

FAWCETT Parent Involvement Policy

Our PTA continues to be a service for our children and families. Its fundraising focus is to support student and classroom projects. Among these are: before-school open house for parents and students, educational assemblies, grade-level classroom projects, field trips, Accelerated Reader, classroom libraries, field day, musical activities, physical education equipment and technology.

With the help of parent volunteers, we have begun to build our school's Web site as of September 2004 at www.tacomaschools.org. We are working together to build our technology expertise, classroom links and integrating the Internet connections with our expanding curriculum. [Our school improvement plan can be found here.](#)

We are proud to partner with many businesses and non-profit organizations in the Tacoma/Pierce County region. The YMCA of Greater Seattle has been instrumental in helping our fifth-grade students attend a three-day environmental camp at Camp Colman on the Key Peninsula. The Eastside Boys and Girls Club has always been a source of positive programs for after-school activities for Fawcett students. And, Washington Mutual continues to be a positive presence at Fawcett by teaching the students how to save money for the future. This year, the Sunshine Rotary adopted our students, and the members provided our children with a monthly grade-level celebration.

We would like to extend an invitation to our community to become involved as volunteers at Fawcett. We have many different opportunities for community members to donate their time. Some examples are working in the classrooms, tutoring and reading to and/or with our students. We are also looking for individuals who would be interested in participating in our extended-day learning program before and after school. We welcome community members to become part of our Falcon Family and work with us to overcome the barriers to parent involvement. There are many opportunities for you to take an active role in your child's education.

- Hello Week: At our grade level open house nights, staff are introduced and our School Improvement Plan is presented.

Title I requirements will be explained, Adequate Yearly Progress and program information shared.

- Literacy, Math and WASL Information Nights: Staff explains curriculum, assessments, instructional practices, grade-level curriculum expectations and ways to help your child be successful.
- Partnership Conferencing: student academic progress reports are shared with parents. Parents also receive information about state academic achievement standards.
- School/Parent Compacts support our shared responsibility for student achievement. They are found in our student handbook and revised during Partnership Conferencing.
- Our Volunteer Coordinator plans activities to increase parental participation and works on to be more effectively involved with the school to improve their child's academic achievement.
- Additional meetings are scheduled as needed.
- Parent Involvement Evaluation will be established to evaluate the effectiveness of Fawcett's parent involvement plan.
- Our newsletter is published on a bi-weekly basis. Look here for dates for these events.

Please call the school office or our volunteer coordinator, Laura Bailey, to see how you can become involved.

Your suggestions and ideas are welcomed. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to schedule a meeting or contact 253-571-2065 for more information.

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