



Fawcett Elementary and
Tacoma Public Schools
Resources & Information
Updates from
Principal Hathaway
Week of February 8, 2021

Start Dates for Grade Levels (*NEW):

Tacoma Public Schools has updated its plans to bring more students back to school for in-person instruction. Here is the latest, as there is some new information:

- Beginning, Monday, February 8th, first grade students – and older students in multiage classrooms with first graders – will return to school two days per week – Monday-Tuesday (cohort A) or Thursday-Friday (cohort B) – in groups of up to 15 students.
- Beginning, Tuesday, February 16th, second grade students will return to school two days per week – Monday-Tuesday (cohort A) or Thursday-Friday (cohort B) – in groups of up to 15 students. Second grade families will receive a packet in the mail early this week with pertinent information.
- Starting February 16th, Tacoma Public Schools plans to welcome kindergarten students to in-person learning four days a week, with at-home, independent learning on Wednesdays.
 - This change is based on the anticipation that the COVID-19 case rate per 100,000 will drop below 350 by February 16th. If it does not drop by February 16th, kindergarten students will remain in cohorts. We will notify you if the planned February 16th return to four days a week is not possible.
 - When we return to in-person learning four days a week, we will continue our required health and safety practices of wearing masks, staying 6 feet apart, washing hands regularly, and **completing the daily COVID-19 health survey before arriving at school each day by a parent/guardian.**
- **This information is NEW:** starting February 22nd, we plan to welcome first graders to in-person learning four days a week.
- Starting March 1st, we plan to welcome second graders to in-person learning four days a week.
 - Those changes are based on the anticipation that the COVID-19 case rate in Pierce County per 100,000 will continue to stay below 350.
- Every day we are in school, we will continue our required health and safety practices of wearing masks, staying 6 feet apart, washing hands regularly and completing the daily COVID-19 health survey on the Family App. If you haven't registered for the Family App yet, please do. Please see below if you have questions about the Family App.

Students in grades 3-5 would begin to come back in a hybrid model no sooner than March 1st. I will keep you posted as the return dates are set. The District will be developing a staggered start-date approach for these grade levels to ensure students are able to transition in a safe and healthy manner.

NO SCHOOL 2/12 & 2/15 & Meal Packs (*NEW):

Please know there is no school on Friday, February 12th (snow make-up day not needed) or Monday, February 15th due to Presidents' Day. Students can still get free breakfasts and lunches for the long weekend by getting a Grab-N-Go meal pack on Thursday, February 11th, from a TPS middle school or a Meals on Wheels bus stop. The pack will have three breakfasts and three lunches. If you need to know where those bus stops are, please visit our website at www.tacomaschools.org/nutrition.



Meals Update (*NEW):

I have some updated information regarding school meals.

As more students start in-person learning, the way we provide meals to students will change starting February 16th. Please note: ALL students will still be able to get free breakfast and lunch through the end of the school year.

Starting February 16th:

- Meals can be picked up at elementary schools and middle schools, although the exact pick-up location on campus could change. Those details are expected to be ready next week.
- Meal pick-up time will be from 11 AM to 12 PM
- Meals on Wheels bus stops will be reduced; a map with the remaining stops is expected to be ready next week.

I will share more information with you next week.

Students must have their required immunizations to start in-person learning or related activities. Students who do not meet the immunization requirements by the first day of in-person learning will be excluded from school. If you have questions about this, please contact our school nurse, Mrs. Jones at (253) 571-4739.

If your child has a food allergy, please also let Mrs. Jones know. We want to do all we can to safely feed our students. Our Nutrition Services team can provide some food substitutes– such as soy milk–for medically necessary needs, but only if families provide a doctor's note, and only on the days that student is learning in-person at our school.

Plug into ELO Online!

Sketch Club
 Hip Hop
 Vision Step
 KBTC STEM
 World Drumming
 Ukulele



- Open to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades
- Mon-Thurs
- Sign-up for one day a week
- Activity kits provided with enrollment

**Registration
 is now open!**

Visit
tacomaelo.com

Questions? Email Tiffany Lemmon at
tlemmon@tacomaartslive.org

Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) Registration for 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grades (*NEW):

Registration will be open February 8th-19th. Spring ELO session starts April 12- June 10th.

We are excited to provide engaging online expanded learning opportunity (ELO) programs and really hope your child will be able to plugin!

Here are some important details regarding virtual ELO programming this Spring:

- 3rd-5th grade students only
- 12 pilot schools participating- Birney, Blix, Boze, Delong, Edison, Fawcett, Larchmont, Lister, Manitou Park, Sheridan, Reed, Whitman
- Students choose 2 ELO programs - STEM, Art, Music/Movement
- Session: April 12th-June 10th, one day a week from 3:45-5:30 PM

School Supplies for Hybrid Learning:

When your child returns to in-person learning, we will provide the school supplies needed for classroom activities, including hand sanitizer. The one thing you should send your child to school with is a mask, as well as a labeled water bottle, labeled coat, and shoes to run in outside for recess. If you send your child to school with school supplies, please remind them not to share those supplies. According to state Department of Health guidance, any items that a student shares must be cleaned and disinfected between uses.

If your child could use more school supplies for the schoolwork they do at home, please let your child's teacher know.

Free Internet:

Do you still need internet access at your home so your child can access classes? If so, you can still receive free internet service for a year. All you have to do is call the Foundation for Tacoma Students at (253) 327-1448 to arrange for installation. Please don't let the lack of internet access stop your child from learning. Take advantage of this free offer.

Tacoma Online:

As we begin to transition students to in-person learning, we have heard a desire from some families to change to the Tacoma Online Program. We have also heard that some families want to shift from Tacoma Online to remote learning.

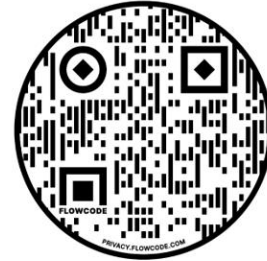
The district is actively fulfilling elementary enrollment requests in and out of Tacoma Online. Parents must complete an online form to make a switch. Visit www.tacomaschools.org and select Tacoma Online from the menu of schools. There you will find links to both the registration form and the un-enroll form.

Students will be placed on a waitlist while our enrollment team works to complete the transfer.

Family App:

In past messages, I have told you about the Family App and all the features it offers. Now that more students will start coming back to school in person, it is more important than ever that you sign-up for it, if you haven't already. You will need the Family App to fill out the health survey every day your child comes to school. This is a critical step in our safety protocols.

FAMILY COVID SURVEY APP



Also, you can now get personalized access to information about your student in one place by logging into the newest version of our district's Family App.

On the upgraded site:

- You can monitor your child's attendance, including their last missed day of school, whether it's marked excused or unexcused
- You can look for extended learning opportunities
- You can create a custom calendar, tailored to the events at our school
- And you can take the COVID-19 health survey on days your child attends school in person.
- Coming soon, you will be able to view grades in the Family App as well.

Get to the Family App online at: family.TPSapps.org.

Schoology (*NEW):

I let you know a few weeks ago that you would start to receive a weekly email from Schoology with updates on your child's grades, overdue and upcoming assignments, and other recent classroom activities. If you have not yet started receiving that email, but would like to, please take a look at our district e-newsletter this week. It has directions on how you can make sure you get that weekly update from Schoology.

Falcon Foundations for Success:

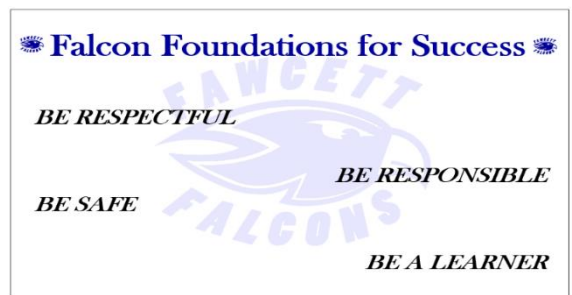
Each week, each classroom teacher will choose two students from their class who exemplified the weekly focus. **Each Wednesday at 3:25 PM**, these falcons will be invited to a Teams celebratory meeting with Ms. Hathaway & Ms. Holcombe to celebrate their recognition.

FEBRUARY: BE RESPECTFUL

February 8: When I don't agree with someone, I find a way to express myself appropriately.

February 16: I actively participate in partner and/or group work.

February 22: Teacher's Choice (on being respectful).



GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS

Every Minute
in School Counts



Good Attendance

is missing not more than 1 day of school per month, whether excused or unexcused



2 out of 3 students
with good attendance

read well by the end of 3rd grade*



Research shows **96%** of students
who read well at the end of 3rd grade

graduate high school.**

*Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes, Applied Survey Research, May 2011.
**Double Jeopardy, Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2011.

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EVERY STUDENT. EVERY DAY.

Weekly Student School-Wide Attendance:

Each week, whether in remote or in-person learning, our daily school-wide attendance goal is **95%**.

This week's school-wide attendance (preschool through 5th grade) percentage was **92.5%**.

Fawcett Elementary School Facebook Page:

If you haven't already, I would like to encourage you to "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

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STRONG
NO MATTER THE DISTANCE

Helpful Websites:

- 🌟 Fawcett Elementary School website: fawcettfalcons.com
- 🌟 Fawcett Elementary School Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/fawcettfalcons/>
- 🌟 Tacoma Public Schools: <https://www.tacomaschools.org/>

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- ❖ Civil Rights Coordinator: Lisa Nolan, lnolan@tacoma.k12.wa.us, 253-571-1252;
 - ❖ Title IX Coordinator, Elementary: Christa Erolin, cerolin@tacoma.k12.wa.us, 253-571-1318;
 - ❖ Title IX Coordinator, Secondary: Eric Hogan, ehogan1@tacoma.k12.wa.us, 253-571-1191;
 - ❖ 504 Coordinator: Elementary, Elise Friedrich-Nielsen, efriedr@tacoma.k12.wa.us, 253-571-1096;
 - ❖ 504 Coordinator: Secondary, Cari Ake, cake@tacoma.k12.wa.us, 253-571-1225.
 - ❖ Mailing address: P.O. Box 1357, Tacoma, WA 98401-1357.
- If you have questions regarding this nondiscrimination statement and its use, please contact me at lnolan@tacoma.k12.wa.us or 253-571-1252

Self-Care for Kids

Self-care is when you take time to do things that make your mind and body feel calm and happy. By taking care of yourself often, you are better able to cope with stress or other feelings that you may experience. Read below to learn how you can start practicing self-care!

1 Take a Break

You may have a lot going on in your life such as school, homework, chores, sports, clubs, recitals, or other activities or events. It can be helpful to try making your schedule lighter by taking a little break (if you can) from certain stressful activities.

2 Do Your Favorite Things

Sometimes when we get too busy, we stop doing things that make us feel happy. Make a list of hobbies and activities that you enjoy doing that you haven't been able to do in a while. Make a plan to do the things on your list soon!

3 Learn to Relax

Take some time to do something that relaxes you and calms your mind and body. This might mean turning off electronics and going out in nature. You could also try meditation, yoga, or listening to calming music.

4 Take Care of Your Body

The healthier you are, the easier it'll be to cope with stress and negative feelings. Make sure that you're getting enough sleep every night. Exercise often, and eat healthy meals.

5 Be Around People You Enjoy

Surround yourself with people that make you feel happy. Self-care includes staying away from people that might stress you out or cause you to feel anxious, sad, or upset.

6 Share Your Feelings

It is helpful to find someone to talk about your feelings with often. This could be a counselor, a close friend, or a family member. Talking about your feelings is a healthy way of coping and can help you feel happier.



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FEBRUARY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>African American History Month National Children's Dental Health Month Career and Technical Education Month</p>	1 National Freedom Day	2	3 Late Start No School for Preschool (except Montessori)	4	5 Secondary Trimester Break No School for Secondary Only	6
7	8 Feb. 8-12 National School Counselor Week	9	10 Late Start No School for Preschool (except Montessori)	11 School Board Meeting 6 p.m.	12 Abraham Lincoln's birthday	13
14	15 President's Day NO SCHOOL District Offices Closed	16	17 Late Start No School for Preschool (except Montessori) National PTA Founders Day	18 School Board Study Session 6 p.m.	19	20 Feb. 20-27 National FFA Week
21	22 George Washington's birthday	23	24 Late Start No School for Preschool (except Montessori)	25 School Board Meeting 6 p.m.	26	27
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