

# Ashbrook Compass



May 20, 2022

Dear Ashbrook Family,

On the Saturday prior to Crazy Hair Day, the first day of a GREAT spirit week, Ashbrook School hosted a wonderful new event called Celebrate Ashbrook. In his keynote address, alum Dr. Sean Hixon, 07, regaled us with his many Ashbrook stories and tales about his “Explorer” life following Ashbrook. Sean shared memories of the 8th grade trip, traveling around the world in his work as an historical archaeologist, and publishing an important paper on how the 13-ton red scoria hats were placed atop the many stone heads punctuating the shores of Easter Island.



Another important moment during Celebrate Ashbrook was the awarding of the Golden Compass to Dr. Michelle Ryan, mom of Sean ‘23 and Annie ‘25 (both Explorers since preschool), for taking on the challenge of managing our first ever Tag Sale. A single Golden Compass will be awarded annually at Celebrate Ashbrook to the person who, in the opinion of the Head of School, has done yeoman service in forwarding the school’s mission and in living the imperative, “Explore Extraordinary!”

Finally, we all enjoyed the lovely music provided by our awesome music teacher Dante Hoge on clarinet and Chris Carrigg on Euphonium, along with the Ashbrook Chamber Players, Alison Li ‘23 on the Violin, Natalie Yong ‘23 on the Piano, and Keira Lin ‘23 on the Piano.

Our Fund a Need appeal this year was to help us purchase at least one 15 passenger van, at a total cost of \$30,000, to support extraordinary programming of not only athletics, but summer programs and field trips as well.

If you missed the dinner, but would like to contribute to our “Fund a Need” appeal of the evening, please be in touch with Kelly Tynon.

Thank you, ahead of time, for any help you can provide in this Fund a Need effort!



Warm Regards, Doc

Dr. Christopher A. Schoberl  
Head of School



*P.S. I need your help with the bunnies this summer. Would you be willing to clean their enclosures, feed, and water them on Friday, 7/1?*

*If so, I can show you how to do this ahead of time. Please be in touch with Doc if you'd like to offer a hand. THANKS!*

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**Next Week:**

**May 26** -- Super-Secret Fun Day

**May 27** -- Teacher In-service Day; No School -- Enjoy the 4-day weekend!

**Upcoming Dates:**

**May 30** -- Memorial Day; No School

**May 31** - June 3 -- Festival of the Arts

**June 1** -- PTO meeting via Zoom **MOVED** to June 8

**June 1** -- Parent Connection Night; Paint 'N Sip

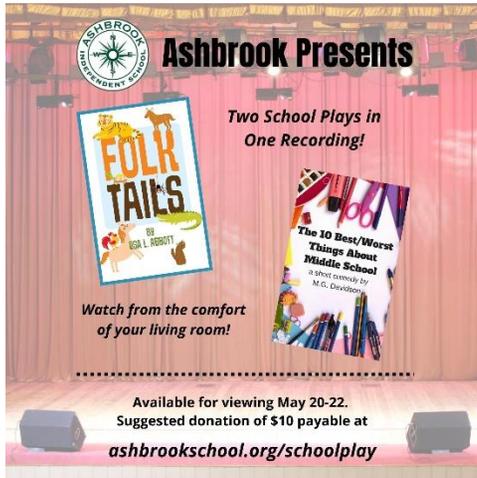
**June 2** -- Festival of the Arts concert at 5 pm

**School Year Event Calendar**

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

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## It's School Play Weekend!



Ashbrook produced and filmed TWO plays this spring, and this weekend your family can watch together from the comfort of your own living room! A suggested donation of \$10 through our website will provide you access to both shows through Sunday. Share this with your out-of-town family and friends because they can watch the plays this year as well!

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## SHHHHHHHHHHHH! Super-Secret Fun Day

As a reminder, we have a super-secret special surprise scheduled for your children on 5/26.

Students in Grades 4-8: Science, Engineering & Art Day with the Corvallis Knights baseball team.  
Students in Grades PS-3: a bouncy obstacle course during PE and a visiting nature show.

For those of you with children walking to OSU for the game, kindly take a look at the weather for the day and dress them accordingly. Please also send them to school wearing good walking shoes, maybe wearing a raincoat, and carrying water, lunch if you did not order the bag option via the permission slip, a snack, sunscreen, and a hat. We will be gifting them an Ashbrook string bag so they will have a place to put it all and carry it to the game.

**Speaking of the Corvallis Knights game . . .** Would you be interested in attending the Knights game as a chaperone from 9 am to 2 pm? Lunch would be provided (including baby carrots, apple slices, H2O and a sandwich). If you can join us, please email Doc by the end of the weekend with your sandwich choice indicating wheat or white; turkey, ham, or hummus; and cheddar, provolone, or Swiss. We are still hoping we can pull this all off without spilling the beans, but it may be impossible at this point, so just do your best.

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The Chinese students have been learning about restaurants, food items, and menus, and the lessons culminated in Hot Pot cooking earlier this week. Ashbrook Founders Dave and Cecilia Gore happily joined in the fun and yumminess!



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## Explore Summer! at Ashbrook

Do you Know Someone Looking for a [GREAT Summer Program](#) for their Kids?

Ashbrook is offering some fabulous opportunities this summer, but they are quickly filling up, so kindly forward this information to those you think would be a great fit.

Preschool through Second Grade [Young Explorers Camp](#): Six weeks of fun, exciting, and educational programming, Monday through Friday, 8:30-3:30 (July 11th-August 19th) on the beautiful campus of Ashbrook School. Week 3 is FULL and we have started a wait pool. [Reserve a spot for your student](#) ASAP.

Third Grade through Eighth Grade [Explore Summer Program](#): Five weeks of exciting summer fun on Ashbrook's campus and in the surrounding Corvallis area: 23 different opportunities to EXPLORE EXTRAORDINARY (July 11th through August 12th). The week-by-week schedule is [HERE](#) and reservation form is [HERE](#)..

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## Computer Security Message from Mr. Puettmann, IT Specialist

Because of how modern browsers save your login credentials, there are risks of your child accidentally gaining access to documents and information intended for you.

There are a couple ways you can ensure your child's Google Drive data is not linked to anything from Ashbrook intended for your eyes only.

The best way is to simply use a separate computer from one your child uses. Make sure you only log in to the private drive on your own computer and never on your child's.

If separate computers aren't an option, you can set up Profiles within the Google Chrome browser on your shared computer. (Find more info on profiles in Chrome [HERE](#).) Once profiles are set up, access private files/data only when in your own profile. Of course, it's never a bad idea, when sharing a computer in this way, to have a conversation with your child about privacy and not accessing your profile.

Your last option is to use a private or incognito browsing window when accessing private files/data. When using a private/incognito browser, no login info or browsing history will be saved and when you exit the window, all access to private data will be inaccessible without intentionally logging back in. (Find more on private/incognito browsing [HERE](#).)

If you have any questions, please let me know!

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**The 5th grade class walked to the OSU Marine and Geology Repository for an incredible field trip. The big group photo is in a freezer that is -20 degrees.**



## Staffing Updates

Our current job postings:

- Middle School Math
  - Middle School Spanish
  - Middle School STEM
  - [PT Theater Arts Specialist](#)
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## Volunteer Library Support Person Needed for Next Year

We are looking for 1-2 volunteers to enter new books into the library database, ready newly added books for circulation by wrapping and applying spine labels as needed, update patron database by deleting former students and adding new ones, prepare and distribute current library cards, check in and check out books.

The position would be for the school year, Sept 8, 2022 – June 19, 2023 or continuing into following school year, if desired. Days and hours are flexible, but they should be during school days/hours. Former library experience is not a requirement. You will receive training and support, as our goal is not only to fill an important Ashbrook community need, but to ensure that the involved parent volunteer(s) have a satisfying, rewarding experience.

Please contact Mrs. Rachel Sechler or Ms. Jerri Jessop if you would like additional information.

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## **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

**Admissions Resources** -- The [Communications from Leadership](#) page on our website now includes all of the Admissions videos. In addition, there are also videos on the website under each academic section of the school: [Beginning School](#), [Lower School](#), [Middle School](#), and [Specialists](#).

**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.

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### ***Beyond Ashbrook***

**Vina Moses Center and Starbucks have teamed up to host a Summer School Drive** to provide Benton County low-income families who are participating in Corvallis Environmental Center's Summer Camps and Vina Moses Center's Back to School Program.

They are asking for \*NEW\* items in children's sizes 3T-18:

- Backpacks
- Water Bottles
- Lunch Boxes
- T-Shirts
- Athletic Pants/Shorts
- Sweatshirts
- Underwear
- Socks

Donations of new items can be dropped off at all 3 Corvallis Starbucks locations from May 1st through May 31st. Gently USED items that fit the description can be dropped off at the Vina Moses Center during donation hours (Monday & Thursday from 10am-12pm and Tuesday from 2-4pm).

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### ***COVID News***

With the Memorial Day weekend coming up, please plan on picking up your WVT PCR test from the orange bucket on Tuesday 5/31 and WVT will pick up on Wednesday 6/1 and publish results after this date.

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.

Number of COVID Samples Tested

