



Fawcett Elementary and
Tacoma Public Schools
Resources & Information
Updates from
Principal Hathaway
Week of September 28, 2020

No In-Person School on September 28th (*NEW):

You probably have heard by now that we will not start bringing some of our students back to school this coming Monday, September 28th. This week school districts received clarified guidance from the state Department of Labor and Industries that school staff members are required to wear a higher standard of face masks than previously communicated.

I am so sorry that this change comes after we had made such careful plans to welcome some students back. All school districts expect to get additional information from the regulatory agency this coming week. We will keep you posted on any new developments.

For now, though, we will continue to focus on remote learning for all our students.

Revised School Schedule for Elementary (*NEW):

The elementary district revised school schedule will be starting on Monday.

This means:

- Our morning preschool session will run from 9:45 AM to 12:05 PM
- Our afternoon preschool session will run from 1:05 PM to 3:25 PM
- And our full day preschool session will run from 9:45 AM to 3:25 PM

For the rest of our students in kindergarten through 5th grade, the school day will now start at 9:45 AM and end at 3:20 PM.

Free & Reduced Lunch Form Deadline (*NEW):

This coming week we will have staff supporting any parents/guardians outside of the main office to help fill out the annual free and reduced lunch form. This needs to be filled out annually and one form per family.

Staff will be available, in a socially distanced manner, outside of the main office with paper copies (which were also placed in your child's tub during the school supply pick-up a couple weeks ago), as well as laptops to help you fill out this form. If you have a completed form, please feel free to drop it off during the days/times listed below.

- Monday, 9/28 from 1-4 PM
- Tuesday, 9/29 from 1-4 PM
- Thursday, 10/1 from 1-4 PM
- Friday, 10/2 from 1-4 PM



If you haven't already, please apply for free or reduced priced meals by the end of this week. 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, resources, and staffing at Fawcett.

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

Any families who have already filled out this annual form, and any who do this coming week either online or at school (see above) will be entered into a drawing for a prize basket! We will announce this family on our Fawcett Elementary School Facebook page on Friday, October 2nd at 4:15 PM. Good luck!

i-Ready Fall Diagnostic Testing from Home (*NEW):

In the next few weeks, students in 1st-5th grades will be taking their i-Ready fall diagnostic in reading and math from home. Schedules and logistics will be communicated by teachers for which this entails. Here are some important and helpful tips and information for parents/guardians before and during the testing administration.

- 🌀 <https://i-readycentral.com/videos/introducing-i-ready-assessment-at-home-for-families/?pt=teacher>
- 🌀 https://i-readycentral.com/view-resource/?id=32707&view_pdf=1
- 🌀 <https://i-readycentral.com/view-resource/?id=36089>
- 🌀 <https://i-readycentral.com/articles/family-resources-in-multiple-languages/>

Family App:

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 tacomaschools.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



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 noon. Nutrition Services staff will serve meals to walk-ups.

Update Your Contact Information:

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):

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

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 (*UPDATED):

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.

***The only person logging into Microsoft Teams should be the student. Parents/guardians should not be logging in unless the student is present. Feel free to look at the TPS Board Policies for more information:**

<https://www.tacomaschools.org/about/school-board/policy-manual/policy-details-page/~board/policy-6000/post/6973r>

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>

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>

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

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/>

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- ❖ 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

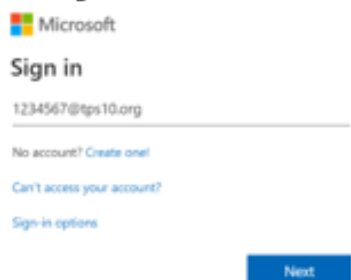
1. Start at tacomaschools.org

- 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?

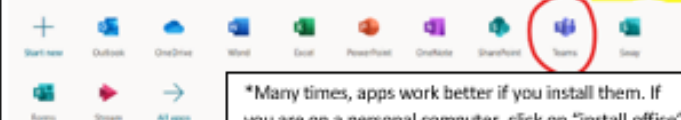
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Get to your Class Team

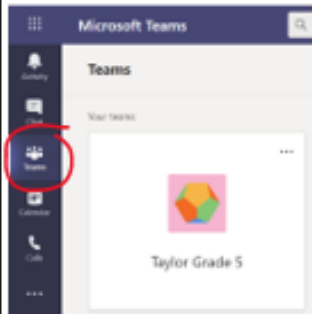
Once logged in to Office 365, select Teams icon

Good evening

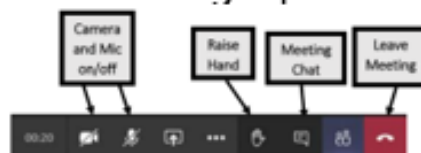


*Many times, apps work better if you install them. If you are on a personal computer, click on "install office" to get the apps for free.

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



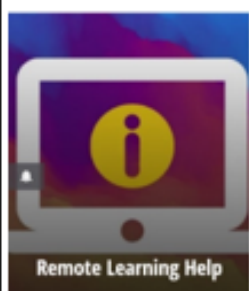
Virtual Meeting Expectations



- 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.