



Ramblewood Elementary School

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2017-2020 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! September is already here. The first two weeks of school was a total success. A big thank you goes to all stakeholders in the Ram Fam, as all participants helped achieve this accomplishment. We look forward to many more productive days ahead for the 2021-22 school year. Parents, if you are looking to get involved in your child’s education and have a voice in the decisions that shape our school, we are inviting you to be a part of our School Advisory Council. The first meeting will be on September 15 at 2:30 P.M. in the Media Center. Looking forward to seeing you there! We also can’t wait to see you for Open House! In the section below labeled “Important Dates” are the dates and times for Open House. All important events that will be scheduled throughout the school year will be in this section on a monthly basis. Parents always feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Ms. Ibarondo – 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. State 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.

Emergency Preparedness

Teaching children what to do in the event of different types of emergencies has always been embedded in your child’s instruction. We conduct fire drills monthly and tornado drills two times a year. The District mandates that “code red” lock down drills be every month. In the event of an actual emergency, Ramblewood Elementary will communicate with the school community as soon as feasibly possible using ParentLink System. To ensure that you can receive this timely communication, please keep your contact information up to date with the front office of the school.

Important Dates

Sept. 1	Open House (PreK - 2) 6:00-6:40 – PreK-K 6:45-7:25 – Gr. 1 7:30-8:10 – Gr. 2
Sept. 6	Labor Day – Day Off
Sept. 7	Rosh Hashanah – Day Off
Sept. 8	Open House (Gr. 3-5) 6:00-6:40 – Gr. 3 6:45-7:25 – Gr. 4 5:15-5:45 – Gr. 5
Sept. 13	PTO Marketplace Fundraiser Kick-Off
Sept. 14	PTO Family Night – Wings Plus
Sept. 15	SAC Meeting – 2:30 P.M.
Sept. 15	Coffee and Comprehension – 8:00 A.M. – RSVP
Sept. 16	Yom Kippur – Day Off
Sept. 17	Volunteer Orientation Breakfast – 9:00 A.M.
Sept. 20	Interim Report Issued
Sept. 27	Student Individual Pictures

Unified Dress Code

Ramblewood Elementary has unified dress code. Students’ adherence to our dress code is important in helping us identify those that belong on campus. If you would like to opt out of the unified dress code, please stop by the office to sign the waiver.

SRO

Parents, when you drive near the school, pay attention to the school zones. Your child’s safety is important to us. Thank you,

Officer Ventura

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 always remain locked. A campus monitor conducts campus walkthroughs to ensure campus security.

Kindergarten

We have been having a fabulous first few weeks of school. We are becoming more comfortable and independent at school every day! In the first quarter, we will be very busy learning all about rules (green and red choices), making friends, being a good citizen, about ourselves and families, and five senses. Also, we are practicing and learning all about the expectations and procedures of literacy and math centers. In math, we will enjoy learning about numbers 0 to 5. In October, we will be starting reading. Once in full swing, your child should be bringing home a leveled reader book to practice their reading skills. At home, you should be practicing identifying concepts of print, discussing story elements, and asking your child to give you reasons why it was a good book or not. Please make sure to return the leveled books. We are working on learning our letters and sounds and will be starting to learn sight words. Thank you for all the support and helping to make the transition to kindergarten a successful one.

2nd Grade

Welcome back to school! In second grade, we have been working on establishing classroom routines using our new English/Language Arts curriculum, Benchmark Advance. We are excited to be starting our first integrated unit on habitats in September. In Math, we will be working on addition and subtraction strategies. Using flash cards is a great way to learn basic facts and build fact fluency! As always, your child should be reading at home daily for at least 20 minutes. Asking your child to retell what they have read or asking questions about their book builds their comprehension! Students will also be using I-Ready Reading and Benchmark Universe while in class. We would like to encourage all parents to join us for Open House. We look forward to a year of promoting academic excellence for all our second graders!

3rd Grade

We are off to building a great 3rd grade year! We are focusing on the well-being of students and establishing routines. We have completed our first i-Ready Diagnostic in both Reading and Math and are hard at work on our individual learning paths. In Reading, we are finding a right fit book and working on building our reading stamina. In Writing, third graders are learning to use good writing skills and using text evidence to support their writing. As always, your child should be reading at home daily for at least 20 minutes. Asking your child to retell what they have read or asking questions about their book will help build their comprehension! In math, we are working on estimation and rounding, along with reviewing addition and subtraction. It's never too early to start learning multiplication facts! Our goal this year is to have all students fluent in multiplication and division facts through the 12's. We start off with easier multiples of 1,2,5,10, and then move on to the more challenging factors. Using flash cards is a great way to learn the facts and build fact fluency! We look forward to a year of promoting academic excellence for all our students! Third graders are on the road to SUCCESS!

Pre-K

Welcome Back To School!!!

Pre-K is so happy to welcome back our families to face to face learning. This month we will be working on learning the school routine, keeping our masks on, washing our hands often, and staying in our own space. We will work on the letters N, W, P, H, and M. We will also complete our In School Unit and begin to work on an All About Me unit.

1st Grade

Welcome to First Grade! As we all begin the new school year, first grade will be focusing on our school theme of "Building Back Better". We will focus on rules and how to be responsible citizens in Social Studies. We can be responsible citizens in school, at home, and in the community. We are learning the difference between rules/laws and why they are important. We have been practicing using Good Character Traits and learning the roles of a Leader.

Science is all about matter. We will be engaging students through hands-on activities that encourage discussions on the properties of matter (texture, size, shape, color, weight, and height).

In Math we are counting and adding. We are using math terms like addend, sum, equals, combine, and plus. We will also be learning how to use math talk while learning. Using math vocabulary while we talk helps us learn the math words that we will see throughout the year. We are also learning that you get the same sum regardless of the order of addends. ($6+2=8$, $2+6=8$) and any number plus zero stays the same ($0+3=3$).

Reading and Writing are the glue that holds our entire curriculum together. We encourage families to practice reading and writing sight words regularly. The more sight words you know, the better reader you will become. We are working on asking and answering questions about a text and using our "partner talk" during learning. This month we will be focusing on the plot of a fiction book and what that includes. We will use story maps to show the characters, setting, problem, solution, and moral. We focus on identifying problem

4th Grade

We are diving into learning in Fourth Grade! Everyone is so excited to back at school, and we are "Building Back Better" together! We have completed our first I-Ready Diagnostic in Reading and Math and are hard at work on our individual learning paths. In Reading, we are working through our awesome new curriculum called Benchmark Advance. Reading nightly at home for 20 to 30 minutes will really help us become better readers! In Language Arts, Fourth Graders are working on becoming good writers by knowing how and when to use correct capitalization and punctuation, and we are beginning to learn to write main idea paragraphs with text evidence. In Math, students are finding place value, working problems in addition and subtraction to 1,000,000, rounding whole numbers, and getting ready to multiply tens, hundreds, and thousands by 1-digit numbers. Practicing our multiplication facts (1 through 12) daily at home will help us become great math students! In Science, learning about the study of the natural world and how scientists work is fascinating. Students are now receiving nightly homework assignments during the week in both Reading and Math. We are looking forward to a fun and fabulous Fourth Grade year with hard working students who love learning!

5th Grade

We are off to an amazing start this year. We have taken much-needed time to get back into the swing of things on campus full time. What a great feeling it is to be back!

Assessments in both reading and math will begin soon. Students will be completing their i-Ready Reading and Math diagnostics. We will do our best to complete these assessments as quickly as possible in order to move forward with instruction. Remind your child to do their best when completing these assessments.

Math: In class, students are currently working on fluency with whole numbers and decimals. Students will be diving deeper into place value, decimals, multiplication, and division. It is always good to have your child practice their multiplication facts at home. This can be done by using or creating flashcards.

Reading: Our focus for the next few weeks will incorporate determining the author's purpose, making predictions, and making connections to the text that we read. Please be sure your child is reading 30 minutes each night.

Science: Science is off to an exciting start. Students are working on understanding different adaptations that animals and all living things make in order to survive. Kudos to Mr. Brown, Academic Support – Math and Science, for pushing in supporting 5th graders.

The 2021-2022 school is going to be an incredible year full of lots of learning! Let's build our skills and take fifth grade to the top!

Guidance

Hello and welcome back!

The guidance department is happy to announce that we have two school counselors this year. Ms. Schaffer will be servicing grades K-2 and Ms. Dodge will be servicing grades 3-5. We started the year by visiting classrooms and getting to know our students through minute meetings and data chats. We both look forward to getting to know you and your children.

This month we will continue to focus on meeting the social and emotional needs of our students through daily 10 minutes of mindfulness activities and classroom guidance lessons. Students will also participate in the Start with Hello initiative where they will learn about the importance of including others. Finally, we encourage you to have your students participate in the Choose Peace/Stop Violence Week by dressing up for spirit week from September 20-24, 2021. Please reach out if you need assistance.

Mon, Sept. 20: Wild West Day-"Don't Let Emotions Run Wild" (Wear flannel, cowboy boots, cowboy hat, etc.)

Tues, Sept. 21: Wear White For Peace Across Broward Day-(Wear something WHITE to represent equality, fairness, protection, alleviate emotional upsets and encourage peace, tranquility, comfort and hope.)

Wed, Sept. 22: Beach Day- "Don't React/Just Relax" (Wear beach hats, sunglasses, sundresses, beach shirts, etc. No flip flops or swim suits)

Thurs, Sept. 23: Pajama Day- "Keep Calm" (Wear your pajamas, sweatpants, sweatshirts, etc.)

Fri, Sept. 24: Hippie Day- "Peace Out" (Wear tie dye, floral, peace signs, etc.)

Ms. Schaffer and Ms. Dodge

E.S.E. Specialist

Dear Ram Fam, are you familiar with Broward County's EdPlan connect feature? EdPlan Connect allows parents and guardians to access students' IEP documents whenever a final IEP document is created for a student in EdPlan. Please reference the following directions as a guide for navigating this feature. When a final IEP document is created, an automated email invitation with a link to access the parent portal is sent out. After clicking on the link in the email you will be taken to the EdPlan Connect parent portal to authenticate your identity by requesting and using an Access Code. You can choose to receive the access code by text message, voice call, or email. When you select one of the three methods for receiving the access code, you will then click the "Request Access Code" button. Once you receive the Access Code email, you will then copy the Access Code and paste it into the Parent Portal Login page. Be careful not to leave any blank spaces after the code. Next, click the green Login button which will take you to the To-Do List page. The To-Do List is where any documents awaiting review are displayed. From here you can click on the blue IEP document link to review the document. As always, please reach out to your ESE Specialist, Mary Dunn, with any questions or concerns at 754-322-8162 or at Mary.Dunn@browardschools.com.

Literacy Coach

Students will be taking the first i-Ready Reading and Math Diagnostic within the next few weeks. This will assessment help create a personalized learning path for each student. The *i-Ready Diagnostic* is a type of computer adaptive test that matches the difficulty of test questions to the ability of each student. As students answer questions correctly, the test becomes more difficult. As students answer questions incorrectly, the test becomes easier. In both scenarios, the test adapts to find the precise ability of each student in the quickest, most efficient way possible. Once a student completes a Diagnostic assessment, *i-Ready* will use the new data to determine the student's domain-specific online personalized lesson path or if the current path needs to be adjusted. Students are then able work on their personalized lesson path. *i-Ready Personalized Instruction* is a powerful tool that supports your teaching and provides instruction targeted to every student's strengths and needs. It is our school goal for each student in Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade to complete 30 minutes of i-Ready practice each week. For 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students, the goal is 45 minutes a week. We will be tracking students' progress and celebrating success!

Coffee and Comprehension Parent Informational Session

Are you the parent or guardian of a student in kindergarten, first, or second grader? Please join us for our first Parent Coffee and Comprehension. This will be an opportunity for parents and guardians to come to our school to have a light breakfast, meet our staff, and learn different way to help your child succeed in school. Our first event is on September 15th. 8:00 -8:30 a.m. Space is limited. Masks required.

Use this link to RSVP:

<https://forms.office.com/r/38dY3p98FS>

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.

Back to School Forms

Complete all Back-to School Forms needed on-line!

<https://www.browardschools.com/BTS>

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications –

<http://www.myschoolapps.com/>

Before and After School Child Care

Ramblewood Elementary School offers a safe, fun, and engaging before and after school program.

Registration Fee- \$30.00 per child

Before care (6:45-7:30 a.m.) **\$36.00** per period.

Aftercare (2:00-6:00) **\$194.00** per period.

Activity Fee \$10.00 per child, per period.

Each pay period is every 18 days of school.

For additional information, please contact

Kim Fernandez, Aftercare Supervisor, at 754-322-8175.

PTO

The PTO Board has been busy this summer. While we can't yet have all of our in-person events, we still have lots of fun planned for our RAM Fam! We are sending home the first POST of the school year. Please take a few minutes to look through this entire packet. It's loaded with information about what is happening with your PTO. We have a brand new fundraiser starting September 13 and we are very excited to bring something new to our families. We have our first family night scheduled at Wing Plus Ramblewood on September 14 from 5pm-9pm. A percentage of all RES sales will be donated back to the PTO. Make sure to mention you are with Ramblewood Elementary when you order.

Remember to grab all your RAM Swag and sign up for PTO memberships on our

webstore. <https://ramblewoodpto.com/store/> Ram Spirit shirts can be worn daily and Spirit wars will be starting after we return from Labor Day. Every Friday the class in each grade with the most kids in their class t-shirt will get a treat from the PTO. We are looking forward to a great 2021/2022 school year and seeing all of our families again!

Follow us on www.RamblewoodPTO.com or on Facebook to receive news, updates and volunteer information.

Together, we can make this a great year!

PTO Volunteer

Ramblewood Elementary PTO

RamblewoodElementaryPTO@gmail.com

Volunteer

To volunteer or chaperone a field trip in a Broward County Public School, you must be cleared first. Please fill out the application on the link provided and make sure you do it within enough time for the application to be processed, which may take several days.

<http://browardschools.com/getinvolved/application-note>

Student I.D. Badges

Reminder: All students in Broward County Schools are required to wear identification badges. Each student will receive a school ID badge upon registration. If the badge is stolen, misplaced, or otherwise not accessible to the student while on campus, a replacement will be issued.

Reminder: The I.D. badge will remain in school.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Parents of 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?

Stay Connected

You can follow Ramblewood Elementary on the platforms listed below:

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

2021-22 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) 322-5850 by April 12, 2022.

School-Parent Compact – 2021-2022

Parents, please sign and return the School-Parent Compact form and return to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

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.

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.