



## Abbott Middle School

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### January Newsletter

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a nice time with your family as you could considering our current situation. Let's hope for a brighter 2021 with a lot of hope on the horizon! As there wasn't a newsletter in December, here is what is going on in the Abbott World...

### Helping those who are less fortunate!

Huge shout out to our incredible community of parents, teachers, and students for raising over 8000 dollars in a short amount of time to donate to families in need during this holiday season. We exceeded our initial goal and were able to purchase and distribute over 70 gift cards from Safeway and Target. Amazing efforts by our Newcomer team, counselors and administration with the help of parent volunteers, such as PTA president Kristi Puls to get the information out, and money coming in. Thank you to all of you who were able to donate! This is one of the many things that makes the Abbott community incredible!

### Asynchronous Wednesday Hubs

We are in the surveying phase of our plan to create both in-person and distance learning hubs to support our students who are struggling the most academically. We are hoping to start in February, which would turn Wednesday's into asynchronous learning days, to provide teachers and students an opportunity to work on focused smaller groups for longer periods of time.

### Zoom

We are slowly moving over to Zoom, as all teachers and students have been assigned Zoom accounts. Teachers are currently being trained on how to best use Zoom as their synchronous learning platform, with some teachers already experimenting with their students. We are looking at the start of the semester as a time that we are fully Zoom implemented!

### Abbott ASB!

Our students came together and voted on officers for our Associated Student Body. The elected officers are: President: Andrew Heneghan; Vice President: Alilia Kaho; Treasurer: Saanvi Divate; Secretary: Lauren Weiner. Homeroom/Advisory classes are preparing to nominate and elect their Student Council representatives this week and next, and we can't wait to get the whole group together to gather ideas and spend some money to make Abbott an even greater place to go to school

### Picture days.

I am so sorry about the last minute announcement that our picture days, initially scheduled for this month were postponed. We are looking at dates in the middle to end of February/early March to reschedule, hoping that our current surge of Covid cases has calmed by then. More information to come, once that get officially set.