

Ashbrook Compass



April 23, 2021

Dear Ashbrook Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to follow up with our community with some guidance and safety reminders after today's events. Families were notified today by email immediately after our school concluded a Lockout procedure. At approximately 11:00am an adult female came onto our campus and entered through our main entrance doors. Not being a known parent, the visitor was immediately met at the foyer by administrative staff. At this point the unknown female was asked to leave the building. She left the building but continued to remain on the premises. Front office staff called the Corvallis Police Department to assist and they made contact with the female and removed her from our campus. Per our Standard Response Protocols, because there was police activity nearby, we initiated a "Lock OUT". A Lockout is "Get Inside. Lock Outside Doors, Business as usual." The Lockout remained in place for approximately 10 minutes and then we resumed normal activity.

Although this information is included in the Family Handbook each year, [HERE](#) is a brief parent handout that explains each of the standard response protocols. Please note that "Lockout" has recently changed to "Secure" in this informational guide.

Our students and staff did exactly as they've practiced and followed the protocols immediately today. Although this went smoothly and there was no additional action required today, it is normal to expect our students to be anxious and have a lot of questions. I visited with classes today to provide a similar message as was provided to parents (depending on the age group). I let them know we were taking extra precaution to keep everyone safe and they did a wonderful job. I encourage parents to read through [THIS GUIDE](#) to help support any discussions at home this weekend.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any support at home processing this event with your student.

Sincerely,

Rachel Sechler
Interim Head of School

TONIGHT -- MS Movie Night (grades 4/5/6), Pizza at 5:30, Movie at 6 pm

Next Week:

April 30 -- Middle School 'A Week' schedule

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

Upcoming Dates:

May 3-7 -- Staff Appreciation Week / 8th grade activity week

May 7 -- Middle School 'B Week' schedule

May 7 -- Talent Show submissions due

May 14 -- Virtual Talent Show

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

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

Planet Palooza 2021

Click [HERE](#) to watch a recap video of the Planet Palooza 2021 activities from this past Saturday. This collaboration between Ashbrook, Parks and Recreation, and the Environmental Center is a great opportunity to promote Ashbrook's creativity and character, and we thank the Ashbrook teachers, staff members, and families that participated!



Administrative Professionals Day was Wednesday, and Miss Carol and Miss Elaine were surprised to receive gifts, flowers, and their favorite morning drinks.



Summer Writing Workshop

Ashbrook is offering a Summer Writer's Workshop for students rising into grades 5 through 9. This opportunity is designed for students interested in reinforcing expository writing skills acquired during a year of distance learning, reducing the impact of summer loss, and entering the next grade "writing-ready." This 4-week workshop runs July 19-August 13, meeting 5 days a week, 8:30am to 12:30pm. Spots are available on a first come, first served basis and are open to Ashbrook and non-Ashbrook students.

For more information, click [HERE](#) for the full information flyer or complete the registration form [HERE](#).



Congratulations Ashlin Lockman!

Ashbrook 7th grader Ashlin Lockman and her G3 Volleyball Club teammates placed 2nd in the 14U Division of the Northern California Volleyball Association Far Western National Qualifier! We can't wait to see her 2nd place medal when she returns to school after quarantining.

Parent Advisory Committees

As you may have read in your email, Ashbrook is creating two opportunities for parents to partner with key school leaders.

HEAD'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Convened by Dr. Schoberl and meeting once monthly for a term of one year. The goal of the HAC is to provide the Senior Leadership Team, through the Head of School, with an additional perspective on the tactical or day-to-day operations of Ashbrook. Serving on the HAC counts for Ashbrook volunteer time.

BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Convened by Tze-Yiu Yong and meeting once monthly for a term of one year. The goal of the BAC is to provide the Board, through the Board Chair, with an additional perspective on various strategic aspects of Ashbrook. Serving on the BAC counts for Ashbrook volunteer time.

Please use **THIS FORM** (link removed) to indicate your interest in a spot *on one* of these Committees. In forming these groups, we will strive to assemble a diverse group of people who know our school well and who provide PS-8 representation.

The Summer Camp Program is filling quickly!

Half of the available spots are already reserved for the Ashbrook Summer Camp Program! We're offering 8 weeks of camps, 5 days a week 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. The program is tailored to current PS 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.

8th grade Activity Week May 3-7

Our 8th grade class is well on its way to graduation in June! This year, local activities have been planned so all 8th grade students can safely participate the week of May 3-7. The schedule includes:

Monday: OSU Ropes Course

Tuesday: Mini-golf

Wednesday: Hike/walk in Avery Park

Thursday: Catered Outdoor Lunch

Friday: the new Benton County Historical Museum and Dairy Queen

Permission slips have been sent home as well as posted to the Google classroom. We're looking forward to celebrating our soon-to-be AIS graduates!

P.S. Save the Date of June 17 for 8th grade graduation!



Did you know Ashbrook has a greenhouse? Our Kitchen Assistant Rachel Terry cleaned it up this week and planted vegetable starts for this summer, and the space will be used for several electives in the upcoming 21-22 school year.

Robin Ippoliti Scholarship--Essay Contest

Current 5th – 7th Grade Students are invited to apply for the Robin Ippoliti Scholarship--Essay Contest. Entries are being accepted now through May 21, 2021. The winner will be awarded \$1000 towards Ashbrook tuition for the 2021-2022 academic year. Announcement of the scholarship recipient will be made by June 4, 2021. For more information or to apply, click [HERE](#).

2021 Talent Show

It's almost time for our Virtual Talent Show! Are you a magician? A celebrity chef in the making? Do you have some skateboarding skills you want to show off? Or a musical number to perform? Then submit to the Ashbrook Talent Show!

If you are interested in being featured in the May 14th virtual talent show, email your video submissions by Friday, May 7 to Mrs. Coon. The video will be available via Google Drive for one week. We will need at least 4 student submissions to run the show.

Enrollment for 2021-22 Continues

Links:

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

Deadlines:

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.

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!

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.

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!

Lunch Program / After School Program

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.

We are still able to provide After School care for PS-3 students. The updated registration form for the remainder of the year can be found [HERE](#). Due to staffing requirements needed to keep cohorts separate, we are unable to offer it for Grades 4-8 at this time.

Attendance Email

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

Current COVID Information

At this time, Benton County has 134 cases per 100,000 for the 4/4/20 - 4/17/21 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.

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