

# Ashbrook Compass



May 7, 2021

We LOVE our Ashbrook staff!!

I went around the school this week asking students what they love about their Ashbrook teachers and staff members and without skipping a beat, here is what they had to say:

"They plan nice activities for us." - 2nd

"They make learning fun and like a game." - 4th

"She's a goofer!" - K

"They are nice!" - 2nd

"They try their best to help us learn effectively and they aren't too strict but make sure we still do our things well." - 7th

"They make everyone feel happy and they teach me new things." - 1st

"They keep us safe." - 1st

"They're radical!" - 6th

"They help you out when you need it!" - 4th

"They inspire us to learn." - 6th

"They always are nice to me and make sure we have fun at school." - 1st

"Everything!" - 2nd

"They plan nice activities." - 2nd

"To the world they may be a teacher, but to their students they are a hero." - 6th

"She's really nice to me and teaches me great things." - K

During our lunch with the 8th graders, they were asked what they will miss most about Ashbrook. Every student's answer was centered around one thing: the community. They said they will miss the closeness of their bond with their classmates and teachers the most. One student said, "When we are here at school, it feels like we are at home."

Thank you to each and every Ashbrook staff member for making this year a success, putting the students first, giving your very best every single day, and making Ashbrook feel like home.

Rachel Sechler  
Interim Head of School

CHALLENGE – NURTURE – CARE - 2021

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**Next Week:**

**May 13** -- Opportunity to Zoom with Dr. Chris Schoberl at 12 noon and 6 p.m. (see below for details)

**May 14** -- Middle School 'A Week' schedule

**May 14** -- Virtual Talent Show

**May 14 and 16** -- Board of Trustees Annual Retreat

**Upcoming Dates:**

**May 21** -- Middle School 'B Week' schedule

**May 26** -- Celebration of the Arts

**May 28** -- Teacher In-service; No School

**May 31** -- Memorial Day; No School

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

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

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**Quarantine Update from OHA and ODE**

Date: May 5, 2021

From: Colt Gill, Director of the Oregon Department of Education

RE: OHA Quarantine Duration Update

I'm writing to clarify new information about quarantine requirements for close contacts articulated by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) on April 29.

In light of increasing cases, hospitalizations and variants of concern that are more transmissible, **OHA is now requiring 14-day quarantine for all unvaccinated contacts in all settings, including schools.** A 14-day quarantine is the lowest risk approach and helps reduce spread from asymptomatic people, which we know is a significant contributor in this pandemic. This change took place on April 29, when OHA updated the investigative guidelines (p. 12) and the quarantine guidelines to make 14-day quarantine mandatory (shorter quarantine is not permissible).

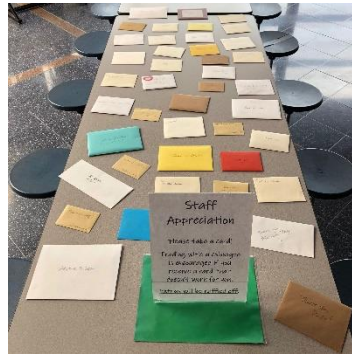
This requirement aligns with the CDC, which “continues to endorse quarantine for 14 days and recognizes that any quarantine shorter than 14 days balances reduced burden against a small possibility of spreading the virus.”

What this means for local public health authorities (LPHAs) and school districts is that they **cannot opt into a quarantine duration shorter than 14-days.**

[Benton County Health letter on new quarantine guidelines](#)  
[Benton County Health Quarantine Visual Quick Guide](#)

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Thank you to the PTO and all of our parents for an amazing Staff Appreciation Week! We feel spoiled!!



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## Enrollment Update

We will provide regular updates to our school community regarding student enrollment numbers for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have not already started the enrollment process for your student, their spot is no longer reserved. Based on that, here is the availability for each grade given our plan to implement the new distancing guidance next year:

Grade	PS	PK	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Spots available	1*	1*	9	8	7	4	6	10	12	4	8

\*Waiting list will determine separation of classes

## 2021-22 Enrollment Links:

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

## Deadlines:

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

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## Invitation to Zoom with Dr. Chris Schoberl

As Dr. Schoberl prepares for his first Ashbrook Board Retreat, he wants to give everyone in the community another opportunity to visit with him and share your thoughts on Ashbrook.

Day: Thursday, May 13

Time: 12 noon and 6 p.m.

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## 2021 Talent Show -- **LAST DAY to Submit!**

It's almost time for our Virtual Talent Show! If you are interested in being featured in the May 14th virtual talent show, email your video submissions TODAY to Mrs. Coon. The video will be available via Google Drive for one week.

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## Staffing Update

We have interviews scheduled next week for the School Secretary and IT Specialist positions. We are screening applicants for the Music Teacher position and hope to start interviewing candidates for that position the week of May 17.

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## Warmer Weather dress code reminder

As the weather warms up, we want to remind everyone (and clarify a few items) about the Friday Free Dress Day Requirements

- All clothing should be modest, good condition, fit properly, and free of unsafe accessories.
- No holes in shorts/pants
- No bare midriffs
- Shorts/skirts should be knee to mid-thigh length.
- Underwear should not be visible
- Clothing should be neat, clean, and appropriate to the program of the day
- Clothing in varying colors made of denim and sport materials are allowed.
- Hats or hoods may not be worn inside the building
- Closed-toe shoes or sandals must be securely fastened around the foot
- All clothing must be opaque. Any clothing that is see-through must be covered by a piece of clothing that adheres to the rest of the dress code.

Also, please keep in mind that students may have sunscreen in their backpack or cubby but they must be able to apply the sunscreen themselves. No spray sunscreens please! Hats and sunglasses are encouraged for outside wear only.

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## 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." **Students are invited to take any or all of the 4 weeks offered**; the units run 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](#).

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## Parent Advisory Committees

Please use [THIS FORM](#) to indicate your interest in a spot \*on one\* of the advisory committees. We will strive to assemble a diverse group of people who know our school well and who provide PS-8 representation.

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.

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### **The Summer Camp Program -- Weeks 3 and 4 are waitlist only!**

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.

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### **Robin Ippoliti Scholarship Essay Contest -- Only 2 weeks left to apply**

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](#).

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### **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!

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### **Attendance Email**

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

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### **Current COVID Information**

At this time, Benton County has 210 cases per 100,000 for the 4/18/20 - 5/1/21 time frame.

If your student has been exposed to COVID, your student MUST quarantine for 14 days.