

Ashbrook Compass



April 15, 2022

Dear Ashbrook Family,

[Celebrate Ashbrook tickets are now on sale!](#) It is our hope that this event will grow into an annual tradition, a much anticipated nice night out for our parents, and a fun community builder keynoted by an alumnus or alumna who actually IS an Explorer of some kind.

As you may know, this year's keynote address will be delivered by [Sean Hixon, '07](#). Sean was in town earlier this week (visiting from Germany), and I had the great pleasure of spending some time with him and his father.



In fact, Mr. Olson, Mr. Hunt, Ms. Tynon, and I had a chance to break bread with Sean at Taco Vino. Sean is a very impressive young man with a remarkable array of interests and experiences for a person of his years and a really terrific story teller. I loved hearing him and Mr. Olsen and Mr. Hunt recount their Ashbrook experiences, particularly those from the 8th grade trip! As I heard them speak, I found myself a bit puffed up with pride as I heard Sean crediting his Ashbrook teachers with cultivating his passions, inspiring his wonder, and challenging him to grow into the adult I saw sitting before me. You won't want to miss this opportunity to connect with other parents and to hear Sean talk about what he is currently doing and how Ashbrook played a role in his life's journey.

I'll see you there!

Warm Regards, Doc

Dr. Christopher A. Schoberl
Head of School

Next Week:

April 22 -- Teacher In Service Day; No School

April 23 -- Chicken Coop Building Party (see below for details)

Upcoming Dates:

April 25-29 -- Middle School Iowa Testing week

April 28 - Parent Connection Night at Spiritopia (see below for RSVP link)

May 2 -- 3rd grade field trip to Dorris Ranch

May 2-6 -- Lower School Iowa Testing; 8th grade Trip to Seattle

[School Year Event Calendar](#)

[Family Volunteer Opportunities](#) -- 9 opportunities available!

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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Athletics at Ashbrook, a survey

Partnering with Valley League Sports, Ashbrook School is currently exploring the possibility of offering a more robust Explorer athletics program, one sport a season, with the following sports as possibilities.

- Flag Football (coed) or Cross Country (coed): Fall
- Basketball (boys/girls): Winter
- Tennis (coed), Softball (coed), or Volleyball (coed): Spring

Read more about the plan [HERE](#). Would your child(ren) be interested in joining one or more of these teams? Required is a willingness to engage with enthusiasm: experience in the given sport, while a bonus because it would provide a leadership opportunity for those who have played before, is not necessary. Please complete [this anonymous Athletics Program Survey](#) by 4/20 to indicate which of the above Ashbrook teams your child would consider joining, if offered.



(Although we have not yet sealed the deal, I like the way this looks!)

Congratulations to Ashbrook's "Book Cookies!"

The Book Cookies absolutely shined in the middle school regional OBOB competition last Saturday, April 9! Rebekah C., Stella C., Sarah M., and Arlo O. were one of 18 teams competing regionally, demonstrating their detailed knowledge of this year's OBOB book selections by answering multiple series of questions. They competed in our Library with Coach Alecia Christensen on hand for support, parents present to cheer in silence, and Mr. Puettmann involved to ensure that the Zoom venue worked without a hitch. The competition results showed that their dedicated preparation paid off. Our very own Book Cookies prevailed in all their Pool Play battles, moving them forward into the Elite Eight competition, a fete that less than half the teams achieved. We are so proud of the Book Cookies and their coach for an amazing job—yes, in the competition itself, but also in the months of reading, meeting, discussing, practicing, and working together as a team in the months prior to the competition! Simply AWESOME!

The Week of the Young Child

Beginning School wrapped up the Week of the Young Child last Friday with a day focused on engaging families to support our youngest learners. Families enjoyed sharing activities such as charades and enjoyed popsicles. In general, it was a great way to finish their Week of the Young Child celebration!



Planet Palooza is tomorrow, starting at 12:15 pm!

Mr. Olson invites everyone to celebrate Earth Day in-person by participating in the 21st annual Planet Palooza tomorrow! The fun starts with a parade at 12:15 pm in the waterfront park during the opening of the farmer's market and continues with a 1 pm Solutions Fair in the parking lot across from McKinley Skate Park. There will be live activities, art, and music by many local organizations.

This is an Ashbrook-sponsored event with our partners at the City of Corvallis Parks and Recreation office, the Corvallis Environmental Center, the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, 500 Women Scientists, and the Corvallis High School Green Club. Wear your Ashbrook logo gear!!

Congratulation Teddy D.!

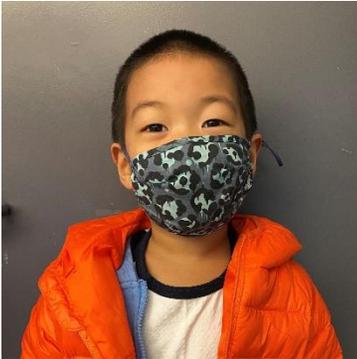
Congratulations to 5th grader Teddy D.! He placed 2nd in the PE+ Scholastic K-8 Chess Tournament! Nicely done Teddy!!

Chicken Coop Construction



Do you want to help construct this beautiful house for our chickens? Are you free on Saturday, 4/23, 10-2? If so, your family is invited to RSVP by emailing Doc to claim the “first come-first served” spots (only 4, lunch provided!) to help Doc take the next step towards completing this project.

Welcome Daniel!



Welcome to our new Preschool student Daniel Wang and his parents Zhouhong and Lin! We are glad you have joined the Ashbrook community!

Explore Summer! at Ashbrook

Our Young Explorers program for students currently in Preschool through 2nd grade is filling up quickly! [Reserve a spot for your student](#) ASAP.

For older students, we have 23 classes offered from July 11 through August 12. The week-by-week schedule is [HERE](#) and reservation form is [HERE](#).

A Monarch Butterfly and a Green Sea Turtle -- ADOPTED!

The 2nd grade Spanish class and 3rd grade French class together raised \$340 by selling recycled animal-shaped crayons! Thank you to all of you who stopped by and supported the students Earth Day (Dia de la tierra/Jour de la terre) Project. Through the WWF, the 2nd graders have adopted a Monarch Butterfly and the 3rd graders have adopted a Green Sea Turtle. They have donated the remaining \$220 to the Chintimini Wildlife Center, a local organization that helps and rescues injured animals.

Thank you again for your support! Muchas Gracias! Merci beaucoup!

Parent Connection Nights

There are 10 spots left for the Spiritopia Parent Connection Night April 28 at 6:30 pm. Enjoy a free private tour and tasting at the Spiritopia Tasting Room courtesy of Trustee Lori Tully! All attendees must be 21 and over. The tasting room is located at 720 NE Granger Ave. Building B in Corvallis. It's the industrial complex just east of Mountain View Elementary school, and our building is in the back right corner of the complex. [Reserve your spot NOW..](#)

We have added another Parent Connection Night to the calendar on Wednesday, June 1. In conjunction with our Festival of the Arts, we are hosting a Paint 'N Sip Night with Mr. Olson at Ashbrook! More details will be coming soon, and we look forward to seeing everyone channeling their inner Bob Ross! Remember . . . "We don't make mistakes. We just have happy accidents."

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

[Tickets are now on sale for Celebrate Ashbrook!](#) This "cocktail attire" event at the Corvallis Club is a dinner with a special guest of honor speaker--Ashbrook alumnus Sean Hixon! Tickets are \$175 per person, which includes appetizers, a plated dinner, dessert, and 2 drink tickets. You will NOT want to miss this gala shindig!

Staffing Updates

Our current job postings:

- [Pre-K Lead Teacher](#)
 - [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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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.

Beyond Ashbrook

Expanding Your Horizons Network powered by Techbridge Girls is offering a middle school STEM conference on May 14. This FREE conference was designed to encourage girls in 6th through 8th grades to have fun experiences in science, technology, engineering, and math while learning about exciting careers.



Corvallis Rotary After 5 presents: [The Benton County Written Spelling Bee](#) at the Boys & Girls Club on Saturday, May 21. Register now!



COVID News

Masking is now optional, but we will continue 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 test 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.

