



DOWNING MONDAY PARENT NEWSLETTER



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Breakfast and Lunch Program



Students age 18 and under can now receive free breakfast AND lunch **FIVE DAYS A WEEK** through **June 30, 2021**.

Lunches continue to be available Monday-Friday:

- **11 AM-1PM** at any Tacoma **District Middle School**.
- **11:35 AM to 12 PM** at **Downing Elementary**

Free and Reduced-Price Meals



Even though free meals are available, it's still important to apply for free and reduced-price meals. If you qualify, you might also qualify for additional benefits: free access to internet and discounts on childcare and cable television service.

Another benefit is that our school can receive more federal and state funding for extra teachers and support if we have a large number of students who qualify for free meals.

The best way to apply for free and reduced-price meals is to go to www.mealappnow.com/mantac. You can also go to tacomaschools.org/nutrition. From there, you can view the daily menu and locate the meal bus stops.

Daily Health Survey



When students start coming back to school part-time, there's an important step that parents will need to complete each day:

The state **Department of Health** requires all **Washington** parents to complete a short, online, daily health survey to confirm that their child is not ill and has not been exposed to 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'll see a link at the top of the page that says "COVID Survey." That page will walk you through the registration process. Otherwise, <https://family.tpsapps.org/> is the direct link to the "Family App," where the survey is located. **If you register now, you'll be all set up to fill out the daily health survey form when your student starts back to school in person.**

Virtual Learning Opportunity

Below are links for the Tacoma School District Virtual Teaching and Learning Site. Once in, you will find lesson overviews and YouTube videos that will provide your child with extra learning opportunities. This can help with subject clarification and retention-putting them ahead of the game and keeping them on track.

Assignment Overviews:

<https://tps10.sharepoint.com/sites/VirtualTL/TV%20Lessons/Form%20AllItems.aspx?viewid=fe082b22%2Dcc0c%2D4e98%2D9ca1%2D2e482dda7f57&id=%2Fsites%2FVirtualTL%2FTV%20Lessons%2FWeek%20of%20Oct%205%20to%209>

Videos:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLrgJy7zv_q0jiOp5HyS3WNEqUTKqMOH8x



Choice enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year will open October 26.

Application open date: Oct. 26 - 9 a.m.

Application closing dates:

- Grades 1-12 Jan 13, 2021
- Kindergarten March 17, 2021
- The application will close, and no late submissions will be available.

Students will be placed into their choice school based on siblings, program availability, space and staffing capacity, but there is no guarantee of placement. Due to the impacts of COVID-19 schools have experienced enrollment shifts, this makes it more difficult to predict space availability, but we will place as many choice students as possible.

Please also note that Tacoma Online and Hunt Middle School will NOT be options for choice enrollment.

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