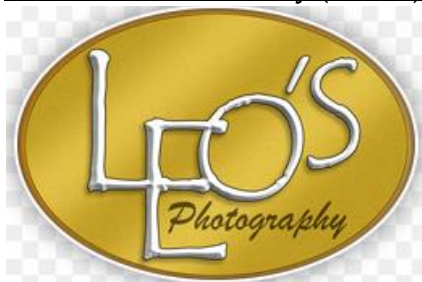




Fawcett Elementary and  
Tacoma Public Schools  
Resources & Information  
Updates from  
Principal Hathaway  
\*Week of May 3, 2021\*

Individual Picture Day (\*NEW):



Individual pictures are this coming week. Order forms were sent home with your child last week. Pictures will be on the following days for each grade level/cohort:

- Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>: Grades Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 3A, 4A, & 5A (A=cohort A)
- Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>: Preschool AM/PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3B, 4B, & 5B (B=cohort B)

If you would like to order individual pictures, please fill out the order form legibly with the desired products selected. Enclose payment and return the sealed envelope with your child on picture day (see above). Make checks payable to: Leo's Photography. You can also order online at: [www.leosphotography.com](http://www.leosphotography.com) with this school code: FAL192811.

**Staff Appreciation Week THIS WEEK! (\*UPDATED):**

As many of you may know, "Teacher Appreciation Week" is quickly approaching during the week of May 3-7, 2021. Traditionally at Fawcett, because all of our staff members are "ALL in for ALL students", we acknowledge **all** staff members during this week and call it "Staff Appreciation Week".

We are reaching out to our community to show our gratitude to the educators who, throughout the year have helped inspire, shape, and encourage our children. We are looking for your support to treat our staff members with the following items throughout the course of the upcoming appreciation week. If you are interested in donating any of the items below, please email Ms. Hathaway at [ehathaw@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:ehathaw@tacoma.k12.wa.us) so we can coordinate a drop-off day/time at school. **Please communicate what you would be willing to donate and bring in this item(s) by 4 PM on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

The items we are looking for donations include:

- Canned or bottled drinks (i.e. iced coffee, bottled water, etc.)
- Individual bags of snacks (i.e. trail mix, pretzels, protein bars, cookies, popcorn, nuts, etc.)
- Individual fruit that has a peel (i.e. bananas, etc.)
- Individually bagged/boxed candies (i.e. Starburst, Skittles, etc.)

In addition to these requested items, I would like to encourage you to please reach out to any staff member(s) with a positive note, card, drawing, or other gesture. If you would like to email us any compliments or praise of specific staff member(s), we will share this, as well.

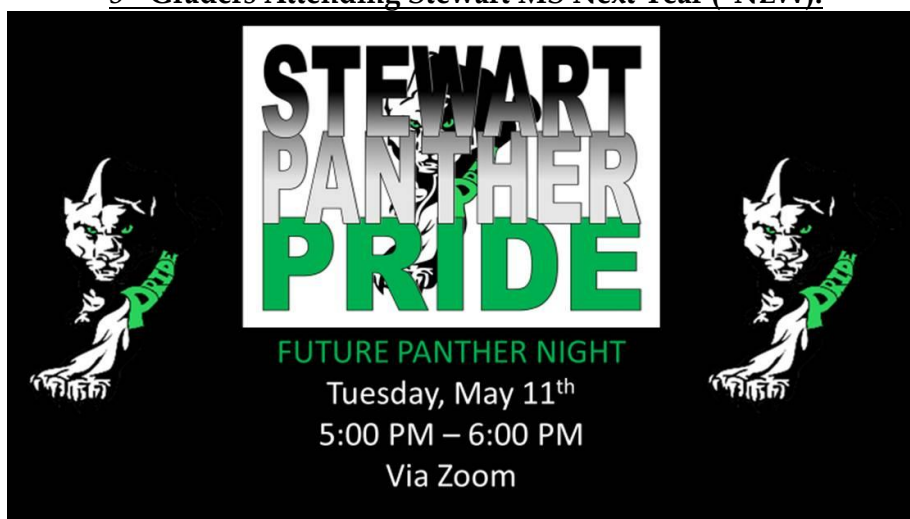
Here are the names of our amazing Fawcett staff:

- ✿ Lori Reed & Kelly Penswick (Office Coordinator & Office Assistant)
- ✿ Shawn Jones & Allison Arglen (RN & LPN)
- ✿ Annabelle Barsky & Sheri Stephens (Counselor & Family Liaison)
- ✿ Heidi Presthus (K-5 LRC Teacher)
- ✿ Dave Cook, Jessica Clark-Weaver & Janessa Schmauder, Melissa Hollon, & Jill Hess (PT, SLP, Psych, & OT)
- ✿ Machel Beilke (Instructional Coach)
- ✿ Quyen Nakauchi (EL Teacher)
- ✿ Sharon Woodhouse & Jeff Tipton (LAP Teacher & LAP Paraeducator)
- ✿ Al Kinard, Thong Nguyen & Jim Austin (Custodial Staff)
- ✿ Kathy Kiser, Cindy Nelbach & Puspa Krishna (Kitchen Staff)
- ✿ Diana Saville, Kelly Latimer & Beth Haynes (Tacoma Online Teachers this year)
- ✿ Ese Sesepasara & Tena Marcus (Preschool Teacher & Paraeducator)
- ✿ Amber Clark, Rachel Doran, Tracy Schau & Erika Hoagland (Kindergarten Team)
- ✿ Dawn Brown, Cheryl Knecht & Patrice Raz (1<sup>st</sup> Grade Team)
- ✿ Katie Duffey, Morgan Hageness & Sheila Clark (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Team)
- ✿ Laura Belknap, Heather Patterson & Katie Gibson (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Team)
- ✿ Steve Senna, Marybeth Robinson & Katie Gibson (4<sup>th</sup> Grade Team)
- ✿ Marybeth Robinson & Sam Guilford (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team)
- ✿ Julie Glocke & Carrie Meneghel (Paraeducators)
- ✿ Ellen Wells (Librarian & Tech Support)
- ✿ Karla Stoermer (Music Teacher)
- ✿ Josh Brandt & Steve Johnson (PE Teachers)
- ✿ Emily Hathaway & Jana Holcombe (Administration Team)

*Thank you so much for your help supporting and acknowledging our awesome Fawcett staff!*

**THANK  
YOU  
TEACHERS  
AND STAFF**

**5<sup>th</sup> Graders Attending Stewart MS Next Year (\*NEW):**



**Welcome to Stewart!**

On Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM, Stewart Middle School will be hosting a Future Panther Night for our incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students – the class of 2028!

We look forward to you joining us for an informational session where you will:

- Learn about the daily schedule and necessary school supplies;
- Our school uniform;
- Our AVID and ASB leadership programs;
- Sports and after school activities;
- And meet your new principal, Mr. Crider, and assistant principal, Mr. Elford;

Below you will find the Zoom invite for this meeting.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Bernadette Dickson at [bdickso@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:bdickso@tacoma.k12.wa.us).

**GO PANTHERS!**

Bernadette Dickson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Future Panther Night

Time: May 11, 2021 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79403434534?pwd=eDd1N0NBVXIxWkZDWERwK2RaSzZvZz09>

Meeting ID: 794 0343 4534

Passcode: DD9yDA

**Get Help Learning to Talk to Children About Racism & Police Violence:**

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, a jury convicted former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin of the May 2020 murder of George Floyd in a highly publicized national case. This news, and the issues and feelings surrounding it, can be difficult for children to understand or process. If you would like some resources that can help you have age-appropriate conversations about the verdict, racism, and police violence, please take a look at the district's newsletter emailed to you on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Apply for Free or Reduced-Price Meals:**

If you have not already applied for free or reduced-price meals, please consider it. Meals are free for all our students this year, but there are many benefits associated with being eligible for free or reduced-priced meals.

For example, children eligible for free or reduced-price meals are automatically qualified to receive "Pandemic EBT" grocery benefits worth hundreds of dollars per child. Newly qualifying families will receive grocery benefits retroactive to September and more dollars will be added through the summer, as well.

Qualifying families can also access other services, like discounted Internet broadband. Our school also receives additional funding based on the number of students who qualify.

If you were not eligible at the beginning of the school year, but your situation has changed, you may now be eligible. Find a link to the application at [www.tacomaschools.org/nutrition](http://www.tacomaschools.org/nutrition) or the TPS newsletter sent via email on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Family App (IMPORTANT!):**

#### **IMPORTANT: COVID SURVEY REQUIRED BEFORE 9 AM EVERY DAY YOUR CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL IN PERSON!**

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.

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

### **Health & Safety at School:**

Thank you to all of our families who are helping keep our entire student body and our staff healthy. Let's keep it up. Every day you send your child to in-person learning, please remind them to wear their mask, wash their hands frequently, and maintain physical distancing.

Please keep your child home when they're not feeling well. Please call the main office to let us know if this is the case, so we can ensure your child's absence is reported accurately. Completing the COVID-19 daily health survey every day your child is scheduled to attend school is an easy way to note whether they should attend school.

### **Social Distancing:**

For the remainder of this school year, all of our schools will stick with 6 feet of social distancing across the whole school.

You may have seen in the news that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and our state Health Department issued some new guidance that would allow students to be as close as 3 feet apart in classrooms.

However, the change does not apply to staff members, and it does not apply to students when they are in common areas, like the lunchroom or gym. So for consistency and the health and safety of students, all our schools will continue with 6 feet social distancing.

### **Breakfast & Lunch Menus:**

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.

### 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.



### 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**, the weekly student falcons will be invited to a MS Teams celebratory meeting with Ms. Hathaway & Ms. Holcombe to celebrate their recognition.



### May: BE A LEARNER

- 3: I take pride in my work and accomplishments.
- 10: I evaluate my work to make sure I turn in my best effort.
- 17: I share my new learning with friends, family, and teachers.
- 24: Teacher's Choice (on being a learner)

GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS  
**Every Minute**  
 in School Counts



\*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

### 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 **89.86%**.

### 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](http://www.Facebook.com/FawcettFalcons)

### Helpful Websites:

- Fawcett Elementary School website: [fawcettfalcons.com](http://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](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.
- ❖ Mailing address: P.O. Box 1357, Tacoma, WA 98401-1357.

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