



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

Week of April 25, 2022

Upcoming Dates through May, 2022:

- ☼ May 2nd-6th: Staff Appreciation Week – please see below as to how you can support!
- ☼ May 4th @ 6:30 PM: PTA Virtual Meeting (see below)
- ☼ May 10th: 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade ELA SBA Testing
- ☼ May 12th: 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Math SBA Testing
- ☼ May 17th: 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade ELA SBA Testing
- ☼ May 18th: 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade ELA SBA Testing
- ☼ May 24th: 3rd & 4th Grade Math SBA Testing & 5th Grade Science SBA Testing
- ☼ May 25th: 3rd & 4th Grade Math SBA Testing & 5th Grade Science SBA Testing
- ☼ May 27th: NO SCHOOL – Snow Make-Up Day
- ☼ May 30th: NO SCHOOL – Snow Make-Up Day
- ☼ May 11th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 26th & 31st: SBA Make-Ups (as needed)



SBA Schedule for 3rd, 4th, & 5th Graders (*NEW):

3rd, 4th, & 5th graders will take the math and ELA SBA tests in May, per state requirements. 5th graders will also take the Science test, as well. Please help us with the following to ensure your child does his/her best on each test, as listed in the schedule above:

- ☼ Bring his/her charged TPS laptop and charger
- ☼ Be on time for school
- ☼ Get a good night's sleep
- ☼ Eat a good breakfast
- ☼ Earn your grit goals!
- ☼ Positive self-talk
 - Take your time
 - Check your work
 - Persevere
 - Read the directions and passages multiple times
 - Use scratch paper to solve the problems, look for errors, and show thinking prior to putting answers/work on the computer
 - Listen carefully to the directions on the computer and from the teacher
 - Use the tools appropriately (computer, headphones, pencil, scratch paper, etc.)
 - Stay focused
 - Do your best on the test!



Staff Appreciation Week

As many of you may know, "Teacher Appreciation Week" is quickly approaching during the week of May 2-6, 2022. Traditionally at Fawcett, because all of our staff members are "*ALL in for ALL students*", we acknowledge **all** staff members during this week and call it "Staff Appreciation Week".

We are reaching out to our Fawcett community to show our gratitude to the educators who, throughout the year have helped inspire, shape, and encourage our children. We are looking for your support to treat all of our staff members with the following items throughout the course of the upcoming appreciation week in early May.

The items we are looking for donations include:

- ☛ Canned sparkling flavored waters (i.e. La Croix, Hint, Bubly, San Pellegrino, etc.)
- ☛ Canned or bottled drinks (i.e. iced coffee, Snapple, bottled water, soda, etc.)
- ☛ Individual bags of snacks (i.e. trail mix, chips, granola bars, pretzels, protein bars, cookies, fruit snacks, popcorn, nuts, etc.)
- ☛ Individual bagged veggies and/or fruits
- ☛ Individual packaged refrigerator items (i.e. hummus, cheese, guacamole, dips, etc.)
- ☛ Individual fruit that has a peel (i.e. bananas, oranges, etc.)
- ☛ Individually bagged/boxed candies or chocolates (i.e. Starburst, M&M's, Snickers, etc.)

If you are interested in donating any of the items below, please email Ms. Hathaway at ehathaw@tacoma.k12.wa.us so we can coordinate a drop-off day/time at school. **Please communicate what you would be willing to donate and bring in this item(s) by Friday, April 29th.**

In addition to these requested items, please feel free to reach out to any staff member(s) with a positive note, card, drawing, or other gesture. If you would like to email us any compliments or praise of specific staff member(s), we will share this, as well.

Thanks for your continued partnership and support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

With Much Respect,



Emily Hathaway---Principal

Jana Perkins---Assistant Principal

PTA Virtual Meeting (*NEW):



PTA will be meeting virtually on Zoom on May 4th at 6:30 PM. Topics will include, but not be limited to: 5th Grade Celebration, Field Day, Teacher/Staff Needs, and PTA Board for 2022-23. We hope to virtually see you there!

<https://zoom.us/join/joinmeeting#/upcoming>

Password: fawcett

Beyond the Bell:

Beyond the Bell Session 5 registration is now closed. Session 5 will run from May 2nd- June 10th. There will be no programming on May 30th due to Memorial Day.

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

Please Help us Meet our Goal of All Students Present and On Time to School! :

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:

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 31st 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:

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

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 & Parents:

From April 21st through May 24th, 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

COVID-19 Update:

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://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.

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:

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.

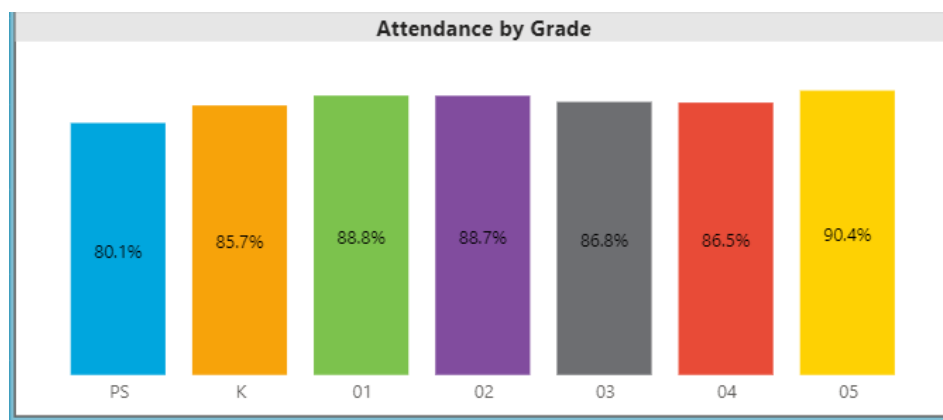
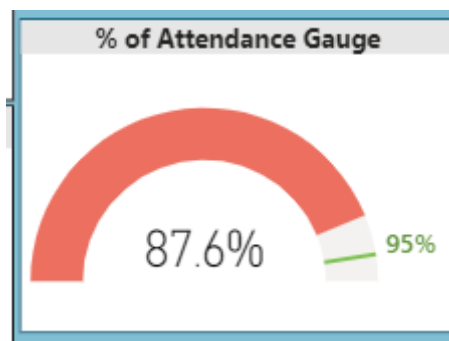
Where: Madison Early Learning Center, 3101 South 43rd Street, Tacoma, WA 98409

When: 1-5 PM on school days

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

[Learn more about COVID testing options](#)

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 \(tacomaschools.org\)](http://tacomaschools.org)

Blue Positive Office Referrals:

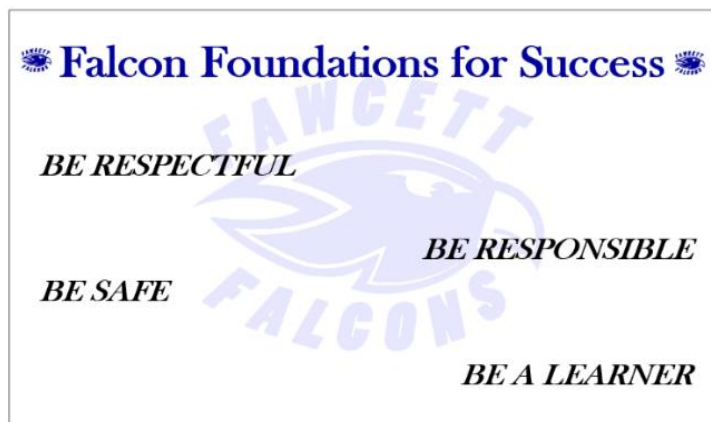
Each week all Fawcett staff members recognize two students with a blue positive office referral. Students can be recognized for exemplifying one, or more, of our Falcon Foundations for Success of: being respectful, being responsible, being safe, and/or being a learner. The staff member will give the 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

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.



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.*



**SCHOOL TO COLLEGE & CAREER
YOUTH POWER
SUMMIT
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**

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.

Morning Drop-Off Reminders:

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!

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.*

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.



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.

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.

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.



2021-2022 Academic Mini-Calendar

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 (PreK-K)
 ■ Oct. 13 Conferences early release
 ■ Last Day of School (K-12)

■ No School (all grades)
 ■ Middle & High Only (no school)
 ■ Last Day of Preschool

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