



Fawcett Elementary and Tacoma Public Schools Resources & Information Updates from Principal Hathaway

Week of March 1, 2021

Next Year Survey for our Current Preschool – Fourth Graders (*NEW & IMPORTANT):

Each year our Fawcett staffing is based upon the number of students that are slated to be in the building each year. We need to ensure our numbers are representative of what we envision for the 2021-22 school year now so our staffing (i.e. number of classroom teachers and support staff) is as accurate as possible for the fall. Please take a couple minutes to fill out the survey ASAP, as this will help paint the picture as to how many students are planning to be at Fawcett in the fall. Thank you for your help with this!

<http://bit.ly/FawcettSurvey>

Start Dates for Grade Levels:

IMPORTANT: COVID SURVEY REQUIRED BEFORE 9 AM EVERY DAY YOUR CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL IN PERSON!

Tacoma Public Schools has updated its plans to bring more students back to school for in-person instruction:

- Starting March 1st, we are welcoming third graders & Mrs. Gibson's 3rd & 4th grade multi-age in either cohort A (Monday & Tuesday) or cohort B (Thursday & Friday).
- Starting March 1st, we are also welcoming ALL 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.
- March 15th, we plan to welcome fourth graders & Mrs. Robinson's 4th & 5th grade multi-age in either cohort A (Monday & Tuesday) or cohort B (Thursday & Friday).
- March 22nd, we plan to welcome Ms. Guilford's fifth graders in either cohort A (Monday & Tuesday) or cohort B (Thursday & Friday).

Third, fourth, and fifth grade students will remain in cohorts for the remainder of the school year.

All students will use Wednesdays for at-home, independent learning days.

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 so at family.tpsapps.org. Please see below for more details regarding the Family App.



FAMILY COVID SURVEY APP



Family App (IMPORTANT!):

You will need the Family App to fill out the DAILY health survey every day your child comes to school. This is a critical step in our safety protocols and is required daily. **Your child will not be able to attend class until this is completed each morning before 9 AM.**

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.

SPRING CONFERENCES (*NEW):

We have parent-teacher conferences coming up soon. Students will be released early on conference days, Thursday, March 11th & Friday, March 12th, whether those are at-home or in-person learning days for them.

- High school will get out at 10:50 AM
- Middle school will get out at 11:30 AM
- Elementary school will get out at 12:15 PM

Conferences will be run virtually, through Microsoft Teams. However, if you feel you need to meet in-person, please contact me to make those arrangements. Please contact your child's teacher for conference information and details.

After School Fun!:

Join in the virtual "After School Fun" with this collection of activities from Metro Parks Tacoma. From arts to history to wildlife, there is something to keep your child engaged after school. Register now for session 1 from March 1 – April 1. Click [here](#) for more information---Activities & Sports - Metro Parks Tacoma



Meals Update:

- Meal packs can get picked up for the first time at elementary schools from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM; look for signs outside for the pick-up location, which will be on the north end cafeteria door.
- Meal packs can get picked up at middle schools from 10 AM to 12 PM; the pick-up locations will not change.
- Times and stops for the Meals-on-Wheels meal delivery program in neighborhoods have changed significantly. The new map and schedule are online at www.tacomaschools.org/nutrition.

On students' in-person learning days, they will receive their meals in school.

Free breakfasts and lunches will continue to be available to all children up to 18 years old, through the end of the school year, whether students are learning from home or in a school building.



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.

Laptops (*NEW):

When students attend school in-person, their teachers will let students and families know when to bring their laptops to school. When they do bring them, students should wrap or cover their devices and make sure the laptops are carried in a bag or backpack. Students will need to bring their laptops home at night to charge the battery.

Fawcett Replacement Project Update (*NEW):

Great news! The Tacoma Public School Board selected the team of Tacoma-based BLRB Architects and Hensel Phelps Construction Co. to design and build the new Fawcett Elementary School. Fawcett is one of 8 school replacements or historic renovations funded by the \$535 million school construction bond voters passed in 2020.

The new Fawcett Elementary is expected to open in 2023. While our new school is under construction, Fawcett students will attend school at the former McKinley Elementary. Fawcett staff and students will use the former McKinley Elementary School campus for the next two school years, as our new school is built.

This spring, we will start packing up our spaces in preparation for the move to McKinley in June. McKinley is at 3702 East McKinley Avenue. Transportation will be provided for students living in the current Fawcett boundary.

For more about our school replacement project, visit the construction website at [Fawcett Elementary - Tacoma Public Schools \(tacomaschools.org\)](http://FawcettElementary-TacomaPublicSchools.tacomaschools.org).

Transportation:

If you are wondering how and when your child can ride the bus to and from school on their in-person learning days, you can get that information on our website. Go to www.tacomaschools.org and click on the school bus icon. Type in your address to find your child's bus stop and schedule. You can also contact Ms. Kelly at kpenswi@tacoma.k12.wa.us.

Immunizations:

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.

Free Internet:

Do you 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 (*UPDATED):

By now I hope you know about Tacoma Online, our district's fully online K-12 learning platform. Approximately 4,000 TPS students have opted for that learning experience so far this school year. Now that we are bringing more and more students back for in-person learning, current Tacoma Online students may wish to switch to remote learning at their home school, and students moving into hybrid learning may wish to switch to Tacoma Online.

The deadline for making a shift is March 15th. There is currently no wait list for Tacoma Online, and requests are being processed as quickly as possible. All schools are also working to quickly accommodate requests from Tacoma Online students to switch to remote/hybrid learning, although it is important to note enrollment into our classrooms is based on space availability.

Falcon Foundations for Success:

Each week, each classroom teacher will choose two students from their class who exemplified the weekly focus. **Each Wednesday at 11:30 AM**, these falcons will be invited to a MS Teams celebratory meeting with Ms. Hathaway & Ms. Holcombe to celebrate their recognition.

FEBRUARY: BE RESPONSIBLE

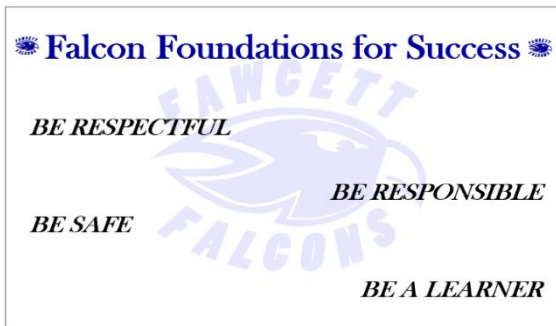
March 1: I am at school every day and arrive on time / I complete my virtual work and participate every day.

March 8: I work independently and cooperatively.

March 15: I keep my desk and work area neat and tidy.

March 22: I get started on my work without prompting.

March 29: Teacher's Choice (on being responsible)





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.

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 **90.56%**.

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/>

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, 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.

FEBRUARY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Late Start No School for Preschool (except Montessori)		Secondary Trimester Break No School for Secondary Only	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Grade 1 (cohort A) begins in-person learning two days a week		Late Start No School for Preschool (except Montessori)	Grade 1 (cohort B) begins in-person learning two days a week	NO SCHOOL	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	NO SCHOOL District Offices Closed	Grade 2 (cohort A) begins in-person learning two days a week Kindergarten begins in-person learning four days a week	Late Start No School for Preschool (except Montessori)	Grade 2 (cohort B) begins in-person learning two days a week		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Grade 1 begins in-person learning four days a week		Late Start No School for Preschool (except Montessori)			

MARCH 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
FEB. 28	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Grade 3 (cohort A) begins in-person learning two days a week Grade 2 begins in-person learning four days a week		NO LATE START No School for Preschool (except Montessori)	Grade 3 (cohort B) begins in-person learning two days a week Grade 6 (cohort B) begins in-person learning two days a week		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Grade 6 (cohort A) begins in-person learning two days a week		Late Start No School for Preschool (except Montessori)	All Grade Conferences Early Release Grades K-12 H.S. 10:50 a.m. M.S. 11:30 a.m. E.S. 12:15 p.m.	All Grade Conferences Early Release Grades K-12 H.S. 10:50 a.m. M.S. 11:30 a.m. E.S. 12:15 p.m.	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Grade 4 (cohort A) begins in-person learning two days a week Grade 12 (cohort A) begins in-person learning two days a week		Late Start No School for Preschool (except Montessori)	Grade 4 (cohort B) begins in-person learning two days a week Grade 12 (cohort B) begins in-person learning two days a week		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Grade 5 (cohort A) begins in-person learning two days a week Grade 7 (cohort A) begins in-person learning two days a week Grade 9 (cohort A) begins in-person learning two days a week		Late Start No School for Preschool (except Montessori)	Grade 5 (cohort B) begins in-person learning two days a week Grade 7 (cohort B) begins in-person learning two days a week Grade 9 (cohort B) begins in-person learning two days a week		
28	29	30	31	APRIL 1		
	Grade 8 (cohort A) begins in-person learning two days a week Grades 10 & 11 (cohort A) begins in-person learning two days a week		Late Start No School for Preschool (except Montessori)	Grade 8 (cohort B) begins in-person learning two days a week Grades 10 & 11 (cohort B) begins in-person learning two days a week		