



# Ramblewood Elementary School

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2017-2019 Five Star School and Golden School Award Winner

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**“Providing all students with the tools for a safe, cooperative learning environment.”**

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### Administration

Wow! We are already racing towards the finish line! We are in the final quarter of the year, as the school year has flown by. Although the end of the year is in sight, we are getting ready to continue FSA testing with our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students the first week in May.

We would like to thank the students, parents and staff for making this challenging school year a memorable one. Even though many students remained online working remotely this year, we were excited to see all of our students face to face. We are looking forward to seeing **ALL** students return face to face in August to begin the next school year.

Please take the time over the summer to rest, relax, and enjoy your families!

**Ms. Ibarrodo – Principal** **Mr. Charlotin – Assistant Principal**

### Important Dates

May 3-7	Staff Appreciation Week
May 5	SAC/SAF Meeting – 2:30-3:00 p.m.
May 25	PTO Family Night – Huey Magoo’s and Bolay 5:30-8:30 p.m.
May 31	Memorial Day – School Closed
Jun. 1	Health Screenings
Jun. 9	Early Release Day (Last Day of School)
Jun. 10	Employee Planning Day

### Florida Standards Assessment

- May 3-4 – FSA ELA – Gr. 4
- May 5-6 – FSA ELA – Gr. 5
- May 10-11 – FSA Math – Gr. 3
- May 12-13 – FSA Math – Gr. 5
- May 17-18 – FSA Math – Gr. 4

### SRO

#### **Information About A New Scam**

Please be aware that Coral Springs Police has received reports of a scam using our non-emergency number to request money from south Florida residents.

We will not contact you at any time requesting personal information or to inform you of a warrant for your arrest. If you receive a call that seems suspicious, we encourage all residents to report it to your nearest law enforcement agency and do not give them any personal information.

If you have been a victim of a similar incident in our City, please call our non-emergency number at 954-344-1800.

Officer James Weber (SRO)

### Policy 5.5 Attendance Revised

During distance learning, the use of student cameras is required for attendance and instruction. Students will be counted in attendance in the learning environment during their scheduled class time. Teachers should be flexible and consider any extenuating circumstances of individual students who may be unable to turn on a camera. Teachers may consider other evidence of attendance for individual cases.

### Virtual 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 virtually 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 REMINDER

Parents of Face to Face (F2F) students, please be sure you perform the Daily Health Self-Assessment Checklist on your child(ren) **PRIOR** to sending them to school., Students who do not feel well or who cannot answer **NO** to all questions below are **NOT** permitted to come into school. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Do you feel warm, have a fever or elevated temperature (100.4), or have the chills?
- Do you have a persistent cough, runny nose, or sore throat?
- Have you recently had a loss of taste or smell?
- Has anyone in your household tested positive for COVID-19?
- Have you been in close, unprotected contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
- Are you feeling sick or ill today?
- Are you awaiting test results for COVID-19?
- Have you been told to self-quarantine or self-isolate by a doctor or the Florida Department of Health?

### Guidance Counselor

Greetings parents! We will continue to assess the students during the month of May. We will be having several assessments. Please ensure your student is fully prepared and ready to do their best on test day with these tips:

Please make sure your student is attending and participating in school daily so they continue learning!

- Make sure your student gets enough sleep the night before the test (at least 8 hours).
- Feed them a good breakfast.
- Get them to school on time.
- Tell them positive and encouraging words the day of.
- FSA Testing will begin at 8:15 a.m. on the assigned day and end at approximately 10:30 a.m. Please have your child (ren) arrive on campus between 7:30 a.m. and 7:55 a.m. on their assigned testing day(s).
- Face to face (F2F) on campus students will report to their classroom upon arrival on testing days. F2F students will resume instruction in their classrooms once testing is over for the day.
- Remote e-learning students will be dropped off at the east parking lot and will report to the cafeteria upon arrival on testing days.
- These students will be dismissed after testing (approximately 10:30 a.m.) to go home to join classes remotely.
- Small Group Designated Testing Students: Students who have an IEP, 504 or ELL Plan accommodation for FSA Testing will take their grade level test in classrooms set up for testing with their assigned testing facilitator and small group.
- Student desks in classrooms are 6 feet apart. ALL classrooms are thoroughly cleaned throughout the school day and every evening.
- Desks/rooms will be cleaned after testing is over.
- Students must wear a mask to school and while on campus. We ask that students also bring a spare mask to have just in case it is needed. They should also bring a bottle of water. Water fountains have been retrofitted into bottle fillers so they will be able to refill water bottles if necessary.

Susan Schaffer

### Arrival/Dismissal

PreK parents, please drive all the way around the car loop, up until you see the PreK drop off sign adjacent to the west bike rack. All other parents, please drive all the way up to the sign that is labeled (K-5) in order to create room for as many cars as possible.

### PreK

Woo Hoo, WE DID IT!!! What an interesting school year this has been. We started off the year with everyone working remotely, as the year progressed some of us went back into the classroom but some of us chose to stay at home. Whatever the choice, we did an amazing job. We overcame so many challenges and made progress even though things were not the way we usually do them. If we can make it through this year, we can make it through anything!!!

Over the summer remember to continue to practice your letters, numbers, colors, shapes, and language skills. See you all again in August. 😊

### Kindergarten

We made it! This year was different, but we all had an amazing time in Kindergarten! We all learned a lot and made many wonderful memories. Some suggestions to help to keep skill strong over the summer: read every day, ask comprehension questions after reading, complete i-Ready summer lessons, review sight words, and practice writing skills. We worked hard this year to get ready for first grade. Please keep skills strong over the summer to avoid the "summer slide." Have a terrific summer and READ READ READ!

### Literacy Coach's Corner

#### Preventing the Summer Slide

Summer learning loss or summer slide is the loss of academic skills and knowledge over the course of summer vacation in countries that have lengthy breaks in the school year, such as the US and Canada. There are many activities families can engage in to prevent this summer slide.

- Ensure your child has something engaging to read every day. The local library is a great place to check out books that match your child's interests.
- Build reading time into their summer schedule. Whether it's after camp or before bed, set some time aside to read daily.
- Read aloud to your child. Children of all ages enjoy being read to. Cherish this time and the memories you are making together. The books you read to your child will become their favorite books!
- Point out to your child the math concepts we use in our everyday life. Time, money, measurement, counting, and fractions are just some of the math skills we use in our daily life. Involve your child in shopping, cooking, and planning a daily schedule. This will give them an opportunity to practice some important math skills.

Mrs. Gentile

### E.S.E. Specialist's Corner

The Department of Education's annual Parent Survey window is open from now until 5/3/21. You can complete the survey online by going to <http://www.esesurvey.com> Surveys in Spanish or Creole are available and can be requested by email: [esp.pda@browardschools.com](mailto:esp.pda@browardschools.com)

Mrs. Dunn

### Title I

Title I wants to thank you for all of your input this year and dedication to our school! Thank you to all who attended our SAC Meetings to provide input on this year and the upcoming school year regarding Parent Involvement Allocation, overall parent involvement, and how we can be a better team! Please don't forget to visit our school website, under the Title I tab, for access and more information about our Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP), our School Improvement Plan (SIP), School-Parent Compacts, and other Title I documents. Contact Ms. Daniella Gomes at (754) 322-8150 for more information or translation.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

First grade is almost over and it has been an interesting year. The boys and girls have worked very hard all year on the skills needed to have a successful first grade experience. Second grade is right around the corner. Here are a few reminders to work on over the summer so students do not forget all the skills learned this year.

\* Remember to keep reading and practicing sight words all summer. Your child should read daily for about 10 minutes. The more fluent of a reader your child is the more successful they will be.

\*Have your child practice writing complete sentences using proper capital and lower-case letters, as well as proper punctuation. This school year we have written narrative, opinion and informational pieces.

\* Keep practicing addition and subtraction. This semester we have worked with graphing information and using the data to answer questions. We have also practiced telling time to the hour and half hour.

Parents thank you very much for all your cooperation, support, and your hard work this school year. It was a challenge for all of us and working together made it a successful school year.

Have a safe and fun summer!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

It has been a great and exciting year in second grade! We would like to thank the second grade families for making this year as successful as it has been. Through your dedication and willingness to work with us, we were able to tackle this year successfully. As we begin to close out our year, we ask that you continue to work on fact fluency with your scholar. This means your scholar should be able to do addition and subtraction problems 0-20 with automaticity. We are extremely proud of the growth this year in reading! Please remember to keep your scholar reading throughout the summer. Daily reading will help to keep your scholar on track and prevent the "summer slide". Once again, thank you and have an awesome summer!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

The end of the year is approaching quickly, and third grade is still very busy! Every day we are working on strengthening reading skills & strategies. We continue to reinforce third grade math skills to achieve proficiency. Your child should have his/her multiplication and division facts 0-10 memorized by now and know them in a "snap." The remainder of the year will focus on fractions, measurement, and geometry. To prevent the "summer slide", please have your child read a variety of texts (fiction & non-fiction) daily to keep his/her reading skills sharp. Use the summer to have your child prepare for the next school year – memorize multiplication facts, write a clear and concise paragraph, and read daily on his/her level. ☺

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

In a year laced with the continuing challenges of Covid-19 and teaching and learning remotely, it was amazing to see how our 4th grade students met those challenges and thrived in spite of them! We are so proud of our students; it was a pleasure getting to know them and teaching them. In order to be ready for next year's learning in 5th grade, students should avoid the "summer slide" by reading for a minimum of 30 minutes daily in a variety of texts and by continuing to work on their green lesson paths in both Reading and Math I-Ready throughout the summer. We thank all the parents for their support this year, and we wish everyone a safe and fabulous summer vacation!

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

It has been our pleasure teaching your children this school year! It is amazing how fast time flies. We want to ensure the students are ready for sixth grade. They have a long summer ahead of them, and we know, "if they don't use it, they lose it". We recommend that the students continue reading over the summer. This has been a crazy year for all of us, but we did it!!!! We wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer vacation. Best of luck in middle school.

### Important Laptop Computer Reminders for All Students/Parents

1. If your device is not working properly, please contact the office at 754-322-8150 to schedule a tech support appointment.
2. Be sure your child shuts the computer off daily and restarts it in the morning to refresh and receive any software updates.
3. Ensure that the device will be used only for school assignments and work.
4. Ensure that unauthorized software will not be loaded/installed on the device.
5. Ensure that there will be no tampering with the hardware or software setup of the device.
6. Provide parental supervision in the use of the device for educational purposes and ensure its proper care.
7. Ensure that your child does not lend the device to others.
8. In case of loss or damage, the borrower will replace device at original purchase price.

### Food and Nutrition

We will continue selling ice cream until the end of the school year. Ice cream will be sold on Wednesdays during lunch time. The price for the ice cream will be \$0.65. **Parents can go to [myschoolbucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com) to add money to the student's account instead of sending money in cash due Covid-19 please.**

We will continue to provide supper bags to students at dismissal on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If you have any question, please call the Cafeteria Manager at 754-322-8160

Andrea Llenas

### Let's Connect

Please visit our website at: [www.browardschools.com/ramblewood](https://www.browardschools.com/ramblewood) for information about our school and latest updates.

In addition, be sure to sign up for our "Remind" notifications by texting @9h93e to 81010.

You can follow Ramblewood Elementary on the platforms listed below:

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

### Anti-Bullying Policy 5.9

At the beginning of each school year, teachers, staff and students are required to participate in educational trainings regarding Policy 5.9 Anti-Bullying (Grades K-12). Recognizing that parents are an integral part of a school's environment and their child's safety, the School Board of Broward County is giving parents, guardians & caregivers the opportunity to participate in a training module developed specifically for them on Policy 5.9, Anti-Bullying. Please utilize the link below to access the Policy 5.9, Anti-Bullying training modules titled *Parents & Caregivers*: Please visit [www.browardprevention.org](https://www.browardprevention.org) and click on the violence tab, Anti-Bullying, Training module for parents & caregivers.

### Safety and Security Updates

**Maintaining a safe and secure campus is our priority.** Per District protocol all perimeter gates will remain locked and manned when opened. All classroom doors and buildings will also remain locked at all times. Our campus monitor ensures all safety protocols are followed each day. Even though we are currently in an E-Learning model, monthly drills are conducted at school, as we continue our mission to bolster our safety and security procedures. The rear doors to all classrooms in Bldg. 2 were keyed to allow direct access from outside in case of emergencies.

We continue to practice monthly emergency drills while adhering to CDC guidelines.

### 2020-21 Evaluations

Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Ramblewood Elementary School instructional and/or administrative employee evaluations many contact our office at (754) 322-8150.

### **Broward Remote Instructional Assistance...”Ask BRIA”**

Ask BRIA (the Broward Remote Instructional Assistant). Does your child need help with their homework assignments after school? Would you like your child to receive this assistance from a certified teacher? If so, just Ask BRIA, the district’s free homework help program which is available to students Monday through Thursday, from 3:15 - 7:15 P.M.. To access Ask BRIA your child should 1. Log into the Canvas Course, 2. Click on the Ask BRIA link in the lower left-hand corner, and 3. Complete a request form and submit. Open Microsoft Teams and wait for a Virtual call from an Ask BRIA certified educator who will work with the student one-on-one. For more information, please call the Office of Service Quality at 754-321-3636 or visit: [www.browardschools.com/AskBRIA](http://www.browardschools.com/AskBRIA).

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dedications – 2020-2021 Yearbook**

Parents can purchase a half page dedication ad for \$12 at <http://ramblewoodpto.com/store> The deadline for this purchase is May 5, 2021. Please submit your dedication to [RamsYearbooks@gmail.com](mailto:RamsYearbooks@gmail.com) If there are any questions, please email us.

Kelly Matonak

### **Code of Conduct**

Parents and students, the Code of Student Conduct Handbook Goes Green! Parents are invited to review the Code of Student Conduct Handbook and complete the required forms by accessing the Back to School Forms link found on the Broward Schools’ webpage at: <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/38091>.

### **PTO**

A big hello to our RAM fam from your PTO!

As the year comes to a close and we look back, while we did miss out on several of the fun events that we have enjoyed in the past, we also had a great time creating new memories for our students, families and staff. While the end of the year is very close, we do still have several opportunities for families to be involved. Teacher appreciation week starts May 3rd and continues through May 7th. Please don't forget to recognize our fantastic teachers for everything that they've done for our students this year. The PTO has provided several non-monetary options for thanking our teachers on our MORE and PTO pages on Facebook. We also have lists of all the teachers favorites and several Amazon wish lists for teachers on our Ramblewood PTO site. Our read-a-thon was a huge success and while we don't have the final numbers yet, we raised more than we anticipated and look forward to providing amazing new things for our school in the coming year. Over the summer we will be updating the teachers’ lounge, so please look for volunteer opportunities to help with that huge project. As well as updating the teachers’ lounge, we always like to maintain the grounds around the school so when the students return in the fall, we are looking our best. We're always looking for strong backs and helping hands for those projects. As opportunities arise, we will post those on our PTO Facebook pages. If you're interested in joining us on the PTO board, we have elections coming up at the end of this month. Please reach out if you would be interested in one of our open positions. We will also post that information for those positions on our social media. Our next PTO meeting and elections will be May 20th at 6:30 p.m. via zoom meeting. We hope to see you all there! Watch this summer for upcoming sales on all the class shirts and ramswag items. The class shirts will remain the same next school year, so take advantage and grab those shirts at a discount. As always it has been our honor to serve our school, families and staff throughout this year. We look forward to what next year will bring whatever that may be!

#### **PTO Volunteer**

**Ramblewood Elementary PTO**  
[RamblewoodElementaryPTO@gmail.com](mailto:RamblewoodElementaryPTO@gmail.com)

### **Get your children to listen the first time**

What you say and how you say it can make a world of difference when you need your child to listen. Consider these tips to curb nagging and encourage better listening.

1. Get close: Your youngster is more apt to listen when you're face-to-face. So try not to shout instructions from another room or across the yard—or to text them to her. It's also a good idea to get her attention before you start talking (“Hey, there’s something you need to do...”). Then, have him/her repeat your instructions (“I’m supposed to put my scooter in the garage”) so you know he/she has heard and completely understood you.
2. Slow down: Too many instructions at once can overwhelm your child. Instead of rattling off a bunch of tasks (put away your, do your homework, take out the trash), give her one at a time. Or suggest that she write them down and check off each
3. Give options: Say your youngster often procrastinates when you tell her to get dressed in the morning. Instead of nagging, you could ask, “Are you going to wear sweatpants or jeans today?” Or if you find yourself repeatedly telling her to eat her vegetables, you might try, “Do you want carrots or broccoli?” Giving her a say will make her more apt to listen and respond.

**The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation. The School Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Director, Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department & District’s Equity Coordinator/Title IX Coordinator at 754-321- 2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.**

**Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, (ADAAA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.**

## **Human Sexuality Education**

Florida Statute 1003.42, requires instruction in Human Sexuality Education as part of a Comprehensive Health Education Program. The School Board of Broward County, Florida, has authorized teaching Family Life/Human Sexuality and HIV/AIDS Prevention as a component of Health Education.

Ramblewood Elementary School will be teaching the Human Sexuality Education during Media the weeks of May 24-June 4, 2021. Instruction will be conducted by both the Media Specialist, Ms. Murphy, and the School Counselor, Ms. Schaffer.

Broward County Public Schools respects the rights of parents and their role in the education of their children. According to F.S.

1003.42(3), “Any student whose parent makes written request to the school principal shall be exempt from the teaching of reproductive health or any disease, including HIV/AIDS, its symptoms, development, and treatment. A student so exempted may not be penalized by reason of that exemption.”

If you would like your student to be excused from attending this course, you must complete the form attached and return it to the school by April 29, 2021. There will also be a copy of this form on Canvas under Announcements. Your child will then be scheduled into an alternative assignment during the Family Life/Human Sexuality lessons.

You may review the curriculum content and instructional materials by visiting <https://www.browardschools.com/page/33679>. It will also be posted in Canvas under Announcements. Additional parent resources and videos for strategies on how to talk to your child about sexual health are available at <https://www.browardschools.com/page/45860>.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Schaffer, School Counselor, at [susan.schaffer@browardschools.com](mailto:susan.schaffer@browardschools.com) or at 754-322-8150.

## **BCPS Summer 2021**

This summer, your student can get back on track academically, get ready for the upcoming school year, and reconnect with their friends, peers, and favorite teachers.

I want to personally invite your student to get back, get ready and reconnect with their friends and teachers during BCPS Summer 2021, a six-week summer experience that can help them accelerate their learning in a face-to-face setting ahead of the next school year.

Summer 2021 is a **free** six-week experience that starts Monday, June 21 and runs through Thursday, July 29, 2021. Certified teachers will provide face-to-face instruction and CDC safety guidelines will be followed including mandatory mask-wearing, physical distancing, and other health and safety protocols.

Transportation and meals will be provided, and before and after school childcare services are available for participating students.

**Classes will be held at Parkside Elementary, Monday through Thursday, for four hours a day, from 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

All classes will be held in-person and on campus only – the Summer 2021 Get Back! Get Ready! Reconnect! experience **does not** include virtual eLearning.

Please note, seats are limited. Priority will be given to students based on academic needs and space available.

**To apply for a spot, please click on the forms link attached**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=y7Ws7nBTWEOpaqN4PJXUIhaNknXI9i9NvfJIVy8UfKdUQzBDRIdDWExZOU83TUxLMVEzVERXSIFJTy4u>



For more information, please contact our school at 754-322-8150.

We look forward to welcoming your student to Summer 2021, so they can Get Back! Get Ready! and Reconnect!

