



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

Week of December 6, 2021

NO SCHOOL on December 6th (*NEW):

Please remember there is no school on Monday, December 6th for all elementary students, as it is the first trimester break and is used for teachers to work on trimester 1 report cards. **There is no school for pre-school all next week (12/6-12/10) due to preschool conferences.** There will be NO Beyond the Bell on December 6th as well.

Upcoming Dates through December, 2021:

- 🌀 December 6th: NO SCHOOL – Elementary Trimester Break
- 🌀 December 7th: 2nd Trimester Begins
- 🌀 December 15th: Report Cards Home with Students
- 🌀 December 16th: Greatest Gift Shop from 6-8 PM (see below)
- 🌀 December 17th: Hearing/Vision Screening Day
- 🌀 December 20th-31st: Winter Break (school resumes on January 3rd)

2021-2022 Academic Mini-Calendar



GREATEST GIFT SHOP
Thursday, December 16
6-8 P.m.
Fawcett School Cafeteria
3702 E McKinley Ave, Tacoma, WA 98404
Open to all families.
Come make some Cool Gifts to give your friends and family.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH • 253-474-6411

This is not a Tacoma School District sponsored event

SEPTEMBER 21	OCTOBER 21	NOVEMBER 21	DECEMBER 21	JANUARY 22
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■ School Starts (K-12) ■ Elementary Only ■ Conferences (early release)
■ School Starts (Pre-K-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



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



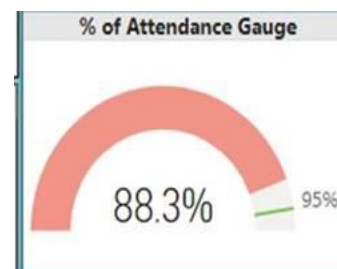
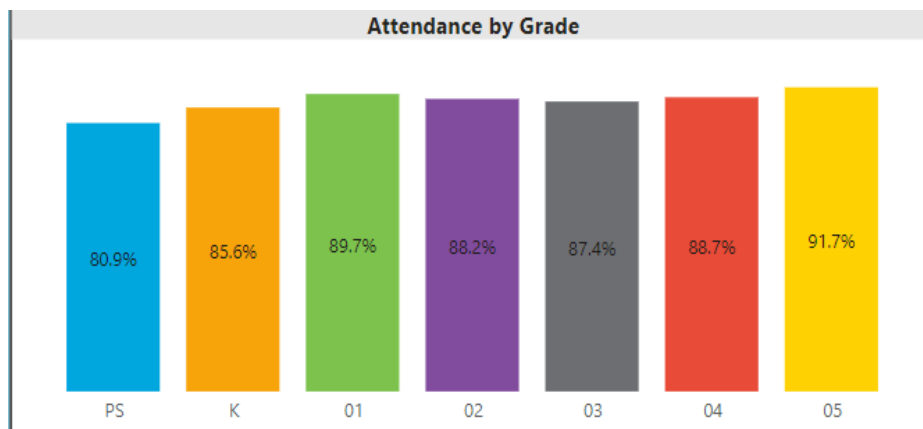
Here is an optional way to participate in some fun winter activities, the choice is yours!

We hope you enjoy the season, and we will see you back on January 3rd.



Fawcett Attendance Averages through 12/3/21:

Our attendance goal is 95%! If your child is well enough to attend, please make every effort to ensure they are at school, on time. We appreciate your support!



Hearing/Vision Screening on December 17th (*NEW):

On Friday, December 17th, our district's Health Screening Team will be conducting the annual Washington state-mandated Vision and Hearing Screening. This screening is for all students in grades K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th in our school. If there is a concern with your child's screening results, you will be notified by mail and/or phone call. Please help with this important health screening by encouraging your child to **wear his/her glasses and be present on December 17th!**

MetroParks Before & After School Camp Registration on NOW through December 15th
for January 3rd- March 4th (*NEW):

Registration for January 3rd March 4th is now through December 15th for currently registered families. Please note that all returning families MUST re-register for each new session to guarantee a spot for your student(s).

<https://www.metroparkstacoma.org/before-and-after-school/>

Registration will be open to the public on Wednesday, December 1st. Registration will close on Wednesday, December 15th.

- MetroParks Before and After School Camp Sites are **Lyon (where Fawcett students attend), Fern Hill, Larchmont, and Reed.**
- Please note that rates have changed on our registration to reflect the 9-week session (*This is based on our monthly rates of \$450 for full time care and \$225 for part-time care*).
 - Full time Camp - AM/PM Mon-Fri- \$800 (9-week camp)
 - Part Time Camp- AM ONLY Mon-Fri \$450 (9-week camp)
 - Part Time Camp- PM ONLY Mon-Fri \$475 (9-week camp)
- Please note that **MetroParks Before and After School Camps will be CLOSED on the following days:**
 - 1/17- MLK Jr. Day- CLOSED
 - 2/17-TPS Data Day
 - 2/18-TPS Snow Make-Up Day
 - 2/21-President's Day Holiday
- Families can apply for [financial assistance](#) (click on link for form or [Program Fee Reduction Request \(metroparkstacoma.org\)](#)) and receive up to 75% off our rates. Families must complete the application and be approved **BEFORE** registering for camp. Forms can be emailed to reg.support@tacomaparks.com.
- Link to register: <https://www.metroparkstacoma.org/before-and-after-school/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email Tiffany Lemmon, Out of School Time & Childcare Coordinator at: tiffany.lemmon@tacomaparks.com or call 253.719.9472.

Metro Parks Tacoma Basketball Coaches Needed:

In partnership with Metro Parks Tacoma and many other community partners, we have developed the Beyond the Bell after school programs in all 36 Tacoma Public Schools elementary schools. Metro Parks Tacoma (MPT) is looking for TPS staff, students, and/or parents to support the upcoming basketball season January 10th-February 26th. Recruitment of coaches has been tricky and we need you. We have over 300 students without a coach right now and some of them are at our school or in our neighborhood. Metro Parks has paid positions for adults and youth, as well as volunteer positions. Adult positions pay \$17-20 per hour and high school students can earn a \$500 stipend for a 5-week coaching period.

Time commitment: Practices are typically Monday/Wednesday 3:30-5:30 PM or Tuesday/Thursday 3:30-5:30 PM. There is one, one-hour game, per week on Saturdays between 9 AM and 3 PM.

Adults interesting in coaching can apply online

at: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/metroparkstacoma/jobs/3212452/recreation-leader-youth-sports-coaching-instructor>.

Students (Grades 9-12) interested in coaching can apply

here: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iLOhd89aK0m_QmTLsIfQTGGKeTZt2\[d\]JgFtEltI6SEVUNU5RVENRWk3TzI5UDdNVkxJUE1QVVIVUy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iLOhd89aK0m_QmTLsIfQTGGKeTZt2[d]JgFtEltI6SEVUNU5RVENRWk3TzI5UDdNVkxJUE1QVVIVUy4u)





Beyond the Bell:

Are you looking for information about childcare, clubs, sports, field trips? Families can register now through December 15th 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. Look under "activities" in the App to see all programs that your child is eligible for. 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 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 18

- OPTIONS: Her Village (4th & 5th Grade), Basketball (K-2nd Grade), Culture Club (K-3rd Grade)

Session 4: March 7-April 22

Session 5: May 2-June 10

Interested in Girl Scouts?

Please contact Teresa Rutledge at: tdrutledge@msn.com for information.

COVID Vaccinations & Boosters

Tacoma Public Schools and our partner organizations are hosting events where people 5 and older can get COVID vaccinations, and those 18 and older can get the booster shot. Get more information here: [TPS Vaccine Events - Tacoma Public Schools \(tacomaschools.org\)](https://www.tpschools.org/tacomaschools.org)

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/oc/2021/05/14/fda-authorizes-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-for-emergency-use-in-children-5-through-11-years-of-age)
- ☼ [FDA Authorizes Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for Emergency Use in Children 5 through 11 Years of Age | FDA](https://www.fda.gov/oc/2021/05/14/fda-authorizes-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-for-emergency-use-in-children-5-through-11-years-of-age)
- ☼ [Comirnaty and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine | FDA](https://www.fda.gov/oc/2021/05/14/fda-authorizes-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-for-emergency-use-in-children-5-through-11-years-of-age)

Students & Family Members Can Get Free COVID-19 Tests at TPS Site:

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. 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 43rd 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



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!

5th Grade Band & Orchestra Opportunities:

Fawcett 5th 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 5th 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

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.

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.

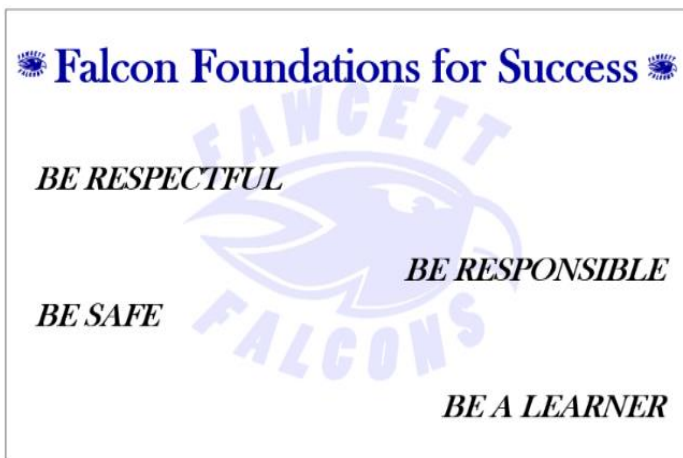
Falcon Foundations for Success:

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.

December: BE A LEARNER

6: I persevere on tasks, tests, and assignments.

13: I ask questions so that I can understand.



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 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.



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 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>



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.

****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 37th Street **to the north of the school**. Please follow the cones, signs, and staff direction, as there is no parking on E. 37th 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. 37th 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. 37th St. (**Blue X**)
- Don't park on E. 37th St. Please follow the cones and signage placed on E. 37th 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. 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.

Helpful Websites & Contact Information:

- ☼ Fawcett Elementary School website: 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>



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, Megan Nelson, mnelson@tacoma.k12.wa.us, 253-571-1003.
- ❖ 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.