

Ashbrook Compass



Dear Families,

Although we are rapidly picking up pace here at Ashbrook to bring the 2020-2021 school year to a close (yes, we are already talking about end of year activities!), we are also eagerly looking ahead to the 2021-2022 school year! As you will see below, we are quickly approaching our deadlines for enrollment. Today is the date enrollment contracts should be submitted in order to reserve your student's spot in the class. We will continue to accept enrollment contracts, however, your student's place is not reserved without this completed contract. If you have submitted your contract then you should receive an email from MSP shortly notifying you that your enrollment deposit has been pushed to your MSP cart. Your student is considered fully enrolled once the deposit is paid.

Links:

[Family Handbook](#)
[Enrollment Contract](#)
[Payment Plans](#)

Deadlines:

4/2 - Enrollment contract due - billing of deposit will begin
4/9 - [Financial aid applications](#) due
4/23 - Financial aid awarded
4/30 - Enrollment Deposit due
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

If you have questions regarding tuition payments, payment plans, tuition insurance, or financial aid please contact Elaine Pettigrew.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any other questions.

Rachel Sechler
Interim Head of School

P.S. Drop off Reminder!

As more families drive around the back of the school for drop-off each morning, please help us keep our students safe by waiting to let your student out of the car until you arrive at their grade level door. Also, make sure your student has their backpack and materials ready to exit the car quickly. This will help to keep the flow of traffic moving at a steady pace. Thank you for your patience and support!

CHALLENGE – NURTURE – CARE - 2021

Next Week: Dr. Chris Schoberl visits!

April 5 -- Meet with Dr. Schoberl via Zoom, 2 pm (see below for link)

April 7 -- PTO meeting via Zoom, 10 am (moved from usual time of 9 am, see below for link)

April 7 -- Meet with Dr. Schoberl via Zoom, 6 pm (see below for link)

April 9 -- Middle School 'B Week' schedule

Upcoming Dates:

April 16 -- Middle School 'A Week' schedule

April 23 -- MS Movie Night (grades 5 and 6), Pizza at 5:30, Movie at 6 pm

April 30 -- MS Movie Night (grades 7 and 8), Pizza at 5:30, Movie at 6 pm

Updated -- [2020-21 School Year Event Calendar](#)

New -- [2021-22 School Year Event Calendar \(DRAFT\)](#)

**** Breaking News ****

Seventh-grader Kai Yamashita placed 1st in the Oregon State MATHCOUNTS Competition and will be competing in the MATHCOUNTS National Competition on May 8-10! CONGRATULATIONS KAI!!

Congratulations also go out to eighth-grader Elizabeth Li who placed 23rd out of the 43 top math students in the state. Nice job Elizabeth!



Mr. Hunt gave Kai and Elizabeth their MATHCOUNTS Chapter Invitational trophies, certificates, and t-shirts earlier this week.

Board of Trustees Update

In keeping with our practice of open and transparent communication with the Ashbrook community, here are the highlights from the March 18, 2021 Board meeting:

- The Board reviewed the progress of current enrollment activity for AY21-22. The school is seeing strong interest for the next academic year. There are still openings in many classes, the Board believes that word of mouth recommendations from members of the Ashbrook Community is one of our strongest promotional tools and we encourage all members of the Ashbrook community to recommend our school to others prospective families.
- The Board discussed a suicide prevention policy and plan for Ashbrook to ensure we are able to support the emotional health of our students at every level.

- The Board will be establishing a working group focused on Board policy; we discussed expanding the working group to other Ashbrook parents outside of the Board of Trustees. If you have experience in writing or shaping policy and are interested in being a part of this working group, please let us know.
- There was agreement on having a Board retreat in May and discussion about the associated deliverables and outcomes for the retreat.
- The Board discussed school finances. We are in the process of finalizing and submitting our application for a 2nd PPP loan.
- The Board discussed the upcoming visit by our new HOS, Chris Schoberl, to Corvallis on April 5th (Mon) to April 7th (Wed). If you are interested in meeting with Chris, please let us know and we will connect you.

Tze-Yiu Yong on behalf of the board

Dr. Schoberl Visits Next Week

Dr. Schoberl will be saying hello during drop-off and pick-up Monday-Wednesday. In addition, he has reserved two times/dates during his visit to meet with current families and answer questions.

PTO Meeting

Come one, come all to the next PTO meeting! We'd love to have you join us and learn more about the PTO. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 9:00 am on Zoom--although this month's meeting is at 10 am!

Date: Wednesday, April 7

Time: 10:00 am

Alumni Update

We received an update from Carly Croft, a 2011 graduate of Ashbrook. Check out what Carly has been up to on [the Alumni page](#) of our website! If you know of an alumnus who you think should be featured in our social media, on the website, or in the Compass, please have them contact Ms. Tynon.

Sunny Days = Sunscreen and Hats

Students may have sunscreen in their backpack or cubby and they must be able to apply the sunscreen themselves. No spray sunscreens please! Hats and sunglasses are encouraged for outside wear only.

Missing Chromebooks -- do you have one?

We checked out many Chromebooks to families over the last year, but we were more concerned with students being able to access their Google Classrooms than we were about tracking the computers. If you have an Ashbrook Chromebook, please email Mr. Hammerstad and let us know the Ashbrook assigned number and the serial number.

Thank you for your help!!

Staffing Update

We will continue to update you on current and new staffing changes for the 21-22 school year. The most recent change is a bittersweet announcement from Olivia Coon. She has been recently accepted into a PhD program (sweet!) that will allow her to continue to develop her career goals, however, this will be a full time program which means she will not be able to continue teaching at Ashbrook (bitter!). This is of course a wonderful opportunity for Olivia! See the message from Olivia below.

Hello,

I just wanted to take a minute to thank everyone at Ashbrook for the time I have spent here. As you may have heard, I'll be leaving Ashbrook next year to pursue my PhD in Music Education. Leaving has been a really difficult choice for me to make, but I feel like it is the right one for me and my family.

I will be helping in any way I can during the transition process in the coming months. My main priority is helping your new music teacher get familiar with the school, program, and all of the hard work your students have accomplished over the past two years!

I feel lucky as a specialist to have gotten the opportunity to meet and work with every wonderful person who makes this school so special.

Thank you so much, Olivia Coon

As a reminder, the following positions are also posted on the [Career page](#) of our website and other hiring sites. We are planning to begin screening the applications for these positions this month.

- IT Support Specialist
 - Secretary
 - Summer School Program Assistant (depending on enrollment)
 - Substitute Teachers for 2021-2022 (this posting is ongoing and has been updated for 21-22)
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Please Drop-off Items Outside

We are still limiting traffic inside the building as much as possible, so please drop off items for teachers or students on the white table outside the front doors. Thank you!

The Summer Camp Program

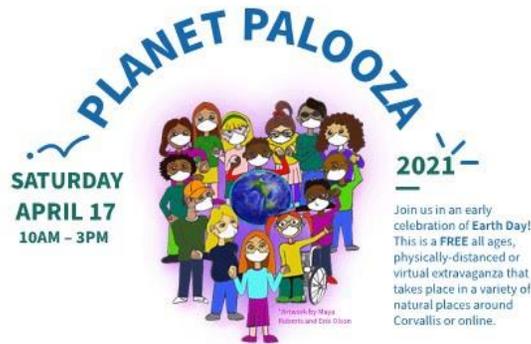
The Ashbrook Summer Camp Program has returned! Our goal is to offer 8 weeks of camps, 5 days a week 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. The program is tailored to current preschool through 3rd grade students. Priority will be given to current Ashbrook students, but if space is available we will open spots to non-Ashbrook students who meet our qualifications for attendance in the program.

Click [HERE](#) to view the Summer Program information sheet that includes the themes for each week and a link to RSVP so you can save a spot for your student.

Recommend Ashbrook and Receive \$100 as a Thank You

Recommendations are the #1 reason other families come to Ashbrook. If you refer a family to Ashbrook and they go through the Admissions process, we will give you a \$100 credit toward your tuition or a \$100 gift card to your favorite store as a thank you for helping reinforce our enrollment efforts!

PlanetPalooza 2021



**SATURDAY
APRIL 17
10AM - 3PM**

2021

Join us in an early celebration of Earth Day! This is a **FREE** all ages, physically-distanced or virtual extravaganza that takes place in a variety of natural places around Corvallis or online.



VIRTUAL
(PRE-RECORDED OR
IN-REAL)

Let's Talk about Climate Change with OSU's Dr. Andreas Schmittner (Zoom/ pre-register) April 17, 12-1pm | April 22, 7-8pm

The Masque of Gaia presented by The Majestic Theatre (pre-recorded)



SELF-GUIDED
(NO REGISTRATION NEEDED,
AT VARIOUS PARKS)

Story Walk: "We've got the whole world in our hands" at Chintimini Park with Benton County Library

Eco Surveys to Monitor Change Raffle by Mid-Valley STEM-CTE Hub with survey forms and info 10am-1pm at Riverfront, and observation sites at Portes, Willamette, Avery, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Park

Bird Tales and Trails with Corvallis Audubon (4 local parks: Bruce Starker Arts and Natural Area, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Willamette and Chepenefa)



IN-PERSON
(AVAILABLE TO REGISTER)

Wonders of the Watershed at Willamette Park with Corvallis School District

10am-10:30 am | 11am-11:30am
12pm-12:30pm

Reverse Parade: Procession of Species at Riverfront Park with Ashbrook Independent School

1pm-1:15pm | 1:30pm-1:45pm
2pm-2:15pm | 2:30pm-2:45pm

Garden Adventure at Starker Arts Garden for Education with Corvallis Environmental Center

10am-10:30am | 11am-11:30am
12am-12:30am

Hike at Chip Ross and Beyond with Avery Rec.

10am-12:30 pm

Wetlands and Birds at Jackson Frazier Wetland with Benton County Natural Areas, Parks and Events

10am-10:45 am | 11am-11:45am
12pm-12:45pm

Pollinators & Planting at Corvallis Community Center

10am-10:30am | 10:30am-11am
11am-11:30am | 11:30am-12pm
12:30pm-1pm

Birds of the Willamette Corvallis Sustainability Coalition

10am-10:45am | 11am-11:45am
12pm-12:45pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO REGISTER, GO TO corvallisoregon.gov/parksrec/page/special-events

All in-person activities follow OHA guidelines for COVID. Please plan to wear a mask and stay physically-distanced from other households.



Volunteers are still needed for the filming of the Procession of the Species virtual parade will take place on Saturday, 17 April, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Waterfront Park in downtown Corvallis. In order to make the magic happen, we need 5 Volunteer Coordinators, 3-5 Crowd Wranglers, and 3-5 Gratitude Gurus. Contact Mrs. Washburn for more information or to volunteer.

PTO Mini-Grants--LAST DAY!

The Ashbrook PTO is proud to offer mini-grants again this academic year! Last year's recipients included the Tikes Town playhouse, the Middle School Graphic Novel Library, the Choir Club, Destination Imagination, the First Lego Leagues, "Eclipse" (student written/produced play), and the Cascades Raptor Presentation.

The final deadline for the 2020-2021 academic year is TODAY. Click [HERE](#) to download the application.

No Lunch Program / No After School for Grades 4-8

We do not have enough families participating throughout the week to make the program sustainable at this time. **If you are interested, please complete [this form](#) so we can add you to our numbers.**

Due to staffing requirements needed to keep cohorts separate, we are unable to offer the After School Program for Grades 4-8 at this time. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Attendance Email

Please use the new attendance for any attendance information about your student - early pick-ups, doctor appointments, and upcoming vacations.

Current COVID Information

At this time, Benton County has 116.6 cases per 100,000 for the 3/14/20 - 3/27/21 time frame.

If your student has been exposed to COVID, we expect your student to be quarantined for 14 days. However, they may come back to school after 10 days if they do not experience any symptoms or after 7 days if they receive a negative test result from an antigen or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test that was conducted within 48 hours of the end of the 7-day period.

Current Testing Sites:

WVT Laboratory, Drive-thru, 366 SW Washington Ave. 11am-4pm daily, no appointment necessary
Rite Aid, Drive-thru, 2080 NW 9th St. 10am-1pm, 2-8pm daily, appointment needed

Benton County Community Public Health, 530 NW 27th St. 8am-5pm Monday-Friday, appointment needed
Urgent Care Clinics operated by Samaritan or the Corvallis Clinic, call ahead for appointments and procedures

Visit <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-covid-19-testing> for a current and updated list at any time.