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Rachel Carson Middle School

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Welcome Panthers,

My name is Riley Barrows, and I am the After-School Specialist at Rachel Carson Middle School. The purpose of this letter is to introduce you and your child to the After-School Program at Carson. Our goal is to provide quality programming in the areas of academic support and enrichment, social skills and youth development, physical health and wellness, and family and community involvement.

After school activities will officially begin in mid-September and will operate every day from 2:15-4:30 PM. Transportation will be available to students staying after school. Late buses will begin arriving around 4:30 PM on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. On Mondays and Fridays, students will need to arrange transportation or walk home as there are no late buses on these days. The Transportation Office will provide a late bus schedule detailing pick up and drop off locations and times in early September. The schedule will be posted in Schoology, teachers' classrooms, and the schools news show as soon as it becomes available. **Please be aware that after school late bus numbers and routes are different from your child's normal school day bus routes. Late bus numbers can be found in SIS next to your child's regular bus number where it says RCLR (Rachel Carson Late Run).**

This year, we will offer a diverse range of clubs and activities including Debate, Rocketry, Math Counts, Battle of the Books, Model UN, Flag Football, Soccer, Volleyball and many more. Several academic based clubs such as Model United Nations, MathCounts, Science Bowl, and Debate require testing/tryouts. The tryout process will be discussed in detail at the first interest meeting for each club in September.

Please feel free to contact me anytime at [rtbarrows1@fcps.edu](mailto:rtbarrows1@fcps.edu) if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I look forward to a wonderful school year filled with fun and engaging after school activities.

Sincerely,

*Riley Barrows*

