



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

Week of April 11, 2022



Spring Break:

Just a friendly reminder that spring break starts Monday. School will be closed for all students from April 4th-8th. Have a wonderful week!

Upcoming Dates: April, 2022:

- ☀ April 4th-8th- Spring Break- No School – no Beyond the Bell!
- ☀ April 11th- School Resumes!
- ☀ April 19th – 5th Grade Simply Symphonic Field Trip
- ☀ April 21st – Spring Class Picture Day
 - **IMPORTANT:** PLEASE send your child to school on April 21st with his/her district laptop, if it's not already at school, as the district will be inventorying all district technology on this day.
- ☀ April 22nd – TPS Music Spirit Day – wear your favorite music-themed attire



IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR...
SPRING BREAK!

SPRING BREAK IS A GREAT TIME TO
SCHEDULE YOUR CHILD'S **DENTAL CHECK-UP**

We have openings
Monday - Saturday
6:30am-5:30pm

We take most dental
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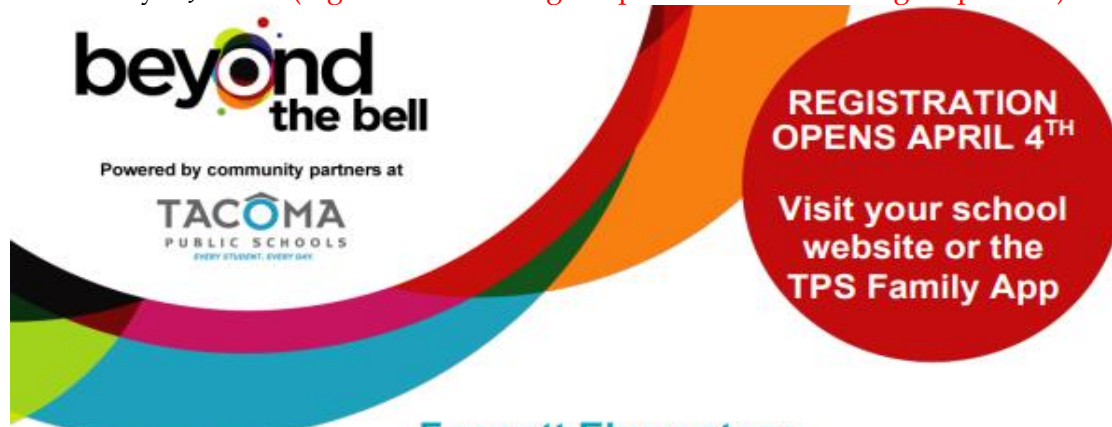
No one is EVER turned away for inability to pay!

Beyond the Bell (*UPDATED):

Beyond the Bell Session 4 began on Monday, March 7th and will run through April 22nd, from 3:30-5:30 PM, two days per week. This session's course offerings are listed below. Please remember there will be no programs March 17th and 18th due to early release for Spring Conferences and April 4th-8th due to Spring Break.

Our Beyond the Bell coordinator is Jennifer Boutell. Her email address is: jboutell@tacoma.k12.wa.us and Google Voice # is (541) 224-6923.

- 🌀 Session 4: March 7-April 22
- 🌀 Session 5: May 2-June 10 (registration will begin April 4th and run through April 20th)



**REGISTRATION IS
OPEN APRIL 4TH – 20TH**



Fawcett Elementary

Clubs, Activities, Sports, and Field Trips at Your School

Tacoma Public Schools and community partners have come together to offer Beyond the Bell. Beyond the Bell lets you choose from more activities at your school than ever before. Activities are offered before and after school as well as during days when school is not in session.

Everything is all in one place. Go to your school's website or the TPS Family App and look for Beyond the Bell. You will find descriptions and schedules offered at your school.

"Pay What You Choose"

"Pay What You Choose" is flexible pricing that makes activities affordable for every student. When you register, you decide what you will pay between nothing at all and \$150 for activities.

Every dollar you do pay goes back into the Beyond the Bell program, making activities affordable and accessible for everyone.

When you register for Beyond the Bell activities on the TPS Family App at <https://family.tpsapps.org>, you will be asked what you would like to pay for activities. This special launch pricing is for activities through the end of 2021/22 school year.

We look forward to seeing your student engaged in high quality Beyond the Bell experiences at their school.

Session 5: May 2nd – June 10th

Grades	Program	Days of the Week
3 rd – 5 th	Hip Hop	Tuesdays & Thursdays
3 rd -5 th	Animation Club	Tuesdays & Thursdays

COVID-19 Update:

Please note that our district COVID-19 testing sites will be closed April 1st – April 10th. They will re-open April 11th, after spring break. Testing sites are available to students and staff, and their immediate family members.

As of Monday, February 7th, schools can accept at-home, rapid antigen negative tests results to shorten quarantine for K-12 students and all staff, as Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD) recently updated their guidance. At-home, rapid antigen tests include, but are not limited to, the iHealth tests given to students and staff. Proof includes a photograph of the negative test result with the following detail in the photo:

- First and last name of the individual tested
- First and last name of the individual who administered the test, if known.
- The test sample collection date

Vaccination Clinics:

Tacoma Public Schools and MultiCare invite students and families to participate in upcoming immunization events at different TPS sites.

Free back-to-school immunizations are available for students ages 4 and up.

Free COVID-19 vaccines are available for students ages 5 and up, TPS families, and community members.

COVID-19 boosters are available for students ages 12 and up, TPS families, and community members.

Get dates and details here: [TPS Vaccine Events - Tacoma Public Schools \(tacomaschools.org\)](https://www.tacomaschools.org/TPS-Vaccine-Events)

COVID-19 School Guidance Changes:

As of March 14th, masks are now optional for students and staff.

We encourage you to talk to your child about your expectations for mask-wearing. Please let your child know that others might have a different perspective, and to treat them kindly and respectfully.

In addition to masks being optional, the State Department of Health updated other pieces of its COVID-19 guidance. Physical distancing is no longer required at school. There are also some changes related to students who test positive for Covid and students who were exposed to someone who tests positive. Take a look at our school website for details, and please contact us with questions.

Lost & Found:

Is your child missing any coats, jackets, hats, lunch bags, gloves, or other items? If so, please encourage your child to take a look through our Lost and Found. We have accumulated quite a bit of clothing and accessories and would love to get these things back to their owners!

**Thank you to families for labeling items so we can get them to the right owner when unclaimed.*





Nurses Can Answer Your COVID-19 Questions, Monday-Friday:

TPS families and staff can get answers to questions related to COVID-19 by calling nurses from the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

Nurses will be able to answer questions about COVID guidance for schools and TPCHD resources. The call center line is 253-649-1240. It's open from 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM, Monday through Friday, through the end of the school year.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19, please report it to us here at school.

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

****Please note that these TPS testing sites will be closed April 1st-10th, during Spring Break.**

TPS has partnered with the Department of Health and Premier Medical Group to open a second, walk-in clinic for students to receive a rapid antigen test for COVID-19. This site, at Baker Middle School, will open on Monday, February 28, 2022.

Where: Baker Middle School, 8001 South J street, Tacoma, 98408

When: 3:30-7:00 PM, Monday-Friday when school is open

Who: TPS students, staff and their immediate family members

You can drop into this TPS testing clinic (run by Premier Medical Group) any day school is open. You do not need an appointment. Test results are available online within 15-20 minutes. This is a rapid antigen test.

Where: Madison Early Learning Center, 3101 South 43rd Street, Tacoma, WA 98409

When: 1-5 PM on school days

Who: TPS students, staff, and their immediate family members

[Learn more about COVID testing options](#)

Fawcett Building Updates



Check out the latest and greatest updates regarding our temporary home at McKinley, how Fawcett's current building is being utilized by the Fire Department, and to check out preliminary designs for our new building!

[Planning and Construction - Tacoma Public Schools \(tacomaschools.org\)](https://www.tacomaschools.org)

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.

April: BE SAFE

- 11: I am aware of what zone I am in and use strategies to help me.
- 18: I always walk in the hallway and I take care of my technology.
- 25: Teacher's Choice (on being safe)



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.

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.



Hiring Efforts:

The school district continues to offer \$250 to \$5,000 hiring bonuses to fill key positions, like nurses, LPNs, bus drivers, education support professionals and bus monitors.

We are also looking for emergency substitute teachers and have changed the requirements so more people are temporarily eligible. Substitute pay has also increased to \$200 per day.

Find out more about job openings and hiring bonuses here: [Careers - Tacoma Public Schools \(tacomaschools.org\)](http://www.tacomaschools.org)

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 can reach out to the Tacoma Urban League directly at (253) 383-2007.

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.*

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.
- ☼ Please do NOT park on the **sidewalk on G Street, as this is residential parking**.

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.



Thank you for your support, patience, and assistance with this!

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>



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.

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 lnolan@tacoma.k12.wa.us or 253-571-1252.

2021-2022 Academic Mini-Calendar

SEPTEMBER 21	OCTOBER 21	NOVEMBER 21	DECEMBER 21	JANUARY 22
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- School Starts (1-12)
- School Starts (PreK-K)
- No School (all grades)
- Elementary Only
- Oct. 13 Conferences early release
- Dec. 6 No School
- Middle & High Only (no school)
- Conferences (early release)
- Last Day of School (K-12)
- Last Day of Preschool

For detailed and updated calendars visit: tacomaschools.org/calendar

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JUNE 23, 2022

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MICHAEL TUNCAP, ERIN JONES



WHERE: UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND

9:00-3:00
YOUTH TIME
10:00-2:00

OTHER ACTIVITIES:
UWT DREAMKITS,
FINANCIAL LITERACY,
STUDENT PANEL, SUCCESS PLANNING

CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE LEARNING AND HEALING DAY

TPS Land Acknowledgement

Tacoma Public Schools acknowledges that we are on the traditional ancestral and historical lands of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Puyallup Tribe. This acknowledgement serves as a first step in honoring our nearest tribal neighbors and partners who have inhabited this region since time immemorial, and whom we give thanks for allowing us passage to their lands. We shall intentionally create inclusive and respectful partnerships that honor Indigenous cultures, histories, identities, and sociopolitical realities.

