



Dear Rachel Carson Community

I hope everyone is settling into our remote learning phase of the 2020-2021 school year. I appreciate the ability to partner with all of you as we continue to navigate this uncharted territory for the first time. I hope everyone can see a drastic difference between the teaching and learning that took place in the spring and the teaching and learning that is currently being implemented. With anything, we will continue to improve over time, learn from our experiences, and work tirelessly to provide your students with a world class education. I want to provide you with one update from LWSD, as well as a few dates to put on your calendar.

LWSD News: New Math and Literacy Screener

FastBridge is a math and literacy universal screening and progress monitoring tool that we will use in grades K-8 in the LWSD starting with the 2020/2021 school year. FastBridge will provide teachers and principals with critical information to determine if instruction is meeting the needs of our students. We will have data to inform decision-making processes as we implement curriculum and programs to improve achievement for all students. Over the next several weeks, your child will be participating in a reading and math skills check. Look for more information from your teachers soon.

Curriculum Night: Thursday, October 1st

- This event will vary by grade level. It will be in the form of a live TEAMS event that is recorded or will be in the form of an asynchronous video. More specific details to come.

October Goal Setting Conferences: October 12, 13, 15

- We will still be hosting goal setting conferences in October. There will be a half day of instruction in the morning, and then family conferences in the afternoon. Teachers will be sending sign ups soon.

It's a great day to be a Falcon!

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