



RAMBLEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RAMBLEWOOD RAMS REVIEW

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OUR MISSION IS TO INCREASE ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS
THROUGH EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTION

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Administration

Wow! We are already in the second month of 2020. This school year is flying by. Thank you to all the parents that attended our family night at Cold Stone Creamery and award assemblies. Please continue to support your children, as parental involvement is the key to student achievement.

Parents, please make sure if your child(ren) comes to school while not feeling well and requires medication during the school day, understand that they cannot self medicate. You can obtain an authorization for medication form from the office and have your doctor fill out this form in order for certified school staff to administer the medicine. Your cooperation on this matter is truly appreciated.

Please stay abreast of all upcoming events by reading the section below entitled "Important Dates". Parents please make sure that your child(ren) are in attendance daily, as it is beneficial for their achievement.

Reminder: we will no longer allow lunches and homework to be dropped off in the front office after 8:30 a.m., as we continue to instill responsibility in our students and maintain safety and security throughout our campus.

Mrs. Perez – Principal Mr. Charlotin – Assistant Principal

School Hours

Our school day starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. Please have your children arrive to school prior to 7:55 a.m. This will ensure they are in their seats by 8:00 a.m. and ready to learn. We offer morning care at 6:45 a.m. and we start serving breakfast as early as 7:30 a.m. **Reminder** – Per Fla. Statute Section 1003.31 (2): Please do not drop off students prior to 7:30 a.m., as there is no supervision.

Attendance

Florida Statute 1003.21 states that all children between the ages of 6 to 16 are required to attend school regularly during the entire school year. **Statute 1003.24** states that parents are responsible for the school attendance of their children. Parents, if your child is going to be absent, please call the attendance hotline (754) 322-8152 to report the absence. **Parents** are responsible for their child's regular attendance. To report an absence, visit our website under **CONTACT**, then select **REPORT AN ABSENCE to submit an electronic form**, call the attendance hotline, or deliver a note to our staff. Our goal is to have ALL students that are able to attend more than 95% of school days. Students that are absent 5% or more days may require parental interventions from school staff. **Truancy** notifications may lead to more severe penalties. Absences impact the teaching and learning for all students in the classroom. If your child must be absent for an excusable reason, please report the absence within 24 hrs. Our attendance clerk will update all absences that are reported and meet one of the reasons in the attendance policy.

Important Dates

Feb. 3	Ramblewood Middle – Registration of Gr. 5 Students
Feb. 10	Coral Springs Center for the Perf. Arts – "Chicken Dance" Gr. 1 Field Trip – 8:30 a.m.
Feb. 11-12	Class Pictures
Feb. 14	Early Release Day – 12 Noon Dismissal
Feb. 14	"A Day of Service and Love" – In Remembrance of MSD.
Feb. 17	Presidents' Day – No School
Feb. 19	Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast – 8:30 a.m.
Feb. 19	SAC/SAF Meeting – 2:30-3:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	Kennedy Space Center (Orlando) – Gr. 4 Field Trip – 5:00 a.m.
Feb. 25	Spring Picture Day
Feb. 26	Kindergarten Round Up – 8:30 a.m.
Feb. 27	Community Conversation – 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria
Feb. 29	FUN RUN 8:00-12:00 (Sherwood Forest)

i-Ready

Parents, please make sure your children are completing Reading and Math sessions on i-Ready at home. 45 minutes should be spent weekly on each subject and the goal is to pass at least one lesson in each subject.

A Day of Service and Love

This month we are focusing on "Day of Service and Love" and the remembrance of the 17 lost during February 2018 at MSD. We have a special event going on at RES. On February 14th, students will be planting a garden in efforts to spread kindness throughout the school environment. Also, on January 29th through February 14th, we are participating in the 17 Acts of Kindness challenge in memory of the 17 lives lost.

SRO

New Florida Law Makes Texting While Driving a Primary Offense

The bill signed by Governor DeSantis makes texting while driving a primary offense, thereby allowing law enforcement officers to pull motorist over and issue a citation solely for texting (including messaging, emailing and other forms of typing on a mobile device) behind the wheel. That means officers may now stop you solely on suspicion of texting while driving. Texting while driving had previously been a secondary offense, meaning officers were only able to cite drivers after they pulled them over for another primary offense, such as a moving violation. Effective January 1, 2020, officers can begin issuing uniform traffic citations.

In addition to prohibiting texting by all drivers as a primary offense, the new law also bans the use of handheld wireless communication devices in designated school crossing or school zone or a roadwork zone, except for emergencies hands-free uses remain legal. Under the new law, a first texting offense will be punishable by a \$30 fine and court fees. A second offense carries a \$60 fine, court costs and related fees, and three points on a driver's license. A first offense involving texting in school or construction zones also carries additional license points. First offenders can purchase hands-free Bluetooth devices, show proof of purchase, and complete a "Driver Safety Education" course in order to avoid fines and license penalties. Florida's law bans text messaging while a vehicle is moving, but permits the use of cell phones and other similar handheld electronic devices (except in school and construction zones) for limited purposes. Drivers are still permitted to use phones and devices for Maps / GPS navigation, making phone calls, and reading emergency messages, such as weather alerts.

<https://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/police/new-florida-law-makes-texting-while-driving-primary-offense>

Officer James Weber

We are excited to share for the first time a SMART Program update specific to *Ramblewood Elementary School*. The information contained in this digital newsletter includes the status of upgrades currently being planned, underway, or completed – benefiting our campus and the educational experience of our students.

You can access our SMART Program Newsletter by clicking here:

<https://www.smore.com/d9e7f>

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 888-318-4951.

Sincerely,
Frank Girardi

PTO

We had a great turnout for our Cold Stone family night. We look forward to seeing you at our FUN RUN event on February 29th at Sherwood Forest Park.

If you would like to volunteer to help plan or assist at any event, please reach out to our volunteer coordinator at Volunteer@ramblewoodpto.com

Stay Connected

You can follow Ramblewood Elementary on the platforms listed below:

- Facebook – Ramblewood Elementary PTO
- Instagram – Ramblewoodelementary
- Twitter – Ramblewoodelem

We also post messages on the marquee located on the south side of the school on Shadow Wood Boulevard.

Community Conversation will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the school Cafeteria. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit input regarding the characteristics you feel are most important in your next leader.

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