



Fawcett Elementary
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Tacoma Public Schools
Resources / Information
Updates from
Principal Hathaway

Week of September 13, 2021

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year, which is full-time, in-person learning. We are looking forward to seeing our kindergarteners tomorrow, as well as our preschoolers on Monday, September 20th.

THANK YOU so much for your patience, flexibility, and understanding as we learn what before/after school systems work best for the McKinley site. We appreciate you!

Late Start (*NEW):

Our Wednesday 1-hour late start schedule starts this week on Wednesday, September 15th. School will start on 10 AM on late start days and there will be no supervision prior to 9:50 AM.

Immunizations & Vaccinations (*UPDATED):

More free school immunization and COVID-19 vaccination opportunities are now open to you and your family.

It is so important to get those school immunizations complete. If your child received immunizations over the summer, make sure to update our school nurse. Students without required immunizations or a valid exemption will not be allowed to attend school, as the law requires.

A COVID-19 vaccine is not required for students to attend school, but they are available for free to those 12 and up, and that includes students and families. Get more details on our website or in that Sunday newsletter on 9/12/21.

Kindergarten Information (*NEW):

Below is the kindergarten student/family specific robocall that went out on Friday afternoon.

I wanted to take a minute to remind you that school starts for kindergarten students this Monday, Sept. 13.

Our Fawcett team is so excited to welcome and make our school family complete. Students who are riding the bus will enter each morning from the main doors and students getting dropped off by a family member will enter from our north door. Please line up in your car facing east on E 37th Street.



With our Covid-19 safety precautions in place, this year looks a little different than a typical school year. While we would love to welcome parents and guardians into our classrooms on the first day, we instead ask that you say your good-bye's outside.

I want to assure you that our Fawcett team is looking out for each and every kindergartener to make sure they feel safe and welcome in their new school. We will take good care of them.

Also, I am excited to share our newest addition to our kindergarten and Fawcett team. Mrs. Eileen Prather is our kindergarten teacher for room 2. She comes with an extensive knowledge and experiences in early childhood education. She is so excited to meet the students assigned to room 2 and get to know the families too! She will be greeting her students at the door on Monday morning.

Here are a few reminders to start the day:

- Please have your child wear his or her mask starting when they get on the bus or when they reach school property.
- If you did not pick up your child's district laptop during the WAKids conference, please email our office coordinator, Ms. Lori, at lreed@tacoma.k12.wa.us.

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**.

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 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.

COVID-19 Relief Funds (*NEW):

Tacoma Public Utilities wants our school families to know help is available for those struggling to pay utility bills. This includes expanded payment assistance, extended payment plans, and relief funds specifically available for renters. Contact the TPU customer service at 253-502-8600 or 800-752-6745.

Free Meals in 2021-22 School Year & Other Meals Updates:

While meals for TPS students are free again this year, we will ask families to fill out Household Information Surveys that replace the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications. Instructions on completing the survey will be shared with you soon.

Again this year, breakfast and lunch are free for all students. We are returning to more traditional hot lunches this fall. We are still working to confirm menus and there may be limited options at the start of the year, but we will introduce more options as soon as we can.

Students will eat breakfast in the classroom, and they will sit with their classroom group in the cafeteria for lunch, staying physically distanced as much as possible. More information can be found at: <https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/nutrition>.

Bus Information:

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.

| Temp Stops: | Bus # | A.M Pick-UP | P.M Drop-OFF |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| E E St & E 54th St - SEC | 21 | 8:39 | 3:40 |
| E Tanglewood Av & E C St - NEC | 21 | 8:41 | 3:42 |
| Fawcett Av & S 58th St - NWC | 21 | 8:34 | 3:45 |
| S 58th St & A St - SWC | 21 | 8:36 | 3:47 |
| A St & E 62nd St - SEC | 21 | 8:30 | 3:51 |
| E D St & E 62nd St - NWC | 58 | 8:29 | 3:42 |
| E D St & E 65th St - NWC | 58 | 8:33 | 3:44 |
| E E St & E 69th St - SWC | 58 | 8:36 | 3:46 |
| A St & E 68th St - SEC | 81 | 8:37 | 3:53 |
| A St & E 65th St - SEC | 81 | 8:39 | 3:56 |
| Pacific Av & S 60th St - NWC | 81 | 8:31 | 3:41 |
| S C St & S 63rd St - NWC | 81 | 8:33 | 3:43 |
| S C St & S 67th St - NWC | 81 | 8:35 | 3:44 |
| Tacoma Av & S & S 65th St - SEC | 81 | 8:27 | 3:47 |
| Tacoma Av & S 61st St & SEC | 81 | 8:29 | 3:49 |
| S J ST & S 63RD ST *SEC | 14 | 8:32 | 3:44 |
| S 64TH ST & S M ST *NEC | 14 | 8:33 | 3:45 |
| S 70TH ST & S L ST *NEC | 14 | 8:36 | 3:47 |
| S 70TH ST & S J ST *NEC | 14 | 8:36 | 3:48 |
| 866 S 64TH ST | 14 | 8:39 | 3:50 |
| TACOMA AVE S & S 72ND ST *NEC | 68 | 8:32 | 3:47 |
| S 68TH ST & TACOMA AVE S *NWC | 68 | 8:34 | 3:49 |
| S PARK AVE & S 67TH ST *SEC | 68 | 8:35 | 3:51 |
| S PARK AVE & S 64TH ST *SEC | 68 | 8:36 | 3:53 |
| S PARK AVE & S 56TH ST *SEC | 68 | 8:38 | 3:56 |
| 4513 A ST - LYON ES DAYCARE | 68 | 8:42 | 3:40 |



Beyond the Bell (*UPDATED):

Are you looking for information about childcare, clubs, sports, field trips? Families can register now for Beyond the Bell and find "Pay What You Choose" activities at all elementary and middle schools.

Everything is all in one place. Go to our school's website or the TPS Family App to register. Beyond the Bell programs are for elementary schools, and Club beyond is for middle school activities.

Registration opened on August 31, 2021 for our "Beyond the Bell" opportunities. Tacoma Public Schools and community partners have come together to offer Beyond the Bell, similar to our previous extended learning opportunities (ELO). Beyond the Bell lets you choose from more activities at school than ever before! Choose from options for before and after school, in-service days, and school breaks.

Session 1: September 20-October 29 (**registration is open NOW!**)

Session 2: November 8-December 10

Session 3: January 10-February 19

Session 4: March 7-April 22

Session 5: May 2-June 10

Health & Safety (*UPDATED):

We understand that parents/guardians may have questions about how we are working to keep children safe in school during the pandemic. Our district continues to follow state and local guidance and each school also has a COVID supervisor to ensure health and safety protocols are followed. Each school also has its own COVID safety plan to address any unique building needs. We will all wear masks and stay physically distanced from each other on school grounds. For more information about what the school day will look like with Covid-19 precautions in place, please look at the "Digital Campus" portion of our website at www.tacomaschools.org.

Volunteers (*NEW):

We are ready and pleased to welcome volunteers back in schools. As always, volunteers must participate in a screening and background check, which needs to be completed annually. They must also follow all health and safety guidelines, including wearing a mask and social distancing. And this year, volunteers must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and show proof of that vaccination.

The new vaccine requirement includes two potential exemptions - a qualifying medical exemption or sincerely held religious exemption. If you are seeking an exemption to volunteer, please see how to do that at www.tacomaschools.org or in the district's Sunday newsletter from 9/12/21.

Family App and MySchoolBucks:

If you are not already registered for the Family App, please do so at www.tacomaschools.org. In Family App, you can register for before and after school activities, view your child's grades, and so much more. In Family App, follow the link to My School Bucks, which is a great new tool to use to pay for yearbooks, ASB fees, and pretty much any school program that requires a payment.

Upcoming Dates through October, 2021:

- ☼ September 13th: First Day for Kindergarten Students
- ☼ September 15th: Late Starts Begin (10:00 AM – 3:30 PM)
- ☼ September 20th: Preschool Students Begin
- ☼ October 4th-7th: Elementary Open House week (we will communicate which evening this week we will host Open House soon)
- ☼ October 8th: No School –District Data Day
- ☼ October 13th-15th: Elementary Conferences & Early Release @ 12:15 PM



TPS Elementary Bell Schedule:

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM (no supervision prior to 8:50 AM)
 Wednesday: 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM (no supervision prior to 9:50 AM)

Resources for Families:

The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department website has a variety of family support partnership resources including:

- ☼ Family Support Partnership brochure (English): <https://www.tpchd.org/home/showdocument?id=5094>
- ☼ Family Support Partnership brochure (Spanish): <https://www.tpchd.org/home/showdocument?id=5232>
- ☼ free diapers and wipes (English): <https://www.tpchd.org/Home/ShowDocument?id=7851>
- ☼ free diapers and wipes (Spanish): <https://www.tpchd.org/home/showpublisheddocument/8065>
- ☼ food (English): <https://www.tpchd.org/home/showdocument?id=9075>
- ☼ food (Spanish): <https://www.tpchd.org/home/showpublisheddocument/9077>
- ☼ Triple P (The Positive Parenting Program) in English: <https://www.tpchd.org/home/showpublisheddocument/8027>
- ☼ Triple P (The Positive Parenting Program) in Spanish: <https://www.tpchd.org/home/showpublisheddocument/9121>
- ☼ Triple P Online (The Positive Parenting Program) in English: <https://www.tpchd.org/home/showdocument?id=9165>
- ☼ Triple P Online (The Positive Parenting Program) in Spanish: <https://www.tpchd.org/home/showdocument?id=9171>



Fawcett Replacement Project Reminder:

For more about our school replacement project, visit the construction website at:
<https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/pc/school-construction/current/fawcett>

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 & 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>

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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, 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 me at lnolan@tacoma.k12.wa.us or 253-571-1252.

