



Fawcett Elementary and Tacoma Public Schools Resources & Information Updates from Principal Hathaway *Week of September 21, 2020*

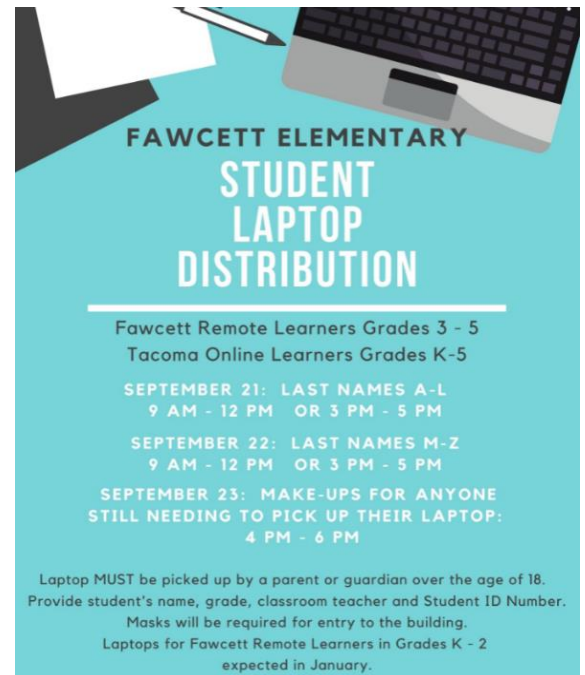
Laptops for 3rd-5th Grades Coming This Week (*UPDATED):

Students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades who are on the Fawcett remote learning path will receive a laptop to support their learning, as well as any student signed up for Tacoma Online. When you arrive, please park in our parking lot, wait on a marked yellow "X" outside of the gym, and wait for instructions from a staff member. Please make sure you always have on a face mask and ensure social distancing.

The days and times are listed to the right and below:

- 🌀 September 21st from 9 AM – 12 PM or 3 PM – 5 PM for last names A – L
- 🌀 September 22nd from 9 AM – 12 PM or 3 PM – 5 PM for last names M – Z
- 🌀 September 23rd make-ups from 4 PM – 6 PM

All district-issued laptops have an icon on the desktop that gives you one-click access to a website with variety of helpful information to get you through most of the common technology issues. If you have questions about your laptop once you have it, you can contact the TPS Technology Help Desk for assistance: <https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/technology/laptops-and-devices#>



FAWCETT ELEMENTARY
STUDENT
LAPTOP
DISTRIBUTION

Fawcett Remote Learners Grades 3 - 5
 Tacoma Online Learners Grades K-5

SEPTEMBER 21: LAST NAMES A-L
 9 AM - 12 PM OR 3 PM - 5 PM

SEPTEMBER 22: LAST NAMES M-Z
 9 AM - 12 PM OR 3 PM - 5 PM

SEPTEMBER 23: MAKE-UPS FOR ANYONE STILL NEEDING TO PICK UP THEIR LAPTOP:
 4 PM - 6 PM

Laptop MUST be picked up by a parent or guardian over the age of 18.
 Provide student's name, grade, classroom teacher and Student ID Number.
 Masks will be required for entry to the building.
 Laptops for Fawcett Remote Learners in Grades K - 2 expected in January.

LAST CHANCE for Last Year's Lost & Found Items **and School Supplies (*NEW):**

Please know this coming week is your last chance to check out last year's lost and found for any of your child's items. After next week we will donate any remaining items. Also, next week is your last chance to pick-up any remaining school supplies left in your child's desk, locker, or cubby. The days/times are the same as the laptop distribution for 3rd-5th graders and Tacoma Online students. Please see above for the days and times.

In-Person Learning Update (*NEW):

I have some new information for you about our return to school plans. By now you may have heard that way back on September 4th, the Tacoma-Pierce County Director of Health Dr. Anthony Chen told all Pierce County school districts that COVID-19 cases had dropped enough that it was now safe to start bringing back our youngest students for in-person learning.



For us, that means we will start bringing back students in **preschool and kindergarten only** for in-person learning beginning September 28th. Preschoolers will come back in cohorts on a reduced schedule. Kindergarten students will come back four days a week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays will be spent learning virtually from home. All of you will receive more specific scheduling information in the coming days, including bus transportation information for those of you who ride a bus to school.

I assure you we are following all the health and safety requirements from the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. Here at Fawcett Elementary, we have worked with our district's health administrator and facilities department to prepare our learning spaces to keep our students socially distanced six feet apart. We also have put in place new cleaning procedures, and our facilities team will have our ventilation system set for maximum flow of fresh air.

One additional requirement, which **you** can help with, is that all of our staff and students must properly wear face masks throughout the school day – unless they are eating or have a documented health condition that prevents him or her from wearing a mask. If you haven't already, you can start today to prepare your child for this requirement. Talk to your child about it. Have your child wear a mask for extended periods of time around the house. Stay positive in your encouragement. I understand this will be a challenge, but this is a statewide mandate that we must follow in our school.

Please know Fawcett will communicate the transition to the hybrid model (i.e. dates, times, schedule, logistics, and other information) as it becomes available to us. In the meantime, please make sure you have access to the Family App (see below), as this will be required daily when the hybrid model begins. Also, please make sure your child/children are comfortable with wearing a mask, as this will be an expectation for all when in the building.

Family App (*NEW):

When we return to school in the hybrid learning model, **every day before school** a parent or guardian must complete the daily COVID-19 screening before arriving on campus or entering the school bus. This is mandatory and is daily, as the state Department of Health requires parents/guardians throughout Washington to fill out a short daily health screening form confirming that their child is not ill and has not been exposed to anyone with COVID-19.

We are trying to make this process as easy as possible for you.

To prepare for this requirement, you can go to the website right now at family.tpsapps.org. You will see a link that says: Make daily health screenings easier: Register now for new online TPS Family App.

That page will walk you through the registration process. If you register now, you'll be all set up to fill out the daily health screening form when your student starts back to school in person.

For more information on this, please visit the Tacoma Public Schools, our Fawcett Elementary School Facebook page, and/or click on this link:

https://family.tpsapps.org/?fbclid=IwAR2gOyH9nyOn7uNrl26h_569b3XjBSGsX-1w2zqkgYitJeg2oxyyOfEugWY

Update Your Contact Information (*NEW):

Please ensure your contact information is up to date so you are getting our important updates and communications. To update any information, please visit our website at www.fawcettfalcons.org. Once you are there, a pop-up box will appear with an "Urgent" message. Please click the "Contact" button in the upper right corner and then click "Update Your Contact Information." This will direct you to Ms. Lori's, our office coordinator, email where you can email her your information (i.e. name, email address(es), phone number(s), mailing address, etc.).

Completed Medication Form(s) and/or Emergency Health Care Plan(s) (*NEW):

Please return any completed medication form(s) and/or emergency health care plan(s) to the Health Room as soon as possible. Signed forms can be faxed to our building at 253.571.4754, emailed to our school nurse, or mailed to the building addressed as "ATTN: Health Room." Please note: all life-threatening conditions require medication, orders, and a health care plan in place prior to starting school in person. Medication drop-off to be announced.

Shawn Jones, RN

Sjones4@tacoma.k12.wa.us / 253.571.4739 nurse/clinic phone / 126 E. 60th Street Tacoma, WA 98404

Late Start Wednesdays:

All Wednesdays starting September 16th, except October 14th, March 3rd, May 5th, & May 12th

School starts at 10 AM on late start Wednesday's. Late start schedules by grade level will be on our Fawcett Elementary School Facebook page early this week, as well as were emailed out in previous newsletters. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you need to see the remote learning schedule for your child's grade level.

Message from our Fawcett Counselor & Family Support Liaison:

Hi, Fawcett Families! We are so excited to be returning as your child's School Counselor and Family Support Liaison. As this unique year gets started, we are looking for ways to best support not only your child, but your whole



family, too! We have created a **confidential** Microsoft Form for you to fill out information and needs around supplies, household goods, food, mental health access, other immediate needs, etc. If you can, please take a couple minutes to fill this out via your cell phone, laptop, or tablet device- so we can do what we can to help. As always, we appreciate your trust and partnership with our school. Remember, we are in this together!



https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iLOhd89aK0m_QmTLsIfQTE0i4yn8H6pMiMOwevardr5UNtk2OUZPOVFDN0paMTRXUINBWVdSRzYzUy4u

All the best, Ms. Doss & Mrs. Stephens



Fawcett Class Lists:

Please know class lists are always tentative each fall, as at every school year, part of the routine involves shifting teachers to match where students show up in the beginning of school. The COVID-19 pandemic means that this upcoming school year we will see teachers shifting assignments more than ever before. Some of our educators have informed us of underlying health conditions that mean we need to find critical instructional roles that keep them from the classroom when in-person instruction resumes.

And thousands of our students have chosen to enroll in Tacoma Online – a fully online learning experience.

All of this means that many of our teachers will shift to new schools, new grade levels, new subject matter. Some will shift from classroom instruction to supporting students enrolled in Tacoma Online. About 5,500 TPS students, including many from our school, have chosen to enroll in Tacoma Online, a fully online learning experience.

Here at Fawcett Elementary School, we have five teachers moving to either support students in Tacoma Online, or are shifting roles within the district. These teachers are: Mrs. Perez, Mrs. Green, Ms. Latimer, Ms. Saville, and Mrs. Haynes. We thank each of them for their commitment to our Fawcett community!

We ask for your patience as we make these changes to match our students' needs and the restrictions from the pandemic. This video shows you what happens in a normal year:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1Lp2xZ-4zM&t=1s>

Microsoft Teams Access:

Microsoft Teams is where teachers will be teaching "live". It may be accessed from your desktop or mobile device by logging into Office 365, which is located on the Tacoma Public Schools website near the top of the page. The username is their student ID@TPS10.org and the password is tps. Your child's student ID# is the same throughout their Tacoma Public Schools educational career. If you or your child do not know their student ID#, it can be found in HAC (above). I have also included a one-pager to the end of this newsletter.

Microsoft Training for Families & Family Support Center:

Please feel free to watch the video tutorial playlists below:

- 🌀 <https://bit.ly/TPS-TeamsTips>
- 🌀 <https://bit.ly/TPS-OfficeTips>
- 🌀 <https://www.tacomaschools.org/get-involved/training>

FREE Meals for ALL TPS Students:

Beginning September 9th, any student 18 or younger can get free breakfast and lunch packs five days a week this fall, thanks to a change announced August 31st by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

This news from the USDA changes what Tacoma Public Schools previously announced about meal service this fall. Now, no pre-orders or student identification are necessary to pick up a meal.

The district is working out what the meal distribution schedule will look like and an announcement on the schedule will be communicated soon.

Get more information, including the map of meal pick-up stops at: <http://bit.ly/TPSFall2020>. Based off this map, Fawcett Elementary School is a stop! ☺ We are the final stop on the bus route @ 11:26 AM. The bus will remain at the school until 1 PM. Nutrition Services staff will serve meals to walk-ups.



PLEASE apply or free or reduced priced meals by October 1st. This needs to be completed annually and one per household. The USDA waiver described above expires 12/31/2020. Ensure your child will continue to receive free or reduced-price meals by filling out the FRL application. This also provides additional Federal funding and resources and staffing at Fawcett.

More information can be found at: <https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/nutrition>

Learning Packets Now Available Online:

Electronic versions of some elementary learning packets are now available on the district website, with more to come soon. Right now, you can access English Language Arts (ELA) and science packets students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Math packets will go online soon. These packets are designed to complement and extend the learning students will experience with their classroom teachers, as well as the K-3 TV Lessons (below). <https://www.tacomaschools.org/schools-and-learning-sites/digital-campus/return-to-school-guide/learning/preschool-elementary>

New Collaboration Tool-Schoology for Students, Families, & Teachers:

Soon after Tacoma students start school in remote learning, we will have a new tool that connects students to everything they need for a school day. Through this tool, Schoology, students will attend classes, see their assignments, turn in homework, and get feedback and grades from their teachers.

Each student will have a unique landing page with access to their classes, teachers and notifications. They can create their own calendar of assignment due dates and school events. Students also will be able to access Microsoft Office 365 tools, curriculum and other resources.

Teachers will help students log into Schoology for the first time and learn how to use it during the month of September. Families will soon receive access to the Schoology accounts of all students in their family. They can log in to monitor schoolwork and grades, attend parent-teacher conferences and get messages from their schools.

Take a look at this short video how one parent likes to use Schoology. Soon, families will also have access to instructional videos created by the Tacoma Public Schools' team that will show how to navigate the new learning management system set up specifically for Tacoma students.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2K6H3S9mKbk&list=PLyhiW2xh9YYheLyoh-rDTG_seA7x7ITgw&index=8

K-3 TV Lessons Broadcasting Times:

Daily lessons will align to the lessons provided by school classroom teachers in both literacy & math. Initially there will be 1 lesson per grade level broadcast during the day. Our goal is to work up to 1 literacy and 1 math lesson a day. The TV lessons will be 20-25 minutes long incorporating both grade level content and social emotional activities. Following the Schoology/Teams lessons provided by classroom teachers the first two weeks of TV lessons will have a heavy emphasis on helping students know how to learn from home incorporating more content-based learning within each lesson over time.

This will be on Comcast channel 26 (KTPS TV) or Click/Rainier Connect channel 25.

1st – 3rd Grade lessons will begin broadcasting the first day of school, September 9th.



Kindergarten lessons will begin broadcasting the first day of school for Kindergarteners, September 14th. More information can be found at: <https://www.tacomaschools.org/schools-and-learning-sites/digital-campus/tv-school>

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

Helpful Websites:

- ☼ Fawcett Elementary School website: fawcettfalcons.com
- ☼ Fawcett Elementary School Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/fawcettfalcons/>
- ☼ Tacoma Public Schools: <https://www.tacomaschools.org/>

TV Lesson Broadcasting Schedule - 1 lesson per grade daily				
Daily Broadcast Times			Replayed (Reruns)	
Kindergarten - Teacher: Ms. Barnes				
Literacy Lesson	9:30-9:55	Monday	1:30-1:55	Monday
Math Lesson	9:30-9:55	Tuesday	1:30-1:55	Tuesday
SEL Lesson	9:30-9:55	Wednesday	1:30-1:55	Wednesday
Literacy Lesson	9:30-9:55	Thursday	1:30-1:55	Thursday
Math Lesson	9:30-9:55	Friday	1:30-1:55	Friday
1st Grade - Teacher: Ms. Walle				
Literacy Lesson	10:00-10:25	Monday	2:00-2:25	Monday
Math Lesson	10:00-10:25	Tuesday	2:00-2:25	Tuesday
SEL Lesson	10:00-10:25	Wednesday	2:00-2:25	Wednesday
Literacy Lesson	10:00-10:25	Thursday	2:00-2:25	Thursday
Math Lesson	10:00-10:25	Friday	2:00-2:25	Friday
2nd Grade - Teacher: Ms. Ozolin				
Literacy Lesson	10:30-10:55	Monday	2:30-2:55	Monday
Math Lesson	10:30-10:55	Tuesday	2:30-2:55	Tuesday
SEL Lesson	10:30-10:55	Wednesday	2:30-2:55	Wednesday
Literacy Lesson	10:30-10:55	Thursday	2:30-2:55	Thursday
Math Lesson	10:30-10:55	Friday	2:30-2:55	Friday
3rd Grade - Teacher: Ms. Gomez				
Literacy Lesson	11:00-11:25	Monday	3:00-3:25	Monday
Math Lesson	11:00-11:25	Tuesday	3:00-3:25	Tuesday
SEL Lesson	11:00-11:25	Wednesday	3:00-3:25	Wednesday
Literacy Lesson	11:00-11:25	Thursday	3:00-3:25	Thursday
Math Lesson	11:00-11:25	Friday	3:00-3:25	Friday

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 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, Cari Ake, cake@tacoma.k12.wa.us, 253-571-1225.
- ❖ 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.

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Login to Office 365

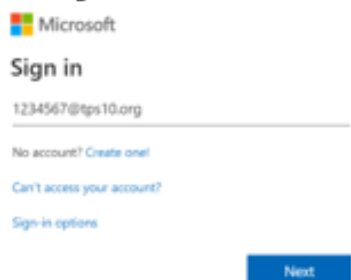
1. Start at tacomaschools.org

- Select Office 365



2. Enter your email address

- Your 7-digit student ID number @tps10.org



3. Enter your password.

- If it's your first time logging in, your password is **tps**.



4. Stay signed in?

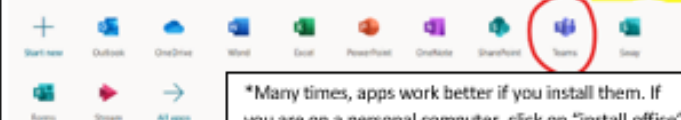
- If you share the computer with anyone, select **No**.



Get to your Class Team

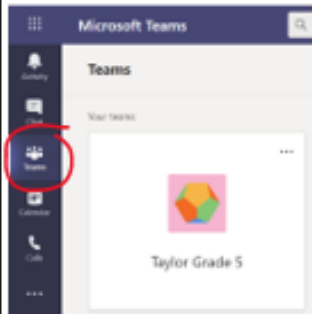
Once logged in to Office 365, select Teams icon

Good evening

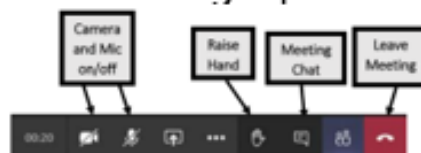


*Many times, apps work better if you install them. If you are on a personal computer, click on "install office" to get the apps for free.

From the Teams tab on the left, find your teacher's Team



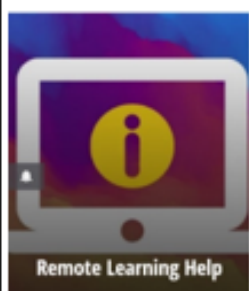
Virtual Meeting Expectations



- Enter the meeting with the microphone muted
- Use the "raise hand" tool and unmute yourself to join the conversation
- Dress appropriately for the live meeting
- Please do not record meetings or take pictures
- Use school-appropriate behavior and language

Need computer help? Contact our TPS help desk at

studenthelp@tacoma.k12.wa.us or 253-571-4357.



Additionally:

On every school website there will be a remote learning help icon. When visitors mouse over, it reveals your librarian's main library phone number, email, and a button to email a Form to request assistance.