

Ashbrook Compass



April 9, 2021

Congratulations Ashbrook! Based on the findings and recommendation of the Cognia Engagement Review Team and Cognia Accreditation Office, a five-year accreditation term was APPROVED and conferred by the Cognia Global Commission on March 30, 2021.

Cognia, formerly AdvancED, nationally recognizes schools that meet rigorous standards focused on productive learning environments, equitable resource allocation that meets the needs of learners, and effective leadership. Earning accreditation from the Cognia Global Accreditation Commission means that the school is accredited, and that Ashbrook is recognized across the nation as a school that meets Cognia Standards of Quality, and maintains a commitment to continuous improvement.

This accreditation demonstrates to our community our commitment to excellence, our openness to external review and feedback, and our desire to be the best we can be on behalf of the students we serve.

We truly do have an excellent school!

Rachel Sechler
Interim Head of School

CHALLENGE – NURTURE – CARE - 2021

Next Week:

April 12 -- Deadline to order yearbooks (see below)

April 16 -- Middle School 'A Week' schedule

April 17 -- PlanetPalooza activities, 12-3 pm (see below for more info)

Upcoming Dates:

April 23 -- Middle School 'B 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

May 3-7 -- Staff Appreciation Week

May 14 -- Virtual Talent Show

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

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

PlanetPalooza 2021 -- Join Us!

Did you know that Ashbrook has partnered with Parks and Recreation and the Environmental Center for over 20 years to create and lead our annual Procession of the Species here in Corvallis? Last year, we had to cancel for the first time ever. But as Earth Day 2021 approaches (in just over a week), we've been working hard once again with our community partners to create something fun, inspirational, and safe!

PlanetPalooza and the Procession are happening on Saturday, April 17th, but as with many things these days, they will look different. This year's Procession is a "reverse parade"; instead of marching in a large group, we will be spread out and physically distanced along the Riverfront. Participants will be filmed, either in costume or not, for a special Earth Day video celebration which will then be released on YouTube on Earth Day (Thursday, April 22nd).

There are several ways for people to be involved, and **we need our Ashbrook families to join in** and commit to fun, Earth Day, and our Corvallis community:

- **Volunteer:** Ten adults are needed to help organize and assist those who show up to be part of our video. This is a 3-hour commitment, from 12 noon to 3:00 pm on Saturday April 17th. You will be helping participants stay safe and physically distanced while the video is being filmed.
- **Show up:** We need people to be in the video -- and to play with sidewalk chalk! Spread the word to your friends and neighbors! Participants will come to Riverfront Park on Saturday April 17th for one of four 15-minute periods between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Participants should register on the Parks and Rec page [HERE](#). You can dress in your best animal/vegetable/mineral costume--or not-- and smile for the camera! Bonus points if your student wears an Ashbrook shirt. This is a chance to inspire folks with our commitment to our community and to the Earth!
- **Watch and Like:** Our video celebration will be released on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, on YouTube. We ask everyone to tune in; watch, enjoy, then hit "Like." Double bonus points for sharing on social media!

Let's bring the fun and our Ashbrook spirit to make this an Earth Day to remember! If you have questions, please email Mr. Olson or Mrs. Washburn.



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 Porter, 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

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.



Middle School Movie Nights

We're going to take advantage of our small class sizes and large theater for MS Movie Nights! All of our usual COVID precautions will still be in place, so we're splitting up the students by cohort, masks are required except while eating, and students will sit in specific seats in the theater to keep to our 6ft physical distancing requirements.

Pepperoni and cheese pizzas with Buby water will be served at 5:30, the movie starts at 6 p.m.

Yearbook Deadline

Monday, April 12, is the last day to purchase a reserved yearbook copy! They are only \$10 this year!

Visit website <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob> and enter code 12883621.

Email Miss Carol if you have any questions.

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 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.

Parent Volunteer Opportunity for 21-22 hours

The office needs help sorting through uniform donations and hanging them on the racks. The work would need to happen after students leave for the day, typically 3-4 pm. The hours earned will count towards 2021-22 family service hour requirements.

Email Miss Carol to arrange date and time.

PS-3 After School Program Form for April-June

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](#).

Box Tops for Education

Box Tops are now even easier to collect for Ashbrook because you no longer have to collect Box Tops--all you need is your phone! Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will identify Box Tops products on your receipt and automatically credit your school's earnings online.

If you discover a traditional Box Tops clip on a product, you can still clip it and send it to school. Every valid Box Tops clip is still worth 10¢ for your school. Make sure each one you turn in has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

Thank you, PTO, for providing us with easily portable whiteboards to use outside!

Miss Elliott's class played Oregon Trail Pictionary in the sunshine this week. They also held wagon races during PE class!

Enrollment for 2021-22 Continues

Links:

[Family Handbook](#)

[Enrollment Contract](#)

[Payment Plans](#)

Deadlines:

- 4/9 - [Financial aid applications](#) due -- **TODAY!**
- 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.

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!

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!

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 117.6 cases per 100,000 for the 3/21/20 - 4/3/21 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.