

# Ashbrook Compass



April 1, 2022

Tag Sale This Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm



Dear Ashbrook Family,

There is SO much happening at Ashbrook these days! Tomorrow, Saturday 4/2, is our Tag Sale Fundraiser event. Ashbrook parent Michelle Ryan, with the help of several others throughout the day, FILLED the gymnasium with all manner of household items, toys, books, electronics... you name it. If you just LOVE a bargain and are looking for a way to help Ashbrook raise money, please stop by. Doors open at 9am and you'll have until 3pm to wander through the vast array of stuff I saw rolling past my office all day! [Check out the growing list of items and pictures HERE.](#)

The Admissions Open House yesterday was a great success. Families attending greatly appreciated the time we took to tour them through our beautiful space and were grateful for the boots on the ground information, conversations with our staff, and the thoughtful answers to their many questions about Ashbrook. To a family, they were blown away by the beauty of the space and the passion of our people.

Families interested in fun, kid-centered, educational summer programs for their children, whether or not they are currently Ashbrook families, are encouraged to visit the [Summer Programs link](#) on the Ashbrook website. *Keep in mind that our Young Explorers Summer Camp is ALREADY half filled and spots are going quickly.*

Warm Regards, Doc

Dr. Christopher A. Schoberl  
Head of School

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**Next Week:**

**April 2** -- Tag Sale fundraiser, 9 am - 3 pm

**April 6** -- PTO Meeting via Zoom, 9 am (link [HERE](#))

**April 7-9** -- MUN Spring Con (virtual)

**Upcoming Dates:**

**April 15** -- PTO Jog-a-thon

**April 22** -- Teacher In Service Day; No School

*May 14 -- Celebrate Ashbrook at the Corvallis Club! More details below.*

[School Year Event Calendar](#)

[Family Volunteer Opportunities](#) -- 10 opportunities available!

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**Tag Sale Open tomorrow, 9 am - 3 pm! Just a small sample of what is available to purchase tomorrow. For more pictures, visit <http://www.ashbrookschool.org/tag-sale/>**





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## 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



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. Once a class is full, we will develop a wait pool. If that is the case, it will be enormously helpful to us to know how many spots are

available before the 4/29 deadline because our wait pool will begin to evaporate as eligible students find spots in other schools. 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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## **Student Government Speeches**

Students running for office gave their campaign speeches this afternoon. On display was a tremendous amount of courage, fortitude, school spirit, and enthusiasm. These were recorded (link [HERE](#)) and will be sent to students in grades 5-8 over the weekend, along with the ballots where students will vote for their candidates. (Ballots will remain open until noon on Monday.) Students in grades 3 and 4 will be visited by the Secretary elect to hear about how they go about filling the role of grade representatives (two per grade). If you have a child who ran for office, they will hear the results on Monday, 4/4. You can support them by reminding them that a) you are proud that they had the courage and sense of service to put themselves out there, and b) that not everyone running will be elected to office, though your chances will go up exponentially just by tossing your hat in the ring. If your child is not elected and is taking it especially hard, please let us know so we can support them on this end. Rest assured, we will do our best on this end to provide a soft landing for those candidates who are not elected.

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## Ashbrook Alumnus in the News!

Ashbrook alumnus and Corvallis High School student Pablo Garcia, 15, along with two other students, designed and built an air quality sensor to collect readings around the Hollingsworth & Vose glass fiber plant in south Corvallis. The sensor was part of a science fair-winning project that studied incomes and pollutant exposures. Read the whole article Gazette-Times [HERE](#).

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## Ashbrook Students in the Community



Congratulations to Aleena and Albert Sun, who were recognized for their outstanding work in the Howland Community Art Exhibition. Way to go, Aleena and Albert! I hope you have those masterpieces hanging in a special place.

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## Board of Trustees Update

The Ashbrook Board of Trustees met on March 17, 2022 for their regularly scheduled Board meeting. The items that were discussed were as follows:

- The Board talked about the breadth of financial duties that span across the school as well as the Board. The Board also reviewed various financial questions related to how investments and income show up in the school's financial statements.
- There was a discussion related to our school tuition insurance designed so that the Board could better understand the mechanics of how the insurance policy works with various scenarios.
- Doc took the trustees thru the HOS report including the following items:
  - Enrollment is strong with 47 new students in the funnel. He emphasized, given the strong enrollment, that parents know when the registration deadline is (April 29).
  - The Board looked at updated financials with an eye toward expenses.
  - We discussed marketing efforts including 4 new marketing videos for the school ([Beginning School](#), [Lower School](#), [Middle School](#), and [Specialists and Electives](#)).
  - We talked about school personnel openings including a new inclusion committee that is kicking off.

- There was a review of the burgeoning student government and a possible connection of this effort with the Board.
  - The huge number of [summer programs](#) that will be available at Ashbrook was highlighted.
  - There was a mention of the masking plans moving forward thru Spring Break. (See below for update.)
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## Watch This Space!



Stay Tuned... for the installation of our chicken coop, and the naming of our three chickens! Thank you Student Philanthropy Elective and Ms. Capps! This will be a nice addition to the courtyard where a single planter box currently lives, but we will find another spot for that.

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## Summer Programming at Ashbrook

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 Young Explorers program (formerly Summer Camp) is for students currently in Preschool through 2nd grade and is covered under our Certified Child Care licensing. Starting July 11 and running through August 19, the program is offered as individual weeks or an entire 6-week program. This program is already over half full, so [reserve a spot for your student](#) ASAP.

The rest of our Explore Summer! program offers 23 classes from July 11 through August 12 for students rising into 2nd through 10th grade. The week-by-week schedule is [HERE](#) and reservation form is [HERE](#).

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## Parent Connection Night April 28 at Spiritopia

There are 9 people signed up for the Spiritopia Parent Connection Night April 28 at 6:30 pm. Enjoy a free private tour and tasting at the Spiritopia Tasting Room curtesy of Trustee Lori Tully! All attendees must be 21 and over. The tasting room is small and can only accommodate a maximum of 30 people, so [snag your spot ASAP](#).

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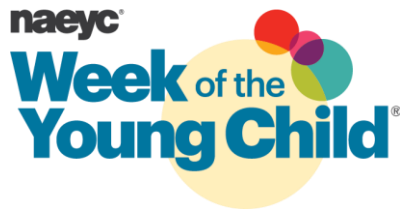


## Save the Date for the Celebrate Ashbrook Fundraising Dinner, May 14

Explore Extraordinary! at Celebrate Ashbrook, Saturday, May 14. 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. Next Friday's Compass will have a link to the reservation form. You will NOT want to miss this gala shindig!

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## The Week of the Young Child



As a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, our Beginning School will be celebrating the Week of the Young Child April 2-8. It celebrates young children from birth through age 8, and it serves to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

Each day, the Beginning School will add an extra activity with the following themes:

- Music Monday -- Music Monday is more than singing and dancing, it's a way to encourage children to be active while developing their early literacy skills and having fun with friends and family!
- Tasty Tuesday -- Tasty Tuesday isn't just about eating your favorite snacks together. It's also about cooking together and connecting math with literacy skills and science while introducing ways to incorporate healthy habits into children's lifestyles. Use the tips, resources, and recipes below to get started.
- Work Together Wednesday -- When children build together they experience teamwork and develop their social and early literacy skills. Grab some materials and create!
- Artsy Thursday -- Children develop creativity, social skills, and fine muscles with open-ended art projects that let them make choices, use their imaginations, and create with their hands.
- Family Friday -- Parents and families are children's first teachers. Family Friday focuses on engaging families to support our youngest learners.

Watch the Ashbrook social media next week for pictures of these fun and meaningful activities!

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## Staffing Updates

Welcome to our new Pre-K Assistant Teacher, Ms. Casey Howard as she joined the Beginning School team this week. The Beginning School enrollment numbers have continued to rise this year leading us to need additional staffing. Here's a little more about her:

Before joining Ashbrook Casey worked for the Corvallis School District with elementary aged children. She started her career in 2013 for the Linn Mar school district located in the state of Iowa. She specialized in working with children who have special needs as well as general education. She has degrees in both education and social sciences and hopes to pursue her master's in education. The mother of two teenage children ages 15 and 14, if she's not running them to band/jazz practice she enjoys reading, exploring the Oregon coast, and cooking.

Also . . .

After 20 years teaching Kindergarten and 4 years as the Lead Pre-K Teacher at Ashbrook, Ms. Vickie Wheatley has decided it is time for her to step back and support the growth of a new Ashbrook lead teacher in the Pre-K classroom starting next fall. Don't worry, Ms. Wheatley isn't going far! She will still be part of the 2022-23 Pre-K classroom, assisting a new lead teacher and getting to do her very favorite things every day...playing with the kids! We are so thankful for Ms. Wheatley's leadership in the Lower School and Beginning School as one of Ashbrook's founding teachers and we are grateful she will continue to support the development of our Beginning School program.

Our current job postings:

- [Pre-K Lead Teacher \(NEW!\)](#)
- [First Grade Teacher](#)
- [PT Theater Arts Specialist](#)
- [PT Summer Program Assistant Teacher](#)
- [PT Kitchen Assistant](#) (Parents of current students receive 50% tuition discount.)

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

Go to [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://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.

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***Still relevant***

**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)

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



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## Beyond Ashbrook

**Heart of the Valley Children's Choir** is now accepting singers in the Mid-Willamette Valley, grades 2nd-12th. NO experience necessary. Rehearsals begin April 4th & 5th. Register online at: [www.HVCCchoirs.com](http://www.HVCCchoirs.com)

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](#)

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## COVID News

**Today is the final day of mandatory masking at Ashbrook School.** To prepare for this shift, which is significant in the lives of our children, [these talking points](#) were shared with them in school this afternoon. Please consider reiterating these points with them over the weekend. What WILL continue until further notice: social distancing, drop off and pick up protocols, cohorting, all lunch procedures, WVT Monday/Tuesday morning test pick up/drop off, and offers to quick tests by Doc.

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 Samples Tested

