



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

\*Week of March 22, 2021\*

### 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:

- 🌀 March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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](https://family.tpsapps.org). Please see below for more details regarding the Family 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.**

**Get to the Family App online at: [family.TPSapps.org](https://family.TPSapps.org).**

### Report Cards:

Each classroom teacher will email your child's report card to the email address he/she has on file by 4 PM on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

### Incoming Kindergarten Registration for the 2021-22 School Year (\*NEW):

Do you have a child who will be in kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year, or know of someone who does? If so, please fill out an enrollment application online in March, so we can ensure we have accurate staffing for the 2021-22 school year. The challenges and changes this past year have made planning difficult, but now is the time to enroll for kindergarten in the fall. We have space for you.





Each spring, Tacoma Public Schools looks at enrollment for the following year to determine how many teachers and support staff are needed. Enrolling now also helps students and families prepare for the transition to kindergarten. Each elementary school invites incoming kindergarten students to participate in Jumpstart events at their school during the summer.

**How to enroll (please note first-time users will create an account):**

The Tacoma Public Schools enrollment application is online at: [New Student Enrollment \(Pre-K-12\) - Tacoma Public Schools \(tacomaschools.org\)](https://tacomaschools.org), but there are a few things you'll need before logging in:

- Two documents to verify your address
- Student vaccination records
- A birth certificate for students entering school for the first time



The poster for Virtual Family Math Night features a blue background with a green banner at the top right. The banner contains the text 'COME JOIN OUR VIRTUAL COMMUNITY WHERE WE EXPLORE 5 FUN MATH STATIONS'. The main title 'VIRTUAL Family Math Night™' is in the center. Below the title, five math stations are listed with icons: 'ESTIMATION JAR' (jar of beads), 'ORIGAMI' (origami crane), 'SCAVENGER HUNT' (magnifying glass), 'GAMES GALORE' (dice and game pieces), and 'WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?' (question mark on a sign). At the bottom, event details are provided in colored boxes: 'DATE : Thursday, April 29, 2021', 'WHERE : ONLINE VIRTUAL EVENT', and 'TIME : 6-7 pm'. A yellow box at the bottom contains the RSVP information: 'Please RSVP here to let us know that your family will be participating so that we can send home enough materials for everyone: <http://bit.ly/FawcettMathNight> INCLUDE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND THEIR GRADE LEVELS' and 'RSVP BY : April 16th via MS Forms'.

**VIRTUAL Family Math Night™**

COME JOIN OUR VIRTUAL COMMUNITY WHERE WE EXPLORE  
**5 FUN MATH STATIONS**

**ESTIMATION JAR**  
Who will get the closest estimate?

**ORIGAMI**  
Create your own origami and share a photo of your project

**SCAVENGER HUNT**  
Discover the math in your home

**GAMES GALORE**  
Play fun and engaging dice games

**WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?**  
What math do you see hiding?

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**WHERE :** ONLINE VIRTUAL EVENT

**TIME :** 6-7 pm

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### **Tacoma's TV School Expands to Include Grades 4 & 5 Plus Science Lessons (\*UPDATED):**

As students shift to hybrid learning, daily routines are changing and students in grades 3-5 have more independent learning time. Beginning March 15<sup>th</sup>, Tacoma's TV Classroom lessons will be available for K-5 students focusing on science and social-emotional learning. All lessons align with classroom curriculum.

Each week, Tacoma teachers Ms. Walle and Ms. Ozolin will teach 16 total lessons. Lessons focus on science and social-emotional activities by grade level. Science lessons will integrate both ELA and math to support and align with Mystery Science lessons used in the classroom. Social-emotional lessons follow the Getting Along Together (GAT) curriculum.

Lessons will continue to air daily on the KTPS TV (Comcast Channel 26 or Click/Rainier Connect Channel 25) or anytime on the TPS TV Classroom YouTube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsssmvcrDx0Wwid\\_Rt7ALiw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsssmvcrDx0Wwid_Rt7ALiw).

TV School started last fall primarily to serve younger students in grades K-3 who did not have a computer or internet access at home. Through television, those students could stay connected to regular, entertaining, educational lessons tied to their developmental levels. This new expansion for grades 4-5 will supplement the instruction students in those grades need for the rest of the school year as they shift to part-time in-person instruction and less remote learning. K-2 students attend school in person four days per week. Grade

3 students attend school in person two days a week in cohorts; grades 4 and 5 will do so starting March 15 and 22, respectively.

Due to space limitations, grades 3-5 will continue in cohorts through the end of the school year. The TPS TV Classroom will continue to offer K-5 lessons through the end of the school year.

To learn more about the TPS TV Classroom or see the broadcast schedule, visit their website at:

<https://www.tacomaschools.org/schools-and-learning-sites/digital-campus/tv-school>. For more information, contact [tvclassroom@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:tvclassroom@tacoma.k12.wa.us).

### **Breakfast & Lunch Menus (\*NEW):**

Here is where you can find our breakfast and lunch in-person monthly menus by school: [Tacoma Public Schools | My School Menus](#)

### **Masks:**

When you send your child to school, please ensure his/her mask has two layers. Generally speaking, the blue and white disposable or "surgical" masks have two layers. Not all cloth masks have two layers. Wearing either a double-layered mask or two single-layer masks meets the most recent health guidance.

### **Girls on the Run Spring Program Opportunity for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders:**

Registration is open now through April 16<sup>th</sup> and scholarships are available! Please check out this website for all of the information: <https://www.raceplanner.com/register/index/Spring-2021-GOTRWS?sid=e9b1c7ae8cb44ae4a4bd879bf7752bc0>

### **Next Year Survey for our Current Preschool – Fourth Graders:**

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>



### Meals:

- 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](http://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:

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.

### 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](http://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](mailto:kpenswi@tacoma.k12.wa.us).

### Fawcett Replacement Project Update:

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).



### 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.

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

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

### Weekly Student School-Wide Attendance:

Each week, whether in remote or in-person learning, our daily school-wide attendance goal is **95%**.

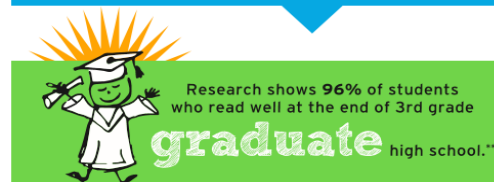
This week's school-wide attendance (preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) percentage was **90.07%**.

### 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](https://www.facebook.com/FawcettFalcons)

### Helpful Websites:

- ✿ Fawcett Elementary School website: [fawcettfalcons.com](https://fawcettfalcons.com)
- ✿ Fawcett Elementary School Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/fawcettfalcons/>
- ✿ Tacoma Public Schools: <https://www.tacomaschools.org/>



\*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.

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- ✦ 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, Cari Ake, [cake@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:cake@tacoma.k12.wa.us), 253-571-1225.
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