



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 in the 2nd quarter of the 2020-21 school year. We would like to thank our staff, students, and parents for playing an intricate role in the success of our students as they learn virtually. We were elated to see some of the students return face to face. Hopefully, all students will return to our wonderful campus soon. We would like to thank all members of the Ram Fam for making our Trunk or Treat a great success. The winter holidays are fast approaching and we would like to wish everyone a festive holiday season. Stay safe and healthy!

Important Dates

Nov. 3	Employee Planning Day
Nov. 11	School Closed
Nov. 12	Report Cards Issued
Nov. 16-27	PTO - Scholastic Book Fair
Nov. 17	Virtual Literacy Family Night
Nov. 17	Interim Reports Issued
Nov. 18	SAC/SAF Virtual Meeting
Nov. 23-27	School Closed
Dec. 15	Virtual Support Services - Family Night
Dec. 16	SAC/SAF Virtual Meeting
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1	School Closed
January 4	School Resumes

Literacy Coach's Corner

Hello Ramblewood Family,

As we come to the end of the quarter, report cards will be issued. Take this opportunity to celebrate success and address areas of concern. Before accessing the report card online, ask your child “What do you think your report card will tell us?” Let your child tell you if he or she expects any problems. Even if your child does well, he/she may be nervous about a certain grade. Getting ready is helpful. A report card is just one small measure of your child. An “A” student still has plenty to learn and a student with poor grades still has plenty of strengths. Think of the report card as a chance to take positive action. Find something to praise attendance, attitude, or effort. Focus on areas that can lead to improvement. Once report cards become available online, the easiest way to access the report card is to have your student sign in at sso.browardschools.com, just as he or she does every day to go to virtual school. Once on the student’s Launchpad, look under My Applications for the Virtual Counselor tile. Click on Virtual Counselor to access your child’s report card.

Best regards,
Mrs. Gentile

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.

Guidance Counselor

"Ramblewood Elementary School will be recognizing our student's hard work during the first quarter at our Achievement Award Ceremony on Friday, November 13. Participating students and parents will be notified with the specific details of the event.

Students will explore various careers and learn about college opportunities during our College and Career Week from November 16-20. Students are encouraged to dress in their favorite college's colors on Wednesday, November 18. Please take this opportunity to talk with your students about their future college and career goals!

Kids of Character Trait-Citizenship

Susan Schaffer

Broward Remote Instructional Assistance...”Ask BRIA”

Broward’s districtwide evening academic assistance is available Monday through Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Students can find a link in their Canvas courses entitled “Need Assistance With Schoolwork-Ask BRIA”. By clicking on the link, students will be guided to a live Teams session with a certified teacher to receive academic support. We encourage our Rams to take advantage of this free resource to receive assistance!

SRO

Dear Parents:

For your safety, and especially the children of Ramblewood Elementary, please adhere to the following Rules/Traffic Laws:

Back to School Safety Rules:

- Please do not speak on your cellular phone while in the pick-up area. Florida law states cellphone devices can only be used in a **hands-free** manner when driving in designated school zones.
- Follow the school administration and pull your vehicle up to the beginning of the line to drop-off or pick-up your child to keep the line moving.

Only BUSES and FACULTY are allowed to enter the school's East parking lot. Too many vehicles entering this area would cause congestion and a dangerous environment within the bus area where children are being loaded/unloaded. Posted restricted parking (**\$165.00 fine**)

Back to School Safety Laws & Violation Amounts:

- Speeding in a School Zone
 - **Fines (1-5mph = \$155; 6-9mph = \$155; 10-14mph = \$305; 15-19mph = \$405; 20-29mph = \$455; 30+mph = \$605)**
- Do not allow your children to exit your vehicle in the grass areas prior to the pick-up/drop-off zone (**Moving violation: \$165.00**)
- Do not pass a school bus loading / unloading (**Moving violation: \$165.00**)
- Do not park in a fire lane (**\$115.00**)
- Do not park in the designated no parking zones (including grass) (**\$115.00**)
- Do not stop in the through lane in order to cut off traffic (**\$165.00**)
- Do not load or unload your child on Shadow Wood Blvd (**\$165.00**)
- Do not cross Shadow Wood Blvd unless you are on a designated crosswalk (i.e. Jaywalking) (**\$86.00**)
- Seatbelt violation (**\$115.00 fine**)
- Florida law requires all children under the age of 16 wear an approved bicycle helmet (**\$86.00 fine**)
- When exiting the school (during restricted hours), you are required to make a RIGHT TURN only. A violation could result in a **\$165.00 fine**.

Please keep in mind that all of these measures are in place to keep the children, staff, and parents of Ramblewood Elementary School safe. Although some of these rules/laws may cause a slight inconvenience, understand that safety is our first concern. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 954-346-1296 or e-mail jweber@coralsprings.org.

Sincerely,

Officer James Weber (SRO)
Officer Steve Daniello (SRO)

PTO

Hello Parents,

Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair will run from November 16-27. It will be virtual! Please look on your Canvas Dashboard or the PTO Facebook Page for information.

Please visit our website, www.ramblewoodpto.com to purchase T-shirts and find updated information.

Our fall fundraiser is up and running from now until November 9th and your involvement is needed more than ever!

You can support the fundraiser by any of the following:

- 1) Purchase items out of the catalog for you and your family.
- 2) Share your fundraiser on social media, by email, or text on www.ShopFund.com [Links to an external site.](#)
- 3) Ask neighbors, co-workers, friends & others to purchase and show their support.

Please know that your assistance this year in particular will make a huge difference and thank you in advance for your participation in the fundraiser!

E.S.E. Specialist's Corner

Hello Ram Fam,

This is your proud ESE Specialist here with an important reminder about the district's new EDPLAN Connect feature. For children who have IEP's or EP's, any time a document is finalized, such as a progress report, EDPLAN Connect will email you that a document is ready to view. Parents or guardians who have given our school the necessary email and or cell phone number will receive an email or text from EDPlan Connect with a link to access these documents. Should you not receive the email, please contact the district via edplanconnect@browardschools.com and provide your child's name, student number, your email and a cell phone number. You can always contact me as well at 754-322-8162 or Mary.Dunn@browardschools.com.

Mary Gaspersich Dunn

Curbside Grab & Go Meals

Free Grab & Go meals will be available at Ramblewood Elementary School in the bus loop every Tuesday & Thursday from 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. for all children 18 years and younger who are not participating in face to face learning. Parents can drive or walk up to receive meal bundles that contain multiple days-worth of meals. Parents must bring identification for their child, like a student ID or report card to pick up meals. Our Food and Nutrition Services staff are so excited to serve nutritious meals to make sure that every child can power up!

We look forward to seeing you at the next distribution. Identification must be present at each meal service. Please remember to wear a mask & follow CDC Guidelines.

How to Reduce Anxiety

It's normal for youngsters—and adults—to feel stressed when their schedules change or life is unpredictable. Consider this advice for helping your little one cope.

Reassure your child. Having some control over a situation can limit anxiety. Talk to them about what your family is doing to stay safe—and to help others be safe. Examples include washing hands often, staying at home, and social distancing (staying at least six feet away from people who don't live with you).

Stick to routines. Have your youngster go to bed and wake up at their usual time. Also, encourage them to dress in regular clothes. If child asks to stay in pajamas, consider setting aside a special PJs day each week. Wearing daytime clothes on other days contributes to a sense of normalcy. Plan regular mealtimes rather than letting everyone snack all day. Turn off the news. It's important to stay informed, but news can make your child anxious. Try to turn on after they go to bed. Use kid-friendly language to explain the situation. Example: "A lot of people are sick right now. We are staying home to be healthy and help stop the germs from spreading."

"See" friends and relatives. Help your little one stay close to the people who are important to your family. Try these suggestions for keeping in touch via Skype, Facetime, or other video-chat platforms. Play with friends. Help your child find ways to "get together" with their classmates. They might have a virtual concert by singing favorite songs or playing homemade instruments, or they could perform magic tricks, hold a pet talent show, and tell jokes. Spend time with relatives. Set up video calls with grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins. Encourage your youngster to ask how they're doing and tell them about your family's day. You might even have virtual game nights. Play Mother May I? (or Grandma May I), Simon Says, I Spy, and Red Light, Green Light.

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.

Title I

Ramblewood Elementary is a Title I School, which means we get additional funds from the federal government. There are specific guidelines we must follow and funding is based on our free/reduced lunch rate. The goal of Title I is to ensure that all children obtain a high-quality education and are successful. Look for additional information to come regarding Title I.

PreK

For the months of November and December, PreK will be working on the letters Dd, Ff and Oo. We will also learn about the following holidays: Thanksgiving, Kwanza, Chanukah and Christmas. Our focus will be Health and Nutrition which teaches about healthy eating. We continue to work on learning our colors, shapes, counting and the concepts of print.

Kindergarten

Hello Families! During the second quarter we will learn about the Past and the Present, Thanksgiving, and Day and Night. We will be continuing our learning with States of Matter and Arctic Animals during the month of January.

During our shared reading and interactive read out louds we have been learning about different characters and settings in fiction stories. We are also beginning to retell stories with key details and sequencing story events. Also, during reading groups we are busy learning sight words, and beginning reading skills. In writing, we are using a combination of drawing, labeling and sentences to write a narrative piece. We are also starting to use graphic organizers to help us in our writing. During math, we are continuing to learn about numbers 0 to 10 and using vocabulary words "more" and "less" to compare numbers. We will be starting addition and subtraction very soon.

Thank you for all your support during e-learning!

2nd Grade

Second grade scholars have been fully immersed in learning all about "Roots in America". This journey had us first learning about Native Americans and Pilgrims. We will soon be exploring the history of immigration in America, focused heavily on Ellis Island. In addition to taking a virtual field trip to Ellis Island, our scholars will give presentations on their family's journey to America. In math, we will be getting into two-digit addition and subtraction with and without regrouping. Please continue to practice basic addition and subtraction facts for fluency. In ELA we learned many skills such as identifying author's purpose and using text features to help us locate important information. We are continuing to strengthen our writing as we work on narratives and opinion writing. Science will see us starting to explore forces/motion, pushes/pulls and magnets. Please make sure your child is working on i-Ready Reading AND Math for at least 45 minutes each week. As we continue to navigate this virtual environment, we applaud our wonderful second grade families for their dedication and understanding during these unprecedented times!

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 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 also will 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.

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

1st Grade

First grade will be doing a Jan Brett author study! We will be working on main idea, cause & effect, reading comprehension, summarizing, and comparing characters/stories. We will also be researching and learning about Arctic animals. Students will learn about animal needs, types, and how animals resemble their parents. They will read a variety of genres utilizing these topics. In math we are working on Fact Families, using the same 3 numbers to make 2 subtraction and 2 addition problems. (Ex. 2,3,5 - $2+3=5$, $3+2=5$, $5-2=3$, $5-3=2$). Please help your child practice addition and subtraction problems within 20 to build fluency. The dollar store has flash cards which are perfect for practicing fluency. Please remember to read and practice sight words every day. First Grade Authors are writing a variety of writing pieces. They are exploring opinion writing and learning how everyone has their own opinion. We are writing informational pieces, where facts are the focus of the writing. We are also practicing narrative writing, when you

3rd Grade

Captions, photos and headings – oh my! We are learning that text features are important components of nonfiction texts. Nonfiction books present many opportunities to learn new concepts and vocabulary, as well as broaden a student's view of the world. Nonfiction books are written differently than picture books. Often, there are more pictures, graphics, charts and photographs included within the pages. Students should read a variety of nonfiction texts such as: newspapers, brochures, magazines, instruction manuals, recipes, and maps. As students read nonfiction texts, they should be able to identify different text features and be able to explain what they learned from those text features. In Math, we continue to work on multiplication and problem solving strategies. Students are learning strategies for finding an unknown factor, multiplying with multiples of 10 and division facts. They will learn how division is related to subtraction and how multiplication and division are inverse operations. Keep practicing those multiplication facts at home! We really encourage every student to work on iReady at home during the week. The goal for each student is to access iReady 45 minutes each week (reading & math).

4th Grade

In Math, 4th graders have been working on place value; addition and subtraction to one million; rounding; and multiplying by one- and two-digit numbers. We will soon be starting division, factoring (prime and composite numbers), and multiples and patterns. Please be sure that your child knows their multiplication facts. It is very important to master them because they apply to most of the 4th grade standards. We use multiplication for life! Let's set them up for success in this area!

For ELA Reading, we've just finished Theme and Point of View, and we are in the middle of learning about and practicing finding Main Idea and supporting details. (This is a skill that we will use for the rest of our year in our writing.) Next, students will be working on identifying Text Features in non-fiction text, and how an author chooses these features to contribute to a reader's understanding. The students will be practicing this and various other skills during class and then reinforcing them at home by reading for 30 minutes every night.

In Science, we continue to work on our standards and learning using the district's Scope and Sequence pacing guide; we just finished studying the three classifications of rocks, the rock cycle, and how gems are formed. In Social Studies, we continue exploring the fascinating history of Florida. We have adventured with the conquistadors, witnessed the establishment of Saint Augustine, and discovered how the 1st Seminole War led to Florida becoming a U.S. territory after 300 years under Spanish control. The students love finding out more about their home state and its rich historical background.

Writing skills are implemented and practiced daily! We are currently working on learning how to write all the components of the four-paragraph essay; this is a critical 4th grade skill that will be tested at year's end, and one which the students will use for life! Students will be learning how to work in Word, how to download, upload, and save a document as they build on their writing skills through this quarter.

Please have your child work on i-Ready Reading and Math at home for at least 45 minutes every week per subject area, with at least one lesson passed at 67% or higher, as this builds skills in all areas, including test taking skills. This is an expectation! We are monitoring to see overall averages, in addition to the usage by each student.

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.

5th Grade

Fifth grade has been hard at work! In Reading and Language Arts, the students have been learning how to create written responses to literature. In addition to proper sentence structure and grammar, we are focusing on properly citing text evidence to support our responses. We will be incorporating more nonfiction text in the coming weeks and will continue working on summarizing and finding the main idea and supporting details. In math, we are wrapping up place value, multiplication and division and will begin working with decimals. Please continue working on those basic multiplication and division facts! During science, the students will be learning about force and motion, the human body and functional organism structures. The fifth grade team would like to remind parents that while it is important to encourage your child to be independent, there are ways that you can help to support them. Checking Course Progress in Canvas for each subject area is a great way to check your child's grades, see their progress, and to determine if they have any missing assignments. In addition, to their daily assignments, your child is also required to use i-Ready for 45 minutes per week in both reading and math. The individualized learning pathway in i-Ready is designed to address their areas of need and to provide enrichment in their areas of strength. Thank you for your support on our e-learning journey together!

Let's Connect

Please visit our website at 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

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>.

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.