



Fawcett Elementary and
Tacoma Public Schools
Resources & Information
Updates from
Principal Hathaway
Week of December 14, 2020

Upcoming Winter Break (*NEW):

We have one more full school week before transitioning to our winter break. Please continue to work hard, be engaged, and participate fully for this last week of school before break! Please know the building will be closed over winter break and we will resume school on Monday, January 4th. Have a safe, relaxing, and wonderful winter break and holiday season!

Report Cards (*NEW):

Please know that classroom teachers will be emailing out report cards this Wednesday, December 16th.

Preschool through 2nd Grade Laptop Distribution:

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.

Extended Learning Opportunities for 3rd, 4th, & 5th Graders:

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.



December Spirit Month:

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.





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:

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

Updated i-Ready Log-In Codes for Kindergarten & 1st Grade (*NEW):

With the beginning of a new trimester for elementary on December 8th, kindergarten and 1st grade students received new login codes for i-Ready. If you haven't received your child's new i-Ready login, please contact your child's teacher so she can provide this to you.

Remote Learning Survey (through December 14th):

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 NEWS section on our district website: www.tacomaschools.org 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.

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:

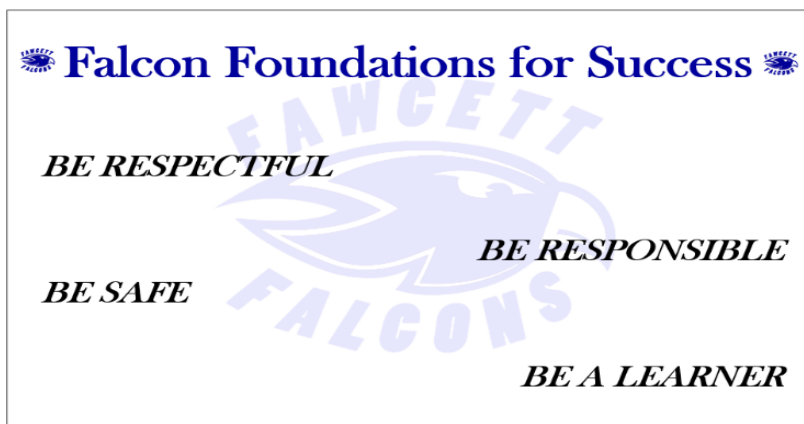
Each week, each classroom teacher will choose two students from their class who exemplified the weekly focus. On the Friday of that week at 3:25 PM, these falcons will be invited to a Teams celebratory meeting with Ms. Hathaway & Ms. Holcombe to celebrate their recognition.

DECEMBER: BE A LEARNER

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

JANUARY: BE A LEARNER

January 4: I develop a growth mindset by demonstrating grit when things are hard.




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 **94%**.

Family App (*UPDATED):


 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


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.

TACOMA
 PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EVERY STUDENT. EVERY DAY.

Free & Reduced-Priced Meals:

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.

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



ACTION CALENDAR - FOR FAMILIES

30 actions to help parents look after themselves and their families in challenging times. Please use and share

1 Go on a smile collecting mission, starting with a smile in the mirror	2 Choose one song each and arrange a family dance off	3 Send someone a message to show you really appreciate them	4 Take turns to notice 3 things around you that are beautiful	5 Be kind to yourself and others	6 Together, make a list of things you are grateful for	7 Think of a goal to work towards and do one thing to get started
8 Take a mindful walk together and notice what you see hear and smell	9 Play Musical Statues	10 Create a bedtime routine together to help with sleep	11 Bake cupcakes and decorate them as gifts for each other	12 Cross your arms and give yourself a hug	13 Take turns to share a happy memory	14 Find out about the values and traditions of another culture
15 Do something together to support a local charity	16 Create a collage of things that make you feel happy	17 Before bedtime, share what has gone well during the day	18 Introduce a family 'Daily Pause' to be calm together	19 Create a family wishes jar and take steps to make them happen	20 Learn a new skill together as a family	21 Create a kindness box to keep a record of kind actions
22 'Surprise' yourself. Find unexpected ways to move your body	23 Make a rainbow salad	24 Smile and say something positive every time you walk into a room	25 Create a poster highlighting everybody's strengths	26 Notice the shapes, colours and smells of a new family meal	27 Make a list of things that have helped you cope with difficult times	28 Tell someone you love how much they mean to you and why
29 Do something good for the environment	30 Hold an awards ceremony to celebrate acts of kindness	 "A person's a person, no matter how small" - Dr Seuss				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS









www.actionforhappiness.org

Find out more about the Ten Keys to Happier Living at www.actionforhappiness.org/10-keys Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

FAWCETT
STRONG
NO MATTER THE DISTANCE



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.