (weeks not consecutive)
- 2-week Middle School Band Camp for students rising to 6th through 9th grades with at least one year of band experience

- 2-week AI Pioneers for student rising to 6th through 8th grade (in cooperation with Inspirit AI)
- Writing Workshop for students rising to 5th through 6th grades and 7th through 9th grades (choose 1, 2, 3, or 4 weeks)

A full schedule with descriptions and specific dates will be available on the Ashbrook website next week and a link will be in next week's Compass.

Parent Connection Nights are back!

Do you want to have a Parent Connection Night on Friday, April 1, to preview the Tag Sale fundraiser? You would not be able to purchase items, but you'll have the first peek at the fantastic items for sale at bargain prices. Indicate your interest on [THIS FORM](#) (link removed) and we'll schedule the event if there is enough interest.

We have confirmed a Parent Connection Night for April 28 at Spiritopia! Board of Trustee member and Spiritopia co-owner Lori Tully is inviting up to 30 Ashbrook community members to have a free private tour and tasting at the Spiritopia Tasting Room. Spiritopia is an innovative, award-winning craft distillery and winery located in North Corvallis. They source the finest ingredients (100% natural, organic where feasible) and use their knowledge of chemistry to ferment and distill the best tasting whiskeys, brandy, liqueurs and aperitif wines. All attendees must be 21 and over. Reserve your spot on [THIS FORM](#). (link removed)

Save the Date for the Celebrate Ashbrook Fundraising Dinner, May 14

We are excited to announce that the reimagined, revamped Celebrate Ashbrook fundraising event is all about our current theme of Explore Extraordinary! This "cocktail attire" event at the Corvallis Club is a dinner with a special guest of honor speaker--Ashbrook alumnus Sean Hixon! Sean is the [current featured alumnus on our website](#) and he will be speaking about his adventures and explorations to Easter Island, Madagascar, Germany, and beyond. Tickets are \$175 per person, which includes appetizers, a plated dinner, dessert, and 2 drink tickets. More details and a reservation form will be coming soon, but you will NOT want to miss this gala shindig!

Pictures from last night's Middle School Concert



Dress Code Reminder

As we head into warmer weather this Spring, please review [the school's dress code](#) with your student. It may be time to shop if your student has grown over the winter, so contact Miss Rachael in the office if you want to browse the clothing racks at school.

Also, when we have no school on Fridays, dress code is still expected on Thursdays.

It's not too late to donate items or volunteer for the Tag Sale Fundraiser April 2!

If you still have items to donate for the upcoming Tag Sale fundraiser, there is still time! A collection table will be just inside the front door of the school during Parent Teacher Conferences. Parent volunteer Michelle Ryan needs volunteers to help set-up Friday, April 1 and during the sale on Saturday, April 2. Please visit [THIS FORM](#) to indicate your interest in volunteering. (link removed)

Staffing Updates, with a special message from Mr. Patane`

Dear Ashbrook parents,

This is your Chef speaking (or writing...). I would like to take a moment to remind you all that our kitchen is currently looking for a part-time assistant to start the next school year 2022-23. The assistant will work alongside the chef (which would be me...) setting up the hot and cold line, serving the students during lunch time and cleaning afterwards. Very easy job, just a few hours a day and you could keep an eye on your student, making sure he/she eats the daily vegetables!!

Also, you would have access to some great benefits, which include an amazing tuition discount (50%!!!), free lunch for you and your student, and the opportunity to take lunch leftovers home. Music will be provided; fun and a good time are guaranteed!! And we do not require you to wear a hairnet!! How cool is that?!

If this sounds interesting, I would encourage you to apply for this position as soon as possible and don't hesitate to contact me may you have any questions or concerns about this position.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Fabio Patane`

Our current job postings:

- [First Grade Teacher](#)
- [Theater Arts Specialist](#)
- [Summer Program Assistant Teacher](#)
- [Kitchen Assistant](#) (As mentioned above, parents of current students encouraged to apply to work alongside Chef Fabio Patanè and receive 50% tuition discount.)

Pictures from Stage Make-up and Actor's Studio classes



Don't forget to order your 2021-2022 Yearbooks!

Go to ybpay.lifetouch.com and search by school or use our code: 12883622 to place your order. All orders need to be made by April 8th.

Still relevant



Doc's Explore Everywhere Campaign -- Great thanks to everyone who has participated! As a result, Doc will contribute \$525 to the Explorers Fund! If you have not yet participated, there are 8 bumper magnets on the coffee table in the main office and 1 more sign (by the entrance to the school) remaining! One last chance for nine more lucky Explorers to participate!

Explorer's Fund -- The Explorers Fund drive is still going strong! The Board of Trustees and an anonymous donor pledged \$50,000 in matching funds, and we are close to meeting our full challenge goal! Click [HERE](#) to be taken directly to the Explorers Fund page where you can donate via a credit card or EFT/ACH. (Tax ID #93-1131186)

Parent Wishlist -- **It's not too late** to add your hopes and dreams for Ashbrook's future! Please use [this spreadsheet](#) to indicate ANY "wishlist" items you would like to see at Ashbrook. (link removed)

Apply now for a PTO Spring Mini-Grant -- The spring mini-grant applications are due March 18. Click [HERE](#) to download the application form with more information on activities/resources that are eligible with guidelines for funding. Send questions to Krista Lindberg or Jennifer Chang.

Family Referral Stipend -- If we end up enrolling a new Explorer family you refer to our school, you will earn a \$100 referral stipend.

Ashbrook Adult Ambassadors -- We have 4 Ambassadors on our website [HERE](#). If you are interested in corresponding via email with prospective parents regarding Ashbrook, please be in touch with Kelly Tynon.

Parent Volunteers - The Office needs your updated COVID card with your booster vaccine. Please email a picture of it to Miss Rachael.

Beyond Ashbrook



The Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis will be on campus during lunch on Tuesday so students to sign up for the Girl Power Summit on April 9.



Ashbrook is hosting the Parents for Education Plus Super Science Saturday on April 16. The educational staff of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) will be coming to Corvallis to offer an exciting variety of classes for K-6th grade children. This event is brought to you by Parents for Education Plus (PE+), a volunteer-run, non-profit organization in Corvallis. Visit ParentsForEducationPlus.org for more information or to register your child.

Save the Date! Corvallis Rotary After 5 presents: The Benton County Written Spelling Bee at the Boys & Girls Club on Saturday, May 21. Any student in grades 1-12 in Benton County is eligible. More information and signup opportunities to follow at the end of March! See the link below for a website of study words: [Spelling Bee Study Words](#)

COVID News

COVID Masking Decision -- While it might be easy to imagine 100% agreement with the statement that the last couple of years have been challenging, this could very well be the only pandemic related thought that we can all agree on. That said, it would probably be tough to find many who are not looking forward to a return to the pre pandemic world where masks are no longer mandatory (though I may need to relearn your name once I can see your whole face!). We're almost there. Now that the state has revised the masking law to make masks optional (as of midnight tonight), [please see Ashbrook's masking policy](#) moving forward.

Following March Break, 3/21-3/25, Ashbrook will ask for all students to be quick tested on Sunday, 3/27 prior to the first class day back, Monday, 3/28. Here are your options:

1. Purchase a quick test and test your child(ren) at home. We would recommend ordering these now as we anticipate a rush on them prior to students returning to school after breaks. If your child is positive, please consult the When should I Keep my Student Home? document [HERE](#).
2. Visit Doc on campus on Sunday, 3/27, and allow him to curb test your child(ren) using the BinaxNow quick test. You will drive away with your test and be in touch with Doc only if it is positive. In exchange, Doc asks that if you have a dog, you bring it so he can get some pets in! If this is of interest to you, please RSVP.

Mrs. Sechler is the contact for all of your COVID questions. Please reach out to her if you have any inquiries about school policy or if you are wondering about specific scenarios related to your family's quarantine or testing status, but [please check here first](#), where you may find your question answered.

Ashbrook has enrolled in Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 Screening Program for K-12 students. For more details, click [HERE](#).

Number of Ashbrook COVID Samples Tested

