

Ashbrook Compass



April 8, 2022

Dear Ashbrook Family,

Thank you to all those who made the Tag Sale such a tremendous success, those hosting and those who showed up to support the cause by making purchases of all sorts of great finds, but mostly Legos, it seemed!

Although we did a great job from a fundraising perspective (over \$4000!), this was only one goal of the event. We also did quite a bit of admission business, with an estimated 150 families walking through our campus, "oohing" and "aahing" at "how beautiful this place is," and exclaiming, "I never knew this place was here," or "I had no idea a school could look like this... tell me more." I personally replenished a pile of brochures six times and handed out about 20 business cards, most of them across the backseat minivans and SUVs as I loaded in a bicycle or a chair or a box of Legos.

In addition, the value of this opportunity to build community, both internally and with our Corvallis neighbors, cannot be overestimated! This sort of community awareness also breaks down the myth that Ashbrook is elitist and inspires parents and guardians to envision a future as an Explorer family. In this same vein, now that we have a robust Student Council program, my elected friends will be planning such events as a community car wash or flash mob community clean ups of venues around town, so stay tuned.

Warm Regards, Doc

Dr. Christopher A. Schoberl
Head of School

Next Week:

April 15 -- PTO Jog-a-thon

April 16 -- Planet Palooza, sponsored by Ashbrook, 12:15 - 3 pm (see below for more info)

Upcoming Dates:

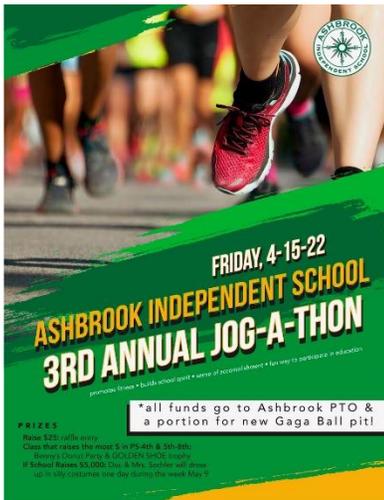
April 22 -- Teacher In Service Day; No School

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

[School Year Event Calendar](#)

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

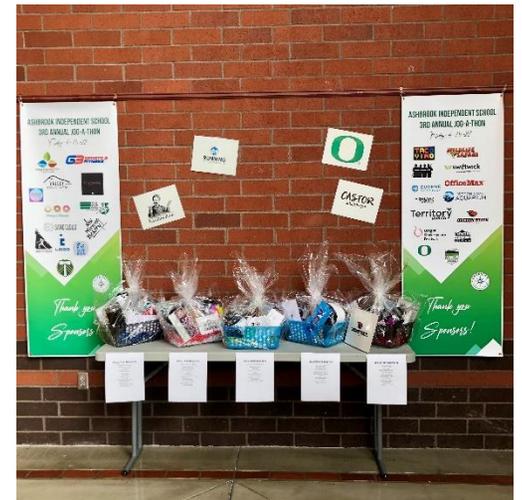
The PTO Jog-a-thon is next Friday!



Is your student ready to help their class win the Golden Shoe trophy and Benny's Doughnut party? How about the chance to win one of the 5 gift baskets on display outside of the gym? Do not forget that supporters can donate electronically [HERE!](#)

Also, the PTO could use your help counting laps next Friday! Sign up to volunteer [HERE](#) and help every student receive an accurate count of the laps they complete. 100% of the proceeds go to the Ashbrook PTO.

This year's goal is to purchase a Gaga Ball pit for the outside play area. Doc swears it will become even more popular than 4-square, which usually has a line of students waiting to play. Here's to more fun (and fitness!) for our students!



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](#)

Ashbrook's Division 6-8 OBOB team is "off" to regionals (virtually)

Rousing best wishes to Ashbrook's 6th grade team "Book Cookies" as they compete in the regional OBOB battles tomorrow, April 9!

Let's hear it for the incredible team members (Rebekah C., Stella C., Sarah M., and Arlo O.) along with their amazing coach (Alecia Christensen)! They have continued to work hard since winning their in-house division competition February 22, practicing for the

challenges of the regional competitions. GO ASHBROOK! GO BOOK COOKIES! We are proud to have you representing our middle school readers.

Congratulations Mrs. Washburn!

Middle school history teacher Marsha Washburn has been accepted into the newest cadre of TedEd teachers. As a member, she will be able to implement the TedEd Student Talks curriculum that walks students through the process of creating their own TedEd Talks. Students in grades 6-8 next year who are interested in the project should sign up for the TedTalks and Genius Projects elective. Student talks may be presented at an Ashbrook forum during the 2022-23 academic year!

Mrs. Washburn has also been added to the panel of judges for this year's Oregon History Day competition. She'll be working alongside other judges to evaluate middle school entries from around Oregon in the "Exhibit" and "Paper" categories. This year's theme is Debate and Diplomacy: Successes, Failures, Consequences. Oregon History Day is an affiliate of the National History Day program, which encourages students to engage in historical scholarship. Next year, she hopes to bring the program to interested students in grades 6-8 at Ashbrook through the Oregon History Day elective. Next year's theme is Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas.

Ashbrook sponsors Planet Palooza again!

Mr. Olson invites everyone to celebrate Earth Day in-person by participating in the 21st annual Planet Palooza next Saturday, April 16. 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.

Community Service project by Miss Elliott's class

The 3rd grade class created bookshelf markers for the AIS library as friendly reminders about using resources wisely around the school. Nice job 3rd graders!

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](#). Check out Mr. Hoge's flyer for his Summer Winds at Ashbrook program!

Help save the Monarch Butterfly and the Green Sea Turtle

The 2nd grade Spanish students have been studying the life cycle of the butterfly and the 3rd grade French students are reading a story about a green sea turtle. They will be raising money to help support efforts to protect the Monarch butterfly and the Green Sea Turtle. To do so they have recycled hundreds of crayons from the Spanish and French classrooms (a collection most likely dating back to the start of the school). We have turned them into fun animal shapes and will be selling them for \$5.00 a set after school on Tuesday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 13.

Thank you for supporting the language program! Merci beaucoup! Muchas Gracias!



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 courtesy 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](#).

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

Tickets go on sale Monday for Celebrate Ashbrook on 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. You will NOT want to miss this gala shindig!

Staffing Updates

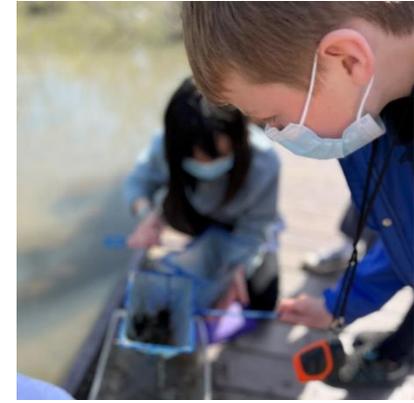
Our current job postings:

- [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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TODAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE to order your 2021-2022 Yearbooks online!

Go to ybpay.lifetouch.com and search by school or use our code: 12883622 to place your order.

The 4th graders got muddy researching the wildlife off the Starker Arts Park boardwalk this week! They looked at life in the water as well as birds and insects.



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

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

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.