



**Fawcett Elementary  
@ McKinley &  
Tacoma Public Schools  
Resources / Information  
Updates from  
Principal Hathaway**

**Week of October 4, 2021**

**VIRTUAL Open House  
(\*UPDATED):**

Open House this year will be VIRTUAL and will be held on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 6 -7 PM. The first classroom session will be from 6:00-6:25 PM, with a transition from 6:25-6:35 PM. To accommodate families that have more than one student at Fawcett, the second session will be from 6:35-7:00 PM. Teachers will be communicating the log-in link information soon.

**FAWCETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
VIRTUAL**



**OPEN HOUSE**



**Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
PRESCHOOL - FIFTH GRADES**

- **Session 1: 6:00-6:25 PM**
- **Transition for families with more than one Fawcett student: 6:25-6:35 PM**
- **Session 2: 6:35-7:00 PM**

***\*Teachers will be communicating with families as to how to access their class Microsoft Teams session.***

**NO SCHOOL on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> (\*NEW):**

There is no school for students on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, as it is our district data day.



## Upcoming Early Releases & Fall Conferences (\*NEW):

Elementary fall conferences are approaching. Please know your child's teacher will be reaching out to you soon to set-up a fall conference for your child. You will have the option to attend in-person or virtually. If you attend in-person, please know masks must be worn and our physical distancing will be an expectation.

- There will not be a late start on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>
- October 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup> will be early release at 12:15 PM. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

## Flu Clinic (\*NEW):

The annual flu clinic will be on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Your child recently should have brought home this flyer below:

### Fight the Flu - Get your Vax at School!

Thursday 10/7/21

Flu and COVID vaccinations for students at no cost to parents!

Fill out the form and return to school ONLY if you want your child to receive a flu vaccine. COVID vaccine is not yet approved for grade school aged children. We will give flu vaccine now and return to school when COVID vaccine is approved for under 12 years. COVID forms will be sent out at that time. Do not fill out or return form if you do not want your child immunized.



All flu vaccine given at school for this season will be the shot. FluMist® (nasal spray) will not be available.

- The flu shot is quick and most children have little or no discomfort.
- We have given many injections in school and most children are calm, but if your child is too stressed on the day of the clinic we will not give the vaccine.

#### Why does my child need the flu vaccine?

- It's a safe and effective way to prevent the flu
- Children miss fewer days of school due to illness
- Parents need to take off less work to be home with a sick child
- Children won't spread the flu to other family members at home
- It is extra important that children with asthma, diabetes, or other health conditions get protected from the flu.

#### What do I have to do if I want my child to get a flu vaccine at school?

- Fill out and sign the consent form for the flu vaccine (see back of this page)
- Return the completed consent form to the school's main office by Monday 10/4/2021.
- Nurses will give the flu vaccine during school hours. A parent does not need to be present.

Questions? Call (253) 649-1793 or (253) 999-0966. For more information about the flu vaccine go to [www.immunize.org/vis/flu\\_inactive.pdf](http://www.immunize.org/vis/flu_inactive.pdf) or visit [www.tpchd.org/flufighter](http://www.tpchd.org/flufighter)

## Child/Teen Flu Vaccine Consent Form



Parent/guardian:

WHS

Answer the following questions to help us safely provide flu vaccine to your child. Vaccines are provided at no cost to parents. No health insurance needed. FluMist® nasal spray will not be available. If you have questions or concerns, call us at (253) 649-1793 or 253-999-0966.

Child's Information			
Last name	First name	Middle initial	Select one <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Mailing address	City	State	Zip code
Parent/guardian phone number	Teacher and grade	Birthdate	Age
Parent/guardian last name	Parent/guardian first name	School name	
Does your child have a severe allergy (like hives or trouble breathing) to eggs or any influenza vaccine?		Has your child ever had Guillain-Barre' syndrome?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Does your child have a weakened immune system because of HIV/AIDS, cancer treatment, high-dose steroids or another disease or medication?		Does your child have any long-term health problem or condition (like heart disease, diabetes, kidney disease, blood disease, Downs syndrome, birth defect, etc.)?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

#### Parent/Guardian Signature

I have received and read/had explained to me the Influenza Vaccine Information Statement (VIS). I am the parent or legal guardian of the above child. I give my permission for my child to receive influenza vaccine at school. I understand the benefits and risks of the influenza vaccine. I understand my child's immunization information will be entered into an electronic database that can be shared with other medical providers and school staff. I authorize the school district to provide this form to Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department for the purpose of authorizing administration of influenza vaccine.

Parent/guardian signature

Date

#### For Office Use Only

IIV-dose 0.5 ml IM	Site RA LA	Mfr	Lot #	Exp
Date VIS given	VIS date			
Nurse signature and title	Date			



### If Your Child Is Deemed A Close Contact (\*NEW):

If your child is identified by *an organization other than Tacoma Public Schools* as a close contact of someone who has COVID-19, please use the TPS Family App or contact us directly to let us know. When you do that, our school will know we need to share a plan to help your student learn from home while they quarantine. Please also use the Family App or call us if your child has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or has COVID-19 symptoms. If we were the ones who notified you that your child is a close contact, you do not have to add the information to the Family App. Our staff will do that.

### When to Keep Your Child Home:

TPS would like to share the following expectations to continue doing our best to keep our entire school community healthy. If your child has ANY of these symptoms, he/she should stay home from school:

- ☼ Fever of 100.4 or higher
- ☼ Cough
- ☼ Loss of taste or smell
- ☼ Shortness of breath
- ☼ Fatigue
- ☼ Headache
- ☼ Muscle or body aches
- ☼ Sore throat
- ☼ Congestion or runny nose
- ☼ Nausea or vomiting
- ☼ Diarrhea

When they can return to school is based on their specific symptoms. Please look for the school district's newsletter email on 9/26 or our district website [www.tacomaschools.org](http://www.tacomaschools.org) to find a guide to when to safely send your child back to school.

### Air Quality:

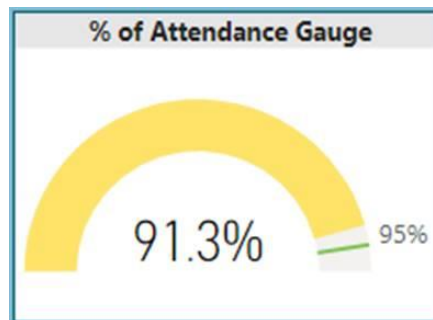
In addition to asking that students stay home from school that are exhibiting any of the symptoms listed above, another way we help keep our school community healthy is by meeting air quality standards in our building.

Every building in our school district – including ours – meets or exceeds health department air quality standards. We conduct routine tests to ensure classrooms have the amount of air flow required by the state Department of Health. The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department also inspects all of our buildings every other year.

Recently, we have taken other steps to go beyond what is required, including changing air filters more often, and modifying our HVAC systems to meet even higher than standards of air quality.

### Student Attendance for the Week of September 27<sup>th</sup>----

Fawcett Goal = 95+ %





### Upcoming Dates through October, 2021:

- October 5<sup>th</sup>: Open House from 6-7 PM—see above
- October 8<sup>th</sup>: No School –District Data Day—see above
- October 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>: Elementary Conferences & Early Release @ 12:15 PM—see above
- October 29<sup>th</sup>: Individual Student Picture Retakes---more information to come!

## 2021-2022 Academic Mini-Calendar

SEPTEMBER 21	OCTOBER 21	NOVEMBER 21	DECEMBER 21	JANUARY 22
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- School Starts (1-12)
- School Starts (PreK-K)
- No School (all grades)
- Elementary Only
- Oct. 13 Conferences early release
- Dec. 6 No School
- Middle & High Only (no school)
- Conferences (early release)
- Last Day of School (K-12)
- Last Day of Preschool

For detailed and updated calendars visit: [tacomaschools.org/calendar](https://tacomaschools.org/calendar)

### End-Of-Day Transportation:

If your child is new to riding the bus or your family is new to Fawcett, please email Ms. Kelly your child's name and address and she will get the bus set-up. Times and locations will be available for you to view the end of August. Her email is: [kpenswi@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:kpenswi@tacoma.k12.wa.us).

\*\*\*It is vital, if your transportation changes, please call the main office to inform the school. With this information, Ms. Kelly or Ms. Lori will communicate this important information to your child's teacher, so he/she gets on the bus or picked up accordingly.

Temp Stops:	Bus #	A.M Pick-UP	P.M Drop-OFF
E E St & E 54th St - SEC	21	8:39	3:40
E Tanglewood Av & E C St - NEC	21	8:41	3:42
Fawcett Av & S 58th St - NWC	21	8:34	3:45
S 58th St & A St - SWC	21	8:36	3:47
A St & E 62nd St - SEC	21	8:30	3:51
E D St & E 62nd St - NWC	58	8:29	3:42
E D St & E 65th St - NWC	58	8:33	3:44
E E St & E 69th St - SWC	58	8:36	3:46
A St & E 68th St - SEC	81	8:37	3:53
A St & E 65th St - SEC	81	8:39	3:56
Pacific Av & S 60th St - NWC	81	8:31	3:41
S C St & S 63rd St - NWC	81	8:33	3:43
S C St & S 67th St - NWC	81	8:35	3:44
Tacoma Av S & S 65th St - SEC	81	8:27	3:47
Tacoma Av & S 61st St & SEC	81	8:29	3:49
S J St & S 63RD ST *SEC	14	8:32	3:44
S 64TH ST & S M ST *NEC	14	8:33	3:45
S 70TH ST & S L ST *NEC	14	8:36	3:47
S 70TH ST & S J ST *NEC	14	8:36	3:48
866 S 64TH ST	14	8:39	3:50
TACOMA AVE S & S 72ND ST *NEC	68	8:32	3:47
S 68TH ST & TACOMA AVE S *NWC	68	8:34	3:49
S PARK AVE & S 67TH ST *SEC	68	8:35	3:51
S PARK AVE & S 64TH ST *SEC	68	8:36	3:53
S PARK AVE & S 56TH ST *SEC	68	8:38	3:56
4513 A ST - LYON ES DAYCARE	68	8:42	3:40

### **Student COVID Testing Now Available:**

Starting September 20<sup>th</sup>, students who show symptoms of COVID-19 in school can take a free, voluntary test to confirm whether they have the virus. Parents/guardians must give permission for their child to take the test. Results will be reported back to you and the school within 24-48 hours, at which time appropriate quarantine and contact tracing protocols can start, if needed.

To keep others healthy, please keep your child home if they are sick, have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or have tested positive for COVID-19.

Take a look as a young TPS student shows how easy it is to take the COVID test at school:

[Story Detail - Tacoma Public Schools \(tacomaschools.org\)](https://www.tacomaschools.org)

### **Student Learning During Quarantine:**

Students who cannot attend school because they have COVID-19 or are required to quarantine will learn from home using lessons and support materials provided by their teachers.

TPS has developed learning plans for various remote-learning scenarios - including small groups or entire classes - for students missing in-person school for up to 14 days.

[Get more details on the learning plans here.](#)

### **Contact Tracing Process:**

Our district works in partnership with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department to conduct contact tracing to determine if anyone may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19. The health department determines who is a close contact and gives specific dates for isolation or quarantining and returning to school. The district then provides the school COVID supervisor, with communications to notify the family of the student who is deemed a close contact.

- ✿ **Close contacts who are fully vaccinated are not required to quarantine unless they are symptomatic.** They are encouraged to get tested 3-5 days after exposure. If your child is identified as a close contact and is vaccinated, you must show proof of vaccination to your school to return to school.
- ✿ **Close contacts who are NOT fully vaccinated are required by the health department to stay home for a total of 14 days past the date of exposure.** If you choose to have your child tested before they experience any symptoms and the test is negative, they must still quarantine for the entire 14-day period.

Those who are not close contacts but have been in the same classroom or workspace as someone who is COVID positive, are also provided notifications when there is a positive case. Additionally, [TPS also publishes information on the district website each time there is a COVID case in a school or district office.](#)

### **Immunizations & Vaccinations:**

More free school immunization and COVID-19 vaccination opportunities are now open to you and your family. It is so important to get those school immunizations complete. If your child received immunizations over the summer, make sure to update our school nurse. Students without required immunizations or a valid exemption will not be allowed to attend school, as the law requires.



A COVID-19 vaccine is not required for students to attend school, but they are available for free to those 12 and up, and that includes students and families. Get more details on our website or in that Sunday newsletter on 9/12/21.

### **Introducing Hilltop Heritage Middle School (\*NEW):**

Jason Lee Middle School will officially become Hilltop Heritage Middle School on October 6<sup>th</sup> and you are invited to the celebration. At 4 PM on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, you are welcome to the event, hosted by students, community members and the Puyallup Tribe to commemorate this historical change at the 96-year-old school.

### **Late Start Wednesdays:**

Our Wednesday 1-hour late start schedule has started. On these days, school will start at 10 AM and there will be no supervision prior to 9:50 AM. Bus routes will be delayed by one hour.

**NO LATE START ON OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup> DUE TO FALL CONFERENCES & EARLY RELEASE. See above.**

### **Clothing & Inclement Weather:**

Please do your best to send your child to school each day with clothing based on the projected weather, as we start seeing our weather change. Also, please write your child's name on the clothing so we can ensure it stays with the appropriate student. We do our best to get students outside for recess, and do not have a covered area here at McKinley, so thank you in advance for planning appropriately.

### **Beyond the Bell:**

Are you looking for information about childcare, clubs, sports, field trips? Families can register now for Beyond the Bell and find "Pay What You Choose" activities at all elementary and middle schools.

Everything is all in one place. Go to our school's website or the TPS Family App to register. Beyond the Bell programs are for elementary schools, and Club beyond is for middle school activities.

Registration opened on August 31, 2021 for our "Beyond the Bell" opportunities. Tacoma Public Schools and community partners have come together to offer Beyond the Bell, similar to our previous extended learning

opportunities (ELO). Beyond the Bell lets you choose from more activities at school than ever before! Choose from options for before and after school, in-service days, and school breaks.

**Our Beyond the Bell coordinator is Jennifer Boutell. Her email address is: [jboutel@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:jboutel@tacoma.k12.wa.us) and Google Voice # is (541) 224-6923.**

Session 1: September 20-October 29

Session 2: November 8-December 10

Session 3: January 10-February 19

Session 4: March 7-April 22

Session 5: May 2-June 10

### Volunteers:

We are ready and pleased to welcome volunteers back in schools. As always, volunteers must participate in a screening and background check, which needs to be completed annually. They must also follow all health and safety guidelines, including wearing a mask and social distancing. And this year, volunteers must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and show proof of that vaccination.

The new vaccine requirement includes two potential exemptions - a qualifying medical exemption or sincerely held religious exemption. If you are seeking an exemption to volunteer, please see how to do that at [www.tacomashools.org](http://www.tacomashools.org) or in the district's Sunday newsletter from 9/12/21.

### Family App and MySchoolBucks:

If you are not already registered for the Family App, please do so at [www.tacomashools.org](http://www.tacomashools.org). In Family App, you can register for before and after school activities, view your child's grades, and so much more. In Family App, follow the link to My School Bucks, which is a great new tool to use to pay for yearbooks, ASB fees, and pretty much any school program that requires a payment.

### Drop-Off/Pick-Up & Bus Zone:

It is important, for the safety of all, and to be cognizant to the McKinley neighbors, to follow these important drop-off / pick-up expectations:

- There will be no supervision in the morning prior to **8:50 AM** on M/T/Th/F. On Wednesdays, no supervision prior to **9:50 AM**.
- Drop-off and pick-up will occur on E 37<sup>th</sup> Street **to the north of the school**. Please follow the cones, signs, and staff direction, as there is no parking on E. 37<sup>th</sup> Street (directly north of the school) or on the curb closest to the school on E. McKinley Ave., as that is where our busses will pick-up/drop-off.
- E. McKinley Ave. (on the school side) will be for busses **only**. Please do not drop-off, pick-up, or park here.
- The only crosswalk will be on the corner of E. 37<sup>th</sup> Street & E. McKinley Ave. Please adhere to direction of the crossing guard at this location.
- School is out each day at 3:30 PM.

### **Student drop off, pick up directions**

- Drop off and pick up students on E. 37<sup>th</sup> St. (**Blue X**)
- Don't park on E. 37<sup>th</sup> St. Please follow the cones and signage placed on E. 37<sup>th</sup> St. during drop off and pick up times.
- Avoid dropping off or picking up your student in the front of the building on E. McKinley Ave. This area is reserved for buses only.







### **Limited Menu Items Available for School Meals:**

Challenges with food supplies to schools continue to affect Tacoma Public Schools, as well as many other school districts both locally and across the nation.

What this means for TPS and student meals:

- School menus will be very limited for the near future
- Menu plans may change frequently and vary from school to school
- Meal accommodations are limited and may be delayed

[Get more details here.](#)

### **Free Meals in 2021-22 School Year & Other Meals Updates:**

While meals for TPS students are free again this year, we will ask families to fill out [Household Information Surveys](#) that replace the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications. Instructions on completing the survey will be shared with you soon.

Again this year, breakfast and lunch are free for all students. We are returning to more traditional hot lunches this fall. We are still working to confirm menus and there may be limited options at the start of the year, but we will introduce more options as soon as we can.

Students will eat breakfast in the classroom, and they will sit with their classroom group in the cafeteria for lunch, staying physically distanced as much as possible. More information can be found at: <https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/nutrition>.

### **Health & Safety:**

We understand that parents/guardians may have questions about how we are working to keep children safe in school during the pandemic. Our district continues to follow state and local guidance and each school also has a COVID supervisor to ensure health and safety protocols are followed. Each school also has its own COVID safety plan to address any unique building needs. We will all wear masks and stay physically distanced from each other on school grounds. For more information about what the school day will look like with Covid-19 precautions in place, please look at the "Digital Campus" portion of our website at [www.tacomaschools.org](http://www.tacomaschools.org).

### **TPS Elementary Bell Schedule:**

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM (no supervision prior to 8:50 AM)

Wednesday: 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM (no supervision prior to 9:50 AM)

### **Fawcett Replacement Project Reminder:**

For more about our school replacement project, visit the construction website at:

<https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/pc/school-construction/current/fawcett>

### **Fawcett Elementary School Facebook Page:**

If you haven't already, please "Like" our Fawcett Elementary School Facebook page, as we are frequently adding a variety of additional resources, tips, ideas, and opportunities: [www.Facebook.com/FawcettFalcons](http://www.Facebook.com/FawcettFalcons). Please know, if you have questions regarding anything posted on our Facebook page, we encourage you to call the main office to ask, or email, instead of messaging or posting on our page. This will get you the quickest response.



### Resources for Families:

The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department website has a variety of family support partnership resources including:

- ✿ Family Support Partnership brochure (English):  
<https://www.tpchd.org/home/showdocument?id=5094>
- ✿ Family Support Partnership brochure (Spanish):  
<https://www.tpchd.org/home/showdocument?id=5232>
- ✿ free diapers and wipes (English): <https://www.tpchd.org/Home/ShowDocument?id=7851>
- ✿ free diapers and wipes (Spanish): <https://www.tpchd.org/home/showpublisheddocument/8065>
- ✿ food (English): <https://www.tpchd.org/home/showdocument?id=9075>
- ✿ food (Spanish): <https://www.tpchd.org/home/showpublisheddocument/9077>
- ✿ Triple P (The Positive Parenting Program) in English:  
<https://www.tpchd.org/home/showpublisheddocument/8027>
- ✿ Triple P (The Positive Parenting Program) in Spanish:  
<https://www.tpchd.org/home/showpublisheddocument/9121>
- ✿ Triple P Online (The Positive Parenting Program) in English:  
<https://www.tpchd.org/home/showdocument?id=9165>
- ✿ Triple P Online (The Positive Parenting Program) in Spanish:  
<https://www.tpchd.org/home/showdocument?id=9171>

### Helpful Websites & Contact Information:

- ✿ Fawcett Elementary School website: [fawcettfalcons.com](http://fawcettfalcons.com)
- ✿ Fawcett Elementary School Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/fawcettfalcons/>
- ✿ Tacoma Public Schools: <http://www.tacomaschools.org/>
- ✿ Main office phone number: (253) 571-4700
- ✿ Fax number: (253) 571-4754
- ✿ Address @ McKinley: 3702 E McKinley Ave, Tacoma, WA 98404
- ✿ Fawcett Elementary School Schoology page: <https://tps.schoology.com/school/2909062765>

*Tacoma Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:*

- ❖ Civil Rights Coordinator: Lisa Nolan, [lnolan@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:lnolan@tacoma.k12.wa.us), 253-571-1252;
- ❖ Title IX Coordinator, Elementary: Christa Erolin, [cerolin@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:cerolin@tacoma.k12.wa.us), 253-571-1318;
- ❖ Title IX Coordinator, Secondary: Eric Hogan, [ehogan1@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:ehogan1@tacoma.k12.wa.us), 253-571-1191;
- ❖ 504 Coordinator: Elementary, Elise Friedrich-Nielsen, [efriedr@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:efriedr@tacoma.k12.wa.us), 253-571-1096;
- ❖ 504 Coordinator: Secondary, Megan Nelson, [mnelson@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:mnelson@tacoma.k12.wa.us), 253-571-1003.
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- ❖ If you have questions regarding this nondiscrimination statement and its use, please contact me at [lnolan@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:lnolan@tacoma.k12.wa.us) or 253-571-1252.

