



From the Nest

Celebrating Growth, Learning, and Gobbler Pride

Snapshot from Rippleside Elementary

October 2026

1. **Around the Nest:** Events & Celebrations

- Doughnuts with a Grown Up- first one of the year!
- 3rd Grade Field Trip to Outdoor Classroom Space
- 6th Grade Retreat to Long Lake Conservation

2. **Learning Takes Flight: 2026-2027 RES Academic Goals**

MCA Targets

- **Math** Increase MCA proficiency by **3%** (from 61.7% to 64.7%).
- **Reading:** Increase MCA proficiency by **3%** (from 58.9% to 61.9%).

Instructional Strategies & Curriculum Alignment

Math

- **Professional Development:** 2 of 4 **PLC** sessions focused on building wide math vocabulary consistency monthly.
- **Data Driven Practice:** Regular Data Team meetings to monitor student progress.

Reading

- **Standards & Training:** Full LETRS implementation and alignment with new state standards. **PLCs** meet 2 of 4 times monthly to support instruction and writing strategies.

Assessment & Intervention Strategy

- **Benchmark Tracking:** Progress monitored via FastBridge assessments conducted 3 times per year (Fall, Winter, Spring) to track alignment with MCA growth goals.
- **Intervention Cycles:** Following the first round of Data Team meetings, staff are rolling out **four 6-to-8-week intervention cycles** driven by FastBridge benchmark results and ongoing classroom data.
- See FastBridge Scores from Fall Benchmarking FastBridge helps us monitor student progress throughout the year to support MCA growth.

FastBridge Fall 2026 Scores: National Percentages

■ 50% and Above (Benchmark Met) ■ Below 50%

Early Math (K-1)

56% / 44%

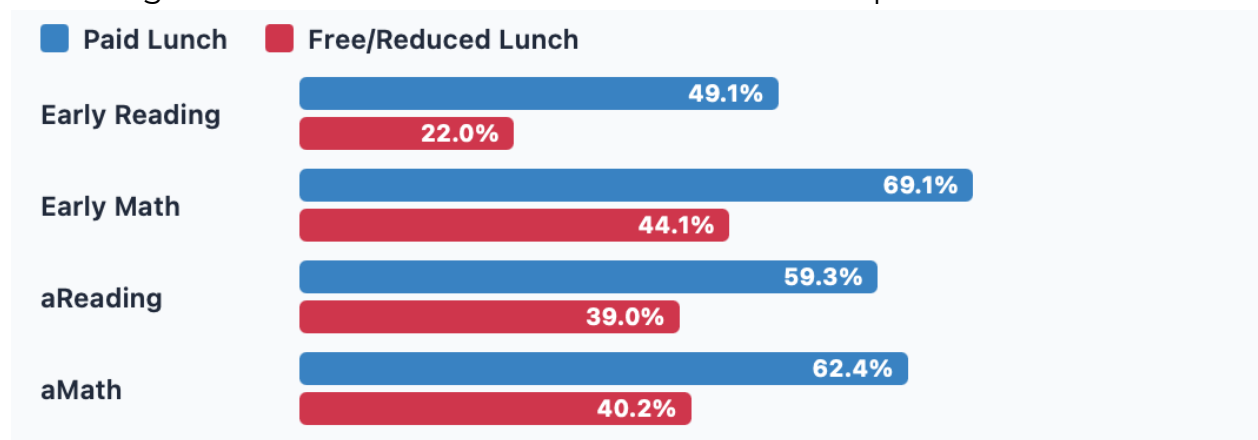
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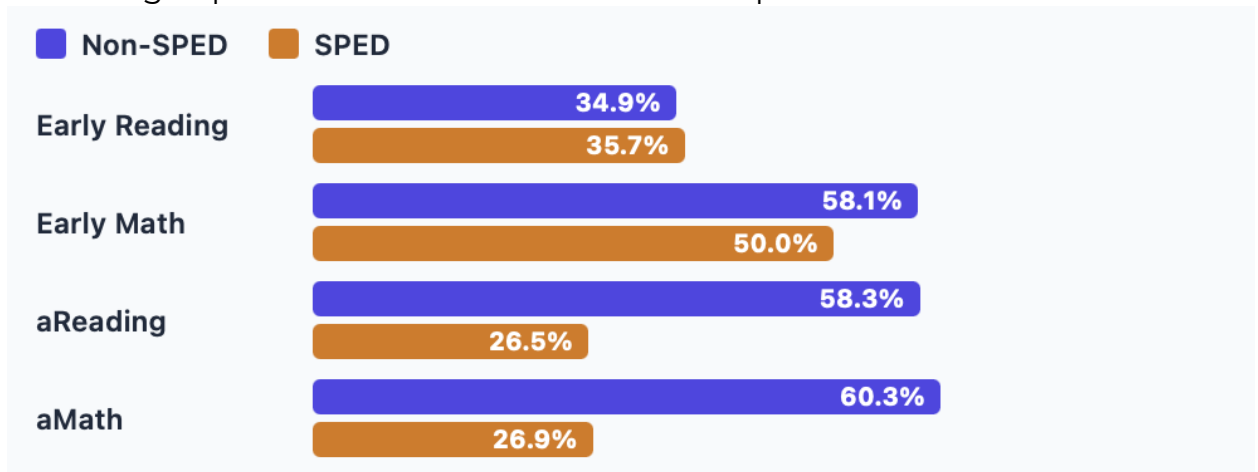
Math (2-6)

54% / 46%

FastBridge Free and Reduced Lunch Achievement Gap



FastBridge Special Education Achievement Gap





3. **Flock Spotlight:** Celebrating our Staff and Students

- Gobbler Greatness
 - September Winners: Calvin Seigford, Zelda Cochran and Paisley Hinrichsen
 - All received this award for their kindness and respect in the cafeteria!
- The Aitkin DAC clients and staff raised over \$1,000 to fund the Kindness Cart at Rippleside. This is a project where students in Mrs. Siegford's Communication and Interaction Program deliver weekly treats and beverages to staff to spread joy and work on their communication skills.

4. **On the Horizon:** Upcoming Events

- Unity Day:** Wednesday, October 21st, Wear Orange!
- Aitkin Children's Center & Family, Friends and Neighbors (FFN) Fall Festival:** at RES Gym from 5:30-7pm
- Book Bingo Family Fun Night:** Monday, November 2nd from 5-6:45
- Conferences:** Thursday, November 5th, more information coming soon to families.

