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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 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. On 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.**

This year, we will offer a diverse range of clubs and activities including Debate, Quiz Bowl, Math Counts, Battle of the Books, TSA, Model UN, Flag Football, Soccer and many more. Some of our STEAM based programs do require a tryout and those dates will be sent out once they are determined. We may continue some of the virtual aspects of our after school programs from last year that connected students from Carson with Longfellow, Cooper, Herndon and Hughes Middle Schools.

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 having a wonderful school year.

Sincerely,

*Riley Barrows*

