



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

## Week of November 22, 2021

### Thanksgiving Holiday / Break (\*NEW):

Due to Thanksgiving Break, there is no school this Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. We hope students, staff, and their families enjoy the long weekend. Find detailed calendar information here: <https://www.tacomaschools.org/about/calendar>

### Upcoming Dates through December, 2021:

- 🌀 November 24-26<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL
- 🌀 December 6<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL – Elementary Trimester Break
- 🌀 December 7<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Begins
- 🌀 December 15<sup>th</sup>: Report Cards Home with Students
- 🌀 December 17<sup>th</sup>: Hearing/Vision Screening Day
- 🌀 December 20<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>: Winter Break (school resumes on January 3<sup>rd</sup>)

## 2021-2022 Academic Mini-Calendar

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

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



### December 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 <i>Late Start</i>	2	3
6 <i>No School for Students</i>	7 Festive Headwear Day	8 Silly Sock Day  <i>Late Start</i>	9 Winter Scarf Day	10 Winter Sweater Day
13 Snowman Day	14 Winter Hat Day	15 Candy Cane Day (wear red and white)  <i>Late Start</i>	16 Flannel Shirt Day	17 PJ Day



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 3rd.



### Drop-Off / Pick-Up HELP:

We have received multiple calls from the neighboring McKinley community requesting that families do NOT park on the **sidewalk on G Street**. Thank you for your assistance with this!

### Students & Family Members Can Get Free COVID-19 Tests at TPS Site (\*NEW):

TPS has formed a new partnership to offer a free and easy way for students and their immediate family members to get tested for COVID-19.

Starting Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, you can drop into the new testing clinic (run by Premier Medical Group) any day school is open. You do not need an appointment.

**Where:** Madison Early Learning Center, 3101 South 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Tacoma, WA 98409

**When:** 1-5 PM on school days

**Who:** TPS students & their immediate family members

Test results are available online within 15-20 minutes.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band & Orchestra Opportunities:

Fawcett 5<sup>th</sup> graders have the opportunity to sign-up for band and orchestra, which will start this February at Stewart Middle School. If you would like to sign your 5<sup>th</sup> grader up for one of these extracurricular opportunities, please fill out this survey as soon as possible:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iLOhd89aK0m\\_QmTLsIfQTH8YtBbA5AdNllauDo9u4EZUN0xaVU5WTFJHWTBWUzQ2NDNCQzdKOEfHOS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iLOhd89aK0m_QmTLsIfQTH8YtBbA5AdNllauDo9u4EZUN0xaVU5WTFJHWTBWUzQ2NDNCQzdKOEfHOS4u)

### Share and Rate Thoughts on Remote Learning During Inclement Weather Events:

Now that every student has access to a laptop or learning device, we need your input to determine if school should switch to remote learning during weather events such as snow days.

Click here <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/scroll/668179169> to let us know what works best for you and your student.

### **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. Also, please try your best to have your child wear appropriate shoes for PE and recess.

### **Two Levies on February Ballot:**

In February, you will see two replacement levies from Tacoma Public Schools on your ballot.

- ✿ Proposition 1, the Educational Programs and Operations Levy, would fund about 15% of school district operations, including about 500 staff members.
- ✿ Proposition 2, the Technology Improvements and Upgrades Levy, would fund technology access for all K-12 students.

Both levies would replace expiring levies that impact every TPS K-12 student in every neighborhood. More information about the levies will be shared as we get closer to the election.

### **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.

**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 2: November 8-December 10 – transportation is provided!

- ✿ **OPTIONS:** Culture Club with Asia Pacific Cultural Center, Her Village with Village Life, and cross country

Session 3: January 10-February 19

Session 4: March 7-April 22

Session 5: May 2-June 10

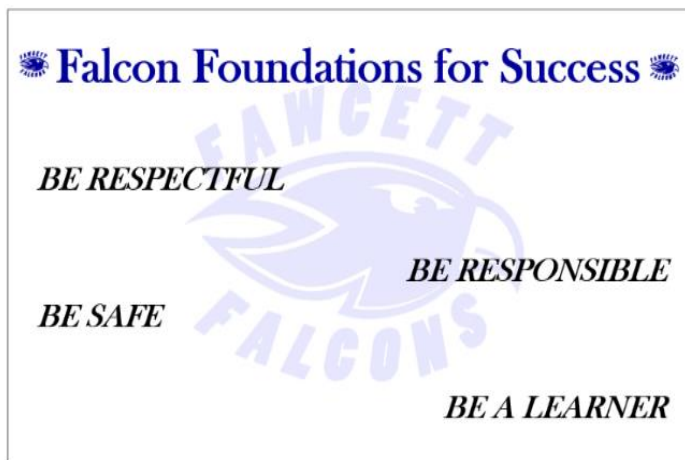
### **Blue Positive Office Referrals:**

Each week all Fawcett staff members recognize two students with a blue positive office referral. Students can be recognized for exemplifying one, or more, of our Falcon Foundations for Success of: being respectful, being responsible, being safe, and/or being a learner. The staff member will give the blue positive office referral to the student who will keep it at school for the week. During our Friday afternoon announcements (see above), all students who earned a blue positive office referral will be invited to the library where students will get their picture taken to be displayed on our designated bulletin board, get acknowledgement from Ms. Hathaway and/or Mrs. Perkins, earn a \$5 falcon buck, and a token. Each student will then get to take their blue positive office referral home.

### **Falcon Foundations for Success:**

Each week, each classroom teacher will choose two students from their class who exemplified the falcon focus of the week. Each Friday at 3:00 PM, the weekly student falcons will be announced during our Friday afternoon announcements. Each student will receive a certificate from their teacher and will help Ms.

Hathaway during the following Monday morning announcements with the Pledge of Allegiance and Falcon Commitment. Each student will also receive a \$5 falcon buck.



### **November: BE SAFE**

29: Teacher's Choice (on being safe)

### **Breakfast & Lunch Menus:**

Daily menus for breakfast and lunch are now available through our school website. Go to either our school website or [www.tacomaschools.org](http://www.tacomaschools.org) and select the "Meals" button. From there, you can select our school on the menu page and find the items we're serving. More food options are beginning to come back. While there are still some supply chain issues, we are starting to see more fresh fruits and vegetables in the cafeteria, along with more freshly cooked food and less prepackaged food served. Menus are still subject to change, but this is a good step forward.

### **Changes to Quarantine Guidelines Means Less Missed School Days:**

The number of missed school days students experience due to being a close contact of someone with COVID-19 is now reduced to 10 days or less. This change at our schools comes in collaboration with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

Get more information on our COVID-19 health and safety page:

<https://www.tacomaschools.org/about/newsroom/health-safety>

### **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.

### **Free Home Internet:**

If you are interested in free home internet, a new resource is available. In partnership with Comcast, the Tacoma Urban League is sponsoring free, high-speed internet for families who qualify. For more information, parents/guardians or students can reach out to the Tacoma Urban League directly at (253) 383-2007.

### **Child Vaccines:**

Now that children aged 5-11 can receive Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine, we are pleased to announce that we are working with our community partners to schedule vaccination clinics at our schools. We expect to start offering free, voluntary vaccination clinics later this month. Details are being worked out now, which will be shared soon.

You can also find vaccination opportunities here or contact your primary care provider:

<https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-information>

Other Additional Resources/Information:

- 🌀 [Recipients and Caregivers 5-11 years of age \(fda.gov\)](https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/covid-19/who-can-get-covid-19-vaccine)
- 🌀 [FDA Authorizes Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for Emergency Use in Children 5 through 11 Years of Age | FDA](https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/medical-products/updates/fda-authorizes-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-emergency-use-children-5-through-11-years-age)
- 🌀 [Comirnaty and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine | FDA](https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/medical-products/updates/fda-authorizes-comirnaty-emergency-use)

### **Bus Behavior & Bus COVID Requirements:**

If your child rides the school bus, please remind him/her to wear a mask and sit in his/her assigned seat on the bus. Both of those actions can help limit COVID-19 exposure on the bus. When students follow these rules, they also reduce the chance of missing school. When someone diagnosed with the virus rides a school bus, staff must investigate whether anyone near them is considered a close contact.

If clear bus video footage is not available, as there are cameras on all buses, and the assigned seating chart has not been followed with fidelity, the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department considers everyone on the bus a close contact and requires them to quarantine.

Our goal with these bus rules is to keep students and drivers safe and reduce the number of days students miss school. The rules are enforced similar to other bus behavior requirements.

### **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>

### **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 visit our district website: [www.tacomaschools.org](https://www.tacomaschools.org) to find a guide to when to safely send your child back to school.



### TPS Is Now Hiring!:

The school district is now offering \$250-\$5,000 hiring bonuses to fill key positions:

- Nurses (\$5,000)
- LPNs (\$3,500 for licensed)
- Bus drivers (\$3,500 for CDL Class B certified, \$2,500 for non-CDL Class B certified)
- Paraeducators (\$500)
- Bus monitors (\$500)
- Nutrition services (\$500). No high school diploma or GED required. District offering incentives to obtain GED.
- Noon-hour supervisors (\$250)
- School support / contract tracing (\$250)
- We are also looking for emergency substitute teachers and have changed the requirements so that more people are temporarily eligible. Substitute pay has also increased to \$200 per day.

Find out more and apply at <http://www.tacomaschools.org/jobs>

### 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: <https://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>

### 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.*

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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

### 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.



### 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.



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- ✿ 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.
- ✿ Mailing address: P.O. Box 1357, Tacoma, WA 98401-1357.
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