



Fawcett Elementary and
Tacoma Public Schools
Resources & Information
Updates from
Principal Hathaway
Week of November 23, 2020

Thanksgiving Break & School Meals this Week (*UPDATED):

Please remember that we have school on Monday and Tuesday only this coming week. Then schools and district offices will be closed beginning Wednesday for the rest of the week as we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.

During the break, the district will not distribute Grab-N-Go meals from the 10 pick-up location or the bus stops. However, on Tuesday, November 24th, students can pick up a two-day meal pack for their meals on Tuesday and Wednesday. Again, school will be closed for Thanksgiving Break from November 25th-27th. Have a safe Thanksgiving!

What Are You Thankful For?

If you would like to submit a picture of your Fawcett falcon showcasing what he/she is thankful for, please feel free to email the picture to Ms. Hathaway (ehathaw@tacoma.k12.wa.us) or Ms. Kelly (kpenswi@tacoma.k12.wa.us), as we would like to share this onto our Fawcett Elementary School Facebook.

Fawcett Staff Shout-Out (*NEW):

Would you (students and parents/guardians) like to give a Fawcett staff member a shout-out? If so, please fill out this quick Microsoft Forms survey to acknowledge each staff member and help make their day to show your gratitude. Ms. Hathaway will communicate each shout-out, on your behalf, to the staff member to thank him/her/them. Deadline: December 18th.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iLOhd89aK0m_QmTLsIfQTGtfI0YXzbpNoHFZhv5SI_VUMUdGTk40Q0ZaVDJCQkYREM3VTJDMVIONC4u

Schoology:

Students need to access Schoology through their Office 365 account and use their username and password to log-in. Once signed in, scroll down and click Schoology, which is a white "S" with a black background surrounded by a light blue circle.

I want to make sure you know that you can now use Schoology to view your student's grades. Schoology shows individual assignments, grades on each assignment, as well as teacher comments. You can still see grades in the Home Access Center (HAC) too. The advantage to viewing grades in Schoology is the increased level of detail and context provided on individual assignments. Students will continue to receive traditional report cards at the end of each trimester.

Grades look a little different at the elementary and secondary levels, to see how to access grades in Schoology and understand the differences, we have some short videos for you in English and Spanish, which are also listed below. To watch them, go to tacomaschools.org and search for "Family Support Center."



Do you have questions about your Schoology access code? Contact our school's teacher librarian by going to our school website and clicking on the tile that says: "Remote Learning Help." This will connect you with our school's teacher librarian, Mrs. Wells, who can assist you with this or other remote learning questions you may have. Mrs. Wells email address is: ewells@tacoma.k12.wa.us. And remember, only students on the remote learning path use Schoology. Take a look at this short video how one parent likes to use Schoology:



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

Here are two new videos you can access to learn more about viewing grading in Schoology:

- English: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-WJnt2CAANk&list=PLrgJy7zv_q0iSP5U64VPTRU0jTmbr1Qk7&index=2
- Spanish: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmGFrV3zE1s&list=PLrgJy7zv_q0iSP5U64VPTRU0jTmbr1Qk7&index=4

K-3 TV School:

We launched a daily TV school for students in kindergarten through third grade specifically for students who do not have access to the internet or a device at home, but do have cable TV access to our district TV station – KTPS TV on Comcast Channel 26 or Click/Rainier Connect Channel 25.

We have found that TV school is also popular with other students who do have internet access, but like an alternative way to learn.

Ms. Ozolin and Ms. Walle teach daily 45-minute episodes on math, literacy, and social emotional activities by grade level. You can also find their episodes on our district YouTube Channel: @tacomaschools.

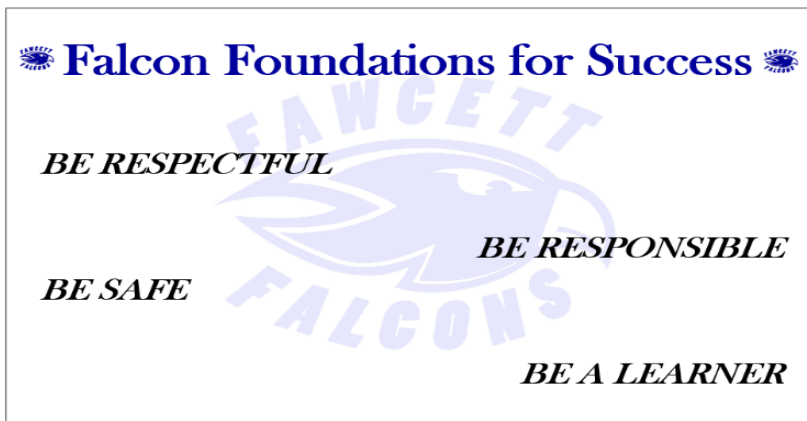
For more information and a daily schedule visit www.tacomaschools.org/tvschool.

Falcon Foundations for Success:

Each week, each classroom teacher will choose two students from their class who exemplified the weekly focus. On the Friday of that week at 3:25 PM, these falcons will be invited to a Teams celebratory meeting with Ms. Hathaway & Ms. Holcombe to celebrate their recognition.

NOVEMBER: BE SAFE

November 30: Teacher's Choice (on being safe)



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 5th grade) percentage was **89.75%**.

Family App:

Our school needs your help. When we return to in-person learning, you must complete a short COVID-19 health screening form every day your child is in a school building.

The easiest way to complete that form is online. Completing the Family App registration allows you to access the daily online COVID-19 health screening form from a laptop, tablet or mobile phone. Please take a few minutes to register online; our school team would truly appreciate it! If you need directions on how to register, go to tacomaschools.org and search Family App.

You can also call or email our teacher librarian, Mrs. Wells at: (253) 571-4722 or ewells@tacoma.k12.wa.us.

We ask that Tacoma Online families complete the registration too, because we'll eventually use the Family App for many different things across the school district. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mC9aaBzsTb4&feature=youtu.be>

Free & Reduced-Priced Meals:

I'm really happy to tell you that all of our students can now get free breakfast and lunch five days a week through **June 30, 2021**, which is an extension of the timeline we were given at the start of the school year.

You can continue to pick up meals from 11 AM to 1 PM at any district middle school, as well as bus stops throughout the district.

Now, even though those free meals are available, it's still very important to apply for free and reduced-price meals. When you qualify for that, you might also qualify for additional benefits, such as free access to internet or discounts on childcare or cable television service.

The other big benefit is that our school can receive more federal and state funding for extra teachers and support if we have a lot of students who qualify for free meals.

If you haven't already, please visit www.tacomaschools.org/nutrition. There you can apply for free and reduced-price meals, see the daily menu, and locate the meal bus stops.

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.

GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS
Every Minute
in School Counts



Good Attendance



is missing **not more than 1 day** of school per month, whether excused or unexcused

2 out of 3 students
with good attendance



read well by the end of 3rd grade*



Research shows **96%** of students
who read well at the end of 3rd grade

graduate high school.**

*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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EVERY STUDENT. EVERY DAY.

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

FAWCETT
STRONG
NO MATTER THE DISTANCE

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/>




ACTION CALENDAR - FOR FAMILIES




30 actions to help parents look after themselves and their families in challenging times. Please use and share

1 Go on a smile collecting mission, starting with a smile in the mirror	2 Choose one song each and arrange a family dance off	3 Send someone a message to show you really appreciate them	4 Take turns to notice 3 things around you that are beautiful	5 Be kind to yourself and others	6 Together, make a list of things you are grateful for	7 Think of a goal to work towards and do one thing to get started
8 Take a mindful walk together and notice what you see hear and smell	9 Play Musical Statues	10 Create a bedtime routine together to help with sleep	11 Bake cupcakes and decorate them as gifts for each other	12 Cross your arms and give yourself a hug	13 Take turns to share a happy memory	14 Find out about the values and traditions of another culture
15 Do something together to support a local charity	16 Create a collage of things that make you feel happy	17 Before bedtime, share what has gone well during the day	18 Introduce a family 'Daily Pause' to be calm together	19 Create a family wishes jar and take steps to make them happen	20 Learn a new skill together as a family	21 Create a kindness box to keep a record of kind actions
22 'Surprisercise' yourself. Find unexpected ways to move your body	23 Make a rainbow salad	24 Smile and say something positive every time you walk into a room	25 Create a poster highlighting everybody's strengths	26 Notice the shapes, colours and smells of a new family meal	27 Make a list of things that have helped you cope with difficult times	28 Tell someone you love how much they mean to you and why
29 Do something good for the environment	30 Hold an awards ceremony to celebrate acts of kindness	 <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">"A person's a person, no matter how small"</p> <p style="margin: 0;">- Dr Seuss</p>				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS









www.actionforhappiness.org

Find out more about the Ten Keys to Happier Living at www.actionforhappiness.org/10-keys
Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

Protect the whole family.

Everyone 6 months or older can get vaccinated without leaving the car.

Wear masks and short sleeves. Children under 3 wear shorts.

Flu vaccine is free for children 18 and younger and uninsured adults.

Insured adults—bring your insurance card, and we will bill your insurance.

Event times or locations may unexpectedly change.

Check tpchd.org/flu for updates.

Questions?

Call (253) 798-4428.

Let's fight the flu, too, Pierce County!

MultiCare 

MaryBridge
Children's
MultiCare 

 Tacoma-Pierce County
Health Department
Healthy People in Healthy Communities



Thursday, Sept. 24
2:30-5:30 p.m.

Surprise Lake Middle School
2001 Milton Way, Milton

Thursday, Oct. 1
2:30-5:30 p.m.

Washington High School
12420 Ainsworth Ave. S., Tacoma

Thursday, Oct. 8
2:30-5:30 p.m.

Clover Park High School Stadium
11023 Gravelly Lake Dr. S.W., Lakewood

Thursday, Oct. 15
2:30-5:30 p.m.

Bethel High School
22215 38th Ave. E., Spanaway

Thursday, Oct. 22
2:30-5:30 p.m.

Curtis High School
8425 40th St. W., University Place

Saturday, Oct. 24
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Washington State Fairgrounds Blue Lot
110 9th Ave. S.W., Puyallup

Thursday, Oct. 29
2:30-5:30 p.m.

Bonney Lake High School
10920 199th Ave. Ct. E., Bonney Lake

Thursday, Nov. 5
2:30-5:30 p.m.

Eatonville Elementary School
209 Lynch Creek Rd. E., Eatonville

Saturday, Nov. 7
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tacoma Dome
2727 E. D St., Tacoma

Thursday, Nov. 12
2:30-5:30 p.m.

Key Peninsula Middle School
5510 Key Peninsula Hwy. N.W., Lakebay

Thursday, Nov. 19
2:30-5:30 p.m.

Steilacoom School District Office
511 Chambers St., Steilacoom

Thursday, Dec. 3
2:30-5:30 p.m.

Gig Harbor High School
5101 Rosedale St. N.W., Gig Harbor

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: 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