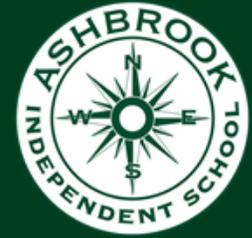


Ashbrook Compass



June 10, 2022

Dear Ashbrook Family,

I really enjoyed talking to the many of you who stopped by our Volunteer Appreciation table at drop off this morning! Honestly, we could not do it without your partnership. To date, a rough calculation of your collective volunteer time, that time we know about, approaches 1,000,000 hours, or close to that... at least that's the way it feels. For those of you who volunteer but who did NOT make it to our table, we appreciate you too, but all the Bennie's donuts and frosty Starbucks drinks are gone :-(. And for all of those who volunteer in ways that are not as visible to us, and we KNOW you're out there, thank you for the time you take to make us a better school.

Be well, Doc

Dr. Christopher A. Schoberl
Head of School

Next Week:

June 14 -- MS Boat Races

June 15 -- Field Day

June 16 -- 8th Grade Graduation

June 17 -- Last Day of School; release at 12 noon

As a special treat, the middle school and lower school teams (with Doc's approval) decided that *the final week of school will be a free-dress week*. We will be employing a "one-strike and it's back to uniform" policy.

Upcoming Dates:

June 20 - September 7 -- SUMMER!

Middle School Boat Races June 14

We are hoping to live stream the Boat Races this year! The boat races are being held at the Corvallis Club swimming pool, so the live stream will be via cell phone. Doc says he has an unlimited data plan, but this would be our first mobile live stream, so technical difficulties could be possible.

Field Day is Wednesday, June 15!

Field Day is quickly approaching us and this year **we are looking for volunteers to help** out with the day! The event will run from 8:30 to 12:00 and we mostly need volunteers to help run our various stations. We are also always in need of any extra canopy / shade pop up tents to help provide shade for our students, staff and volunteers.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mrs. Weber.

8th Grade Graduation June 16

For ANYONE interested in watching our 8th graders complete their Ashbrook journey, please use this link to connect to the live Graduation ceremony: (Link removed)

Reminders to 8th Grade Families: please check your email for a recent message from Doc regarding reminders and “just in time” information about Graduation, and keep these in mind:

- Graduation Rehearsal 6/13 (please read carefully: shoes!)
 - Graduate Lunch 6/13 (have you turned in your grad's 8x10 photo to Miss Rachael? how about their first school photo to Ms. Tynon?)
 - Graduation 6/16, 1-3 (Reception to follow 3-3:30)
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We will miss these crazy humans! It was the last day for Mrs. Capps and Ms. Terry.

We wish them well!



Ashbrook Independent School PTO is now Blue Bag Approved!



There is now another way to help the PTO raise money--donating your can and bottle returns! Starting next week (and all summer), there will be a receptacle by the front door with blue bags that already have the Ashbrook account sticker on them. Once filled, you can return the bags to any redemption center or drop them off on the Ashbrook loading dock and the PTO will return them for you! If you already have a stash of green bags at home, you can still use those and simply transfer funds from your BottleDrop account balance to the Ashbrook PTO Give account online. It's so easy!

Partner Yoga! Ashbrook offers the coolest MS electives.



Please Return Library Books

Please return all books borrowed from the Ashbrook library no later than Tuesday, June 14. The "Return Library Books Here" cart in the Commons just outside the library doors is the preferred place to drop off the books rather than the classroom. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jessop.

It's never too late in the school year to join Ashbrook! Please welcome our new 6th grader Simon Scheessele and his parents Erin and Evan!



Explore Summer! at Ashbrook

There is still time to register for the [Young Explorers Camp](#) and the 3rd through 8th Grade [Explore Summer Program](#). The week-by-week schedule is [HERE](#) and reservation form is [HERE](#).

Staffing Updates

Middle School STEM Teacher

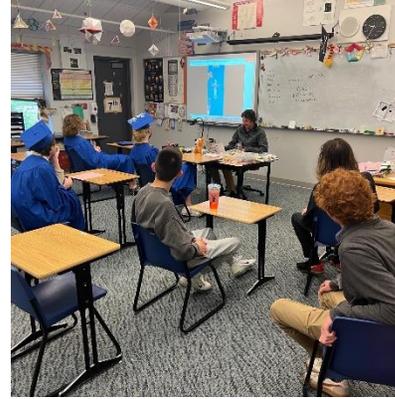
We are pleased to announce that our very own Nikkole Duitsman will be stepping into the position of the Middle School STEM Teacher next year! Ms. Duitsman has been working as an intern teacher alongside Dr. Steckler since the first days of school this year. She's developed positive relationships with the students and even took on the creation of her own elective this spring, Zoology. Ms. Duitsman holds a Bachelor of Science and Master of Education from Oregon State University with a teaching license for grades 6-12. We are excited to have Ms. Duitsman joining the team as an official staff member and we know the students are as well!

And next year's science intern is Kenzie Parsons. She graduates tomorrow with a BS in Chemistry and will be entering the master's program in science education at OSU next year.

Our current job postings:

- [After School Program Lead](#)
 - [Middle School Math](#)
 - [Middle School Spanish](#)
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Former Ashbrook students stopped by during their Corvallis High School Grad Walk! We guess they needed one final lesson from Mr. Olson and Mr. Hunt.



Still relevant

Enrollment dates to remember --

- 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

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

Please do not allow your students to stay and play in the playgrounds. Our outside playground is used by our after school program, and the undercover playground is tidied up at the end of each day by the beginning school. Thank you for your cooperation!

We are in need of used booster seats. If a family has outgrown their booster seats, please consider donating to Ashbrook. Please make sure they have not expired (they have a 10 year expiration date). We use these boosters when families forget to send one for field trips in our lower school and our current boosters are nearing their expiration dates.
