



Fawcett Elementary and
 Tacoma Public Schools
 Resources & Information
 Updates from
 Principal Hathaway
 Week of December 7, 2020

NO SCHOOL on Monday, December 7th (*NEW):

Monday, December 7th is the end of the elementary trimester and there is no school for all elementary students, as teachers will be working on report cards. We will see everyone remotely on Tuesday, December 8th.

December Spirit Month (*NEW):

Feel free to post your December spirit pictures onto the post on our Fawcett Elementary School Facebook page!



December

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Flannel Shirt Day	2 Elf Day (Helper day) Late Start 10:15am	3 Blue & White (Falcons) Day	4 Winter Hat Day
7 Snowflake Day (Wear white)	8 Festive Headwear Day	9 Holiday Sock Day	10 Winter Scarf Day	11 “Ugly” Holiday Sweater Day
14 Snowman Day	15 Festive Pants Day	16 Candy Cane Day (wear red and white)	17 Red & Green Day	18 PJ Day Falcon Assembly and Holiday

Here is an optional way to participate in some fun winter activities, the choice is yours!

We hope you enjoy the season and we will see you back on January 4th.





Extended Learning Opportunities for 3rd, 4th, & 5th Graders (*NEW):

Registration will be open from December 7th-18th for online extended learning opportunity (ELO) programs for after winter break. Families will be able to choose one program day a week (Monday-Thursday). The winter session will run January 19th through March 19th on one day a week from 3:45-5:30 PM.

Choices include: KBTC STEM, Tacoma Arts Live Hip-Hop, Tacoma Arts Live World Drumming, Tacoma Art Museum Sketch Club, Snapology, Tacoma Arts Live Ukelele, and Vision Step.

You can register your child here: <https://forms.gle/Aqr9m4GhCx3BvrZu5>. If you have questions regarding ELO registration, please contact Tiffany Lemmon at (253) 327-5962 or tlemmon@tacomaartslive.org.

Preschool through 2nd Grade Laptop Distribution (*NEW):

We will be providing district laptops to any preschool through 2nd grade student who has NOT received a laptop already this year from Fawcett. Please see the flyer below for specific details!



FAWCETT ELEMENTARY
STUDENT
LAPTOP
DISTRIBUTION

Fawcett Remote Learners
Grades Preschool-2nd
WEDNESDAY, DEC 16
11 AM - 1 PM OR 3 PM - 5 PM

If you have already received a laptop
from Fawcett this year, you do not need
to come to this event!

COME TO THE FRONT DOOR - WE WILL DIRECT YOU FROM THERE!

Laptop **MUST** be picked up by a parent or guardian over the age of 18.
Provide student's name, grade, classroom teacher and Student ID Number.
Masks and social distancing will be required.



Fawcett Staff Shout-Out:

Would you (students and parents/guardians) like to give a Fawcett staff member a shout-out? If so, please fill out this quick Microsoft Forms survey to acknowledge each staff member and help make their day to show your gratitude. Ms. Hathaway will communicate each shout-out, on your behalf, to the staff member to thank him/her/them. Deadline: December 18th.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iLOhd89aK0m_QmTLsIfQTGtfI0YXzbpNoHFZhv5SI_VUMUdGtK40Q0ZaVDJCQkpYREM3VTJDMVIONC4u

Upcoming i-Ready Seminars for Families in English & Spanish (*NEW):

Please save the date for one of two upcoming i-Ready family webinars for TPS families. Here are the dates/times for the English and Spanish webinars:

- Family webinar in English on January 12th from 6:00-7:00 PM: families will learn how the i-Ready diagnostic is used to create a personalized pathway of instruction for students. Please sign-up ahead of time by registering here: https://cainc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iGIFrVBIQLeQqkmj0P7gRQ
- Seminario virtual familiar “i-Ready” (i-Ready family webinar in Spanish) on January 13th from 6:00-7:00 PM: families will learn how the i-Ready diagnostic is used to create a personalized pathway of instruction for students. Please sign-up ahead of time by registering here: https://cainc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0e4ORVq_TWupInl0t_Usgg

Remote Learning Survey (*NEW):

Now that we have three months of the school year behind us, the district wants to check in with parents and students to find out how remote learning is going for you.

Please take a few minutes and go to the district website at www.tacomaschools.org. There you will see a link where you can access both the parent and student versions of the survey. Your input will help the district decide if we need to make any adjustments to our remote learning effort.

Please note that the survey is designed for 4th graders and older, so if you want your younger child to respond, they will need your assistance.

Vision/Hearing Screenings (*NEW):

During a normal school year, we test our students for vision and hearing issues while they are in school. This year, we are unable to do that at this time do that. However, if you would like to schedule a vision or hearing test for your child, please call our office. We will work with you to bring your child to school for the test.

We will have a few health and safety protocols for you to follow and can let you know about those when we schedule your appointment.

Schoology:

Students need to access Schoology through their Office 365 account and use their username and password to log-in. Once signed in, scroll down and click Schoology, which is a white “S” with a black background surrounded by a light blue circle.

I want to make sure you know that you can now use Schoology to view your student’s grades. Schoology shows individual assignments, grades on each assignment, as well as teacher comments.



You can still see grades in the Home Access Center (HAC) too. The advantage to viewing grades in Schoology is the increased level of detail and context provided on individual assignments. Students will continue to receive traditional report cards at the end of each trimester.

Grades look a little different at the elementary and secondary levels, to see how to access grades in Schoology and understand the differences, we have some short videos for you in English and Spanish, which are also listed below. To watch them, go to tacomaschools.org and search for "Family Support Center."

Do you have questions about your Schoology access code? Contact our school's teacher librarian by going to our school website and clicking on the tile that says: "Remote Learning Help." This will connect you with our school's teacher librarian, Mrs. Wells, who can assist you with this or other remote learning questions you may have. Mrs. Wells email address is: ewells@tacoma.k12.wa.us. And remember, only students on the remote learning path use Schoology. Take a look at this short video how one parent likes to use Schoology:



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2K6H3S9mKbk&list=PLyhiW2xh9YYheLyoh-rDTG_seA7x7ITgw&index=8

Here are two new videos you can access to learn more about viewing grading in Schoology:

- English: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJnt2CAANk&list=PLrgJy7zv_q0iSP5U64VPTRU0jTmbr1Qk7&index=2
- Spanish: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmGFrV3zE1s&list=PLrgJy7zv_q0iSP5U64VPTRU0jTmbr1Qk7&index=4

K-3 TV School:

We launched a daily TV school for students in kindergarten through third grade specifically for students who do not have access to the internet or a device at home, but do have cable TV access to our district TV station – KTPS TV on Comcast Channel 26 or Click/Rainier Connect Channel 25.

We have found that TV school is also popular with other students who do have internet access, but like an alternative way to learn.

Ms. Ozolin and Ms. Walle teach daily 45-minute episodes on math, literacy, and social emotional activities by grade level. You can also find their episodes on our district YouTube Channel: @tacomaschools.

For more information and a daily schedule visit www.tacomaschools.org/tvschool.

Falcon Foundations for Success:

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

DECEMBER: BE A LEARNER

December 7: I persevere on tasks, tests, and assignments.

December 14: I ask questions so that I can understand.



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 **89%**.

Family App:

Our school needs your help. When we return to in-person learning, you must complete a short COVID-19 health screening form every day your child is in a school building.

The easiest way to complete that form is online. Completing the Family App registration allows you to access the daily online COVID-19 health screening form from a laptop, tablet or mobile phone. Please take a few minutes to register online; our school team would truly appreciate it! If you need directions on how to register, go to tacomaschools.org and search Family App.

You can also call or email our teacher librarian, Mrs. Wells at: (253) 571-4722 or ewells@tacoma.k12.wa.us.

We ask that Tacoma Online families complete the registration too, because we'll eventually use the Family App for many different things across the school district. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mC9aaBzsTb4&feature=youtu.be>

Free & Reduced-Priced Meals (*UPDATED):

We have some important health and safety information to share with you. Please remember to wear a mask if you are picking up meal packs at one of our 10 middle schools or at one of the bus meal stops across the district, as the district has received reports that many parents and students are showing up without masks.

With the high rate of COVID-19 in Pierce County, we encourage you to help stop the spread and mask up.

I'm really happy to tell you that all of our students can now get free breakfast and lunch five days a week through **June 30, 2021**, which is an extension of the timeline we were given at the start of the school year.

You can continue to pick up meals from 11 AM to 1 PM at any district middle school, as well as bus stops throughout the district.

Now, even though those free meals are available, it's still very important to apply for free and reduced-price meals. When you qualify for that, you might also qualify for additional benefits, such as free access to internet or discounts on childcare or cable television service.

The other big benefit is that our school can receive more federal and state funding for extra teachers and support if we have a lot of students who qualify for free meals.

If you haven't already, please visit www.tacomaschools.org/nutrition. There you can apply for free and reduced-price meals, see the daily menu, and locate the meal bus stops.

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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Get more information, including the map of meal pick-up stops at: <http://bit.ly/TPSFall2020>. Based off this map, Fawcett Elementary School is a stop! ☺ We are the final stop on the bus route @ 11:26 AM. The bus will remain at the school until noon. Nutrition Services staff will serve meals to walk-ups.

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

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





NO

Get that nose covered



NO

Wear as a mask, not a beard



NO

Masks are not for sharing



YES

Nose is covered.

Mouth is covered.

Mask is clean.