



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

### **Week of April 18, 2022**

#### **Upcoming Dates: April, 2022:**

- ☀ April 19<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Simply Symphonic Field Trip
- ☀ April 21<sup>st</sup> – Spring Class Picture Day
  - **IMPORTANT: PLEASE send your child to school on April 21<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> – TPS Music Spirit Day – Wear something that showcases your favorite band, dress like your favorite musician, or wear something that celebrates your favorite musical instrument!

#### **Class Pictures (NEW\*)**

Class pictures are this Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Please send in order forms by that day or be sure to order online. The code for ordering online is **Gr8220361** and you may place your order at <https://leosphotography.com/>. Please let your child's teacher know if you'd like an additional order form sent home or feel free stop by and pick one up in the main office!

#### **Morning Drop-Off Reminders (\*NEW)**

Just a reminder that if you drop-off your child in the morning, supervision does not begin until 8:50, so please ensure you are either keeping your child in the car with you or supervising them until the bell rings and staff arrive outside at the gate. Given this is a congested, high-traffic area, please remind your child that if they are out of your vehicle prior to 8:50 they should be waiting in line, chatting with friends if they'd like, but not playing games such as tag or catch. We appreciate your support in ensuring our students' safety!

#### **Beyond the Bell (\*UPDATED):**

Beyond the Bell Session 5 registration is open now through April 20<sup>th</sup>. This session will run from May 2<sup>nd</sup>- June 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be no programming on May 30<sup>th</sup> due to Memorial Day. Please see the flyer on the following page for registration details.

**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 4: March 7-April 22
- ☀ Session 5: May 2-June 10

# beyond the bell

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
EVERY STUDENT. EVERY DAY.

**REGISTRATION  
OPENS APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**Visit your school  
website or the  
TPS Family App**

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OPEN APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup>**



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> – June 10<sup>th</sup>

Grades	Program	Days of the Week
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Hip Hop	Tuesdays & Thursdays
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Animation Club	Tuesdays & Thursdays
K-1 <sup>st</sup>	T-Ball	Mondays & Wednesdays



**Please Help us Meet our Goal of All Students Present and On Time to School! (NEW\*)**

As we move into the final trimester of the school year it's more important than ever that your child is at school on time each day. Lately, we have seen an increase in tardy arrivals. Please do your best to ensure your child is here on time each day. This will help our staff continue to build routines, foster a healthy classroom environment, and will ensure that your child receives every minute of daily instruction. Morning arrival takes place between 8:50-9:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; 9:50-10:00 on Wednesday Late Start days. Thank you in advance!

**Preschool Applications Open (NEW\*):**

Tacoma Public Schools is now accepting applications for our 2022-23 preschool programs, which are free to qualifying families.

We offer half day and school-day programs across the district. Children must be three or four years old by August 31<sup>st</sup> to participate, and not yet kindergarten eligible.

Pre-screening applications are available here: [Pre-Screening Application for Preschool - Tacoma Public Schools \(tacomaschools.org\)](https://www.tacomaschools.org/Pre-Screening-Application-for-Preschool)

**Upcoming Immunization Event (NEW\*):**

In partnership with MultiCare's Center for Health Equity & Wellness, Tacoma Public Schools invites students and families to participate in free immunization events.

The next event is from 3:30-6 p.m. on Thursday, April 21 at Lincoln High School.

The free back-to-school immunizations are available for students ages 4 and up. 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 more information here: [TPS Vaccine Events - Tacoma Public Schools \(tacomaschools.org\)](https://www.tacomaschools.org/TPS-Vaccine-Events)

**College tours for students and parents (NEW\*):**

From April 21 through May 24, Tacoma Public Schools is sponsoring in-person tours of some of our outstanding local colleges. We will provide transportation to and from each institution, or people may use their own transportation and meet us at the college.

Tours are open to all TPS students and their parents or guardians.

Each visit includes a customized tour and presentation from college staff on the admissions process, financial aid and scholarships and college life unique to each school.

Register here:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iLOhd89aK0m\\_QmTLsIfQTGGCG68wrwtJnHCfofBc5cNUNzIWR1RFREVQV1BBTUIMNDZGNIIEVUXOTS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iLOhd89aK0m_QmTLsIfQTGGCG68wrwtJnHCfofBc5cNUNzIWR1RFREVQV1BBTUIMNDZGNIIEVUXOTS4u)



### **COVID-19 Update:**

As of Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

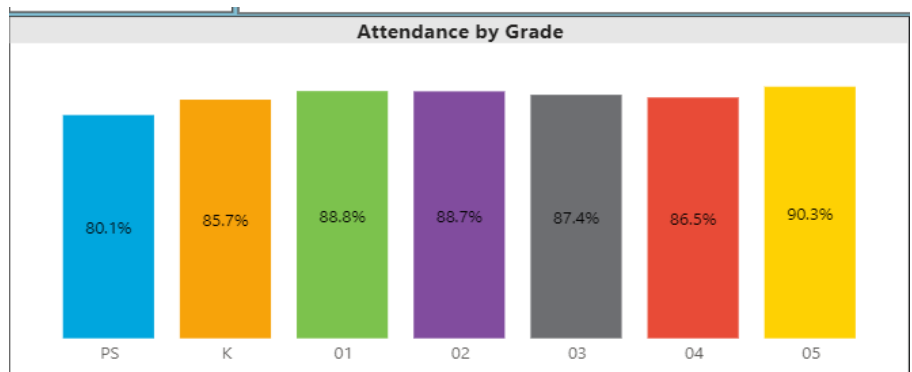
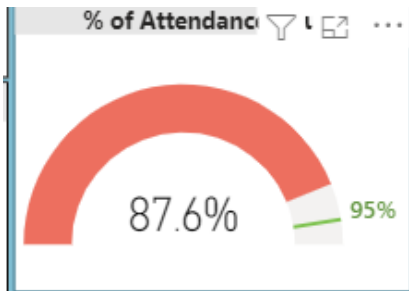
**Where:** Madison Early Learning Center, 3101 South 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Tacoma, WA 98409

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

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

[Learn more about COVID testing options](#)

### Weekly Attendance (\*NEW)



### 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 \(tacomaschools.org\)](#)

### **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.

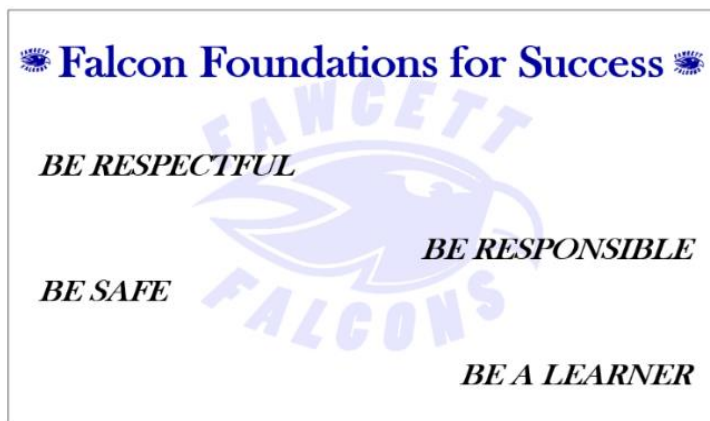
### **Falcon Foundations for Success:**

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**

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 our weather continues to 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](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.

### 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://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](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.*

### 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.

#### **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.







- School is out each day at 3:30 PM.
- Please do NOT park on the **sidewalk on G Street, as this is residential parking.**

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

### 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>



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](https://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](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.
- ❖ If you have questions regarding this nondiscrimination statement and its use, please contact [lnolan@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto: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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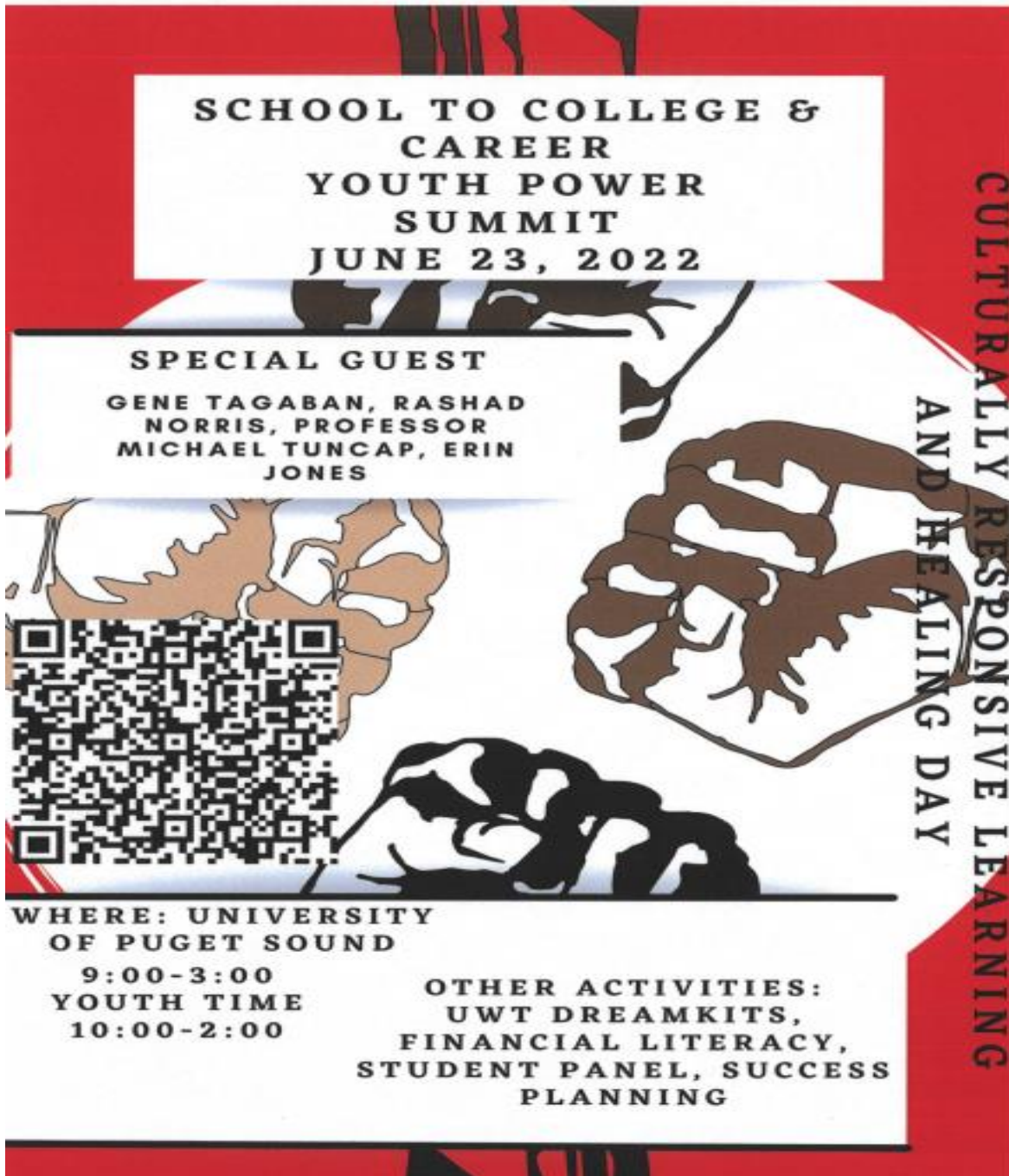
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- School Starts (1-12)
- Elementary Only
- Conferences (early release)
- School Starts (PreK-K)
- Oct. 13 Conferences early release
- Last Day of School (K-12)
- No School (all grades)
- Dec. 6 No School
- Last Day of Preschool
- Middle & High Only (no school)

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







**SCHOOL TO COLLEGE & CAREER  
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JUNE 23, 2022**

**SPECIAL GUEST**  
GENE TAGABAN, RASHAD  
NORRIS, PROFESSOR  
MICHAEL TUNCAP, ERIN  
JONES

**CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE LEARNING  
AND HEALING DAY**

**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**

## 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.

