



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! It’s that time of year again for our RAM Families to enjoy the winter holidays. Although, many of our students are in holiday mode, it is important to continue our expectations for academics and behavior before and after the winter break. We have many activities coming up in the month of December.

We were happy to see all of the Veterans that came to our Veteran’s Breakfast in the Cafeteria. We were also elated to see all of the parents that supported their children’s accomplishments during the Honor Roll events last week. Kudos parents!

The PTO will be running a holiday shop during the week of December 6th. Students will have the chance to shop for their families during their P.E. special. Please ensure your child comes to school with cash on their designated shopping day.

We are calling all parent volunteers to help assist with Field Day. Field day will take place the week of December 13th. If you would like to assist with your child’s grade level, please contact your child’s teacher. Please be sure that you are an approved volunteer vetted through the district. Please visit <http://browardschools.com/volunteerapplication> to become to get become an approved volunteer.

Please look at the section entitled “Important Dates” for other scheduled events and days off.

We wish our RAM Families Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

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.

Important Dates

Dec. 1	Ramblewood Middle Band Holiday Performance Gr. 4 & 5
Dec. 3	Vaccine Schedule – 9:00 A.M-1:30 P.M. & 2:30-6:00 P.M.
Dec. 6-10	PTO Holiday Shop
Dec. 8	ESOL Family Game Night – 6:00-7:30 P.M.

Field Day

Dec. 13	Gr. 3 – 8:15-10:30	Gr. 2 – 11:50-1:50
Dec. 14	Gr. 1 – 8:15-10:30	Kind. – 11:50-1:50
Dec. 16	Gr. 4 – 8:15-10:30	Gr. 5 – 11:50-1:50
Dec. 17	PreK – 9:30	

Dec. 15	SAC/SAF Meeting – 2:30-3:00 P.M.
Dec. 20	PTO Urban Air Family Night – 6:00-8:00 P.M.
Dec. 20-Jan. 3	School Closed – Winter Break
January 3	School Resumes

Unified Dress Code

Ramblewood Elementary has a **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.** It is expected that all students are in uniform, Monday through Friday, with the exception of designated school spirit days which will be on Fridays. The class with the most participants wins Twizzlers.

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.

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.

Guidance

Happy Holidays!

Ramblewood's counseling department would like to wish you the happiest of holidays and healthiest of New Year's. Be sure to take time for you and your families during this time to reflect upon the joy in your lives. Looking forward to seeing you all in 2022. Please reach out if you need assistance.

Ms. Schaffer and Ms. Dodge

SRO **HOLIDAY SAFETY** **Burglary Prevention Tips**

The City of Coral Springs Police Department would like to offer the following tips to our residents:

- If you are traveling for the holidays (for more than 5 days and less than 30), sign up for the Vacation Watch Program by calling our non-emergency number, (954) 344-1800, 24-hours prior to your departure.
- If burglars can tell that someone is home, there is a greater chance they will not attempt to break in. Create the illusion that someone is home (car in the driveway, lights on, blinds open).
- Keep your shrubs and trees trimmed, especially near windows and doors. Well-manicured homes provide natural surveillance.
- Get to know your neighbors and always call our non-emergency number, (954) 344-1800, if you see something or someone suspicious (an unfamiliar car, door-to door solicitors, etc.).

Officer Ventura

E.S.E. Specialist

Winter break can be such an exciting time of year for families. It can also come with challenges, especially for kids who have disabilities, because it also means changes in routine, diet and sleeping habits. Winter break can mean boredom or too much stimulation. To help parents get their kids through the break smoothly, here are some tips that will help kids of **all abilities**.

Adjust your normal routine, then stick to it

The key is to have a plan for each day, make sure you explain the plan ahead of time, remind them of the plan throughout the day. If you have a younger child, you can make a picture schedule (it doesn't have to be fancy) for the day. For older children, you can write a schedule. If the schedule has to change, it's not the end of the world. Just make the change for them visually on their schedule and explain why. This works wonders!

Keep healthy snacks on hand

Changes in routine inevitably mean changes in eating habits. One simple fix is to have healthy snacks at home and when you're out and about. This will limit the temptation for your children to eat foods that are not good for them. Foods with too much sugar and dyes can affect mood, behavior and sleep.

Combat boredom with planned activities

You can head-off boredom by playing games, baking goodies (in moderation to avoid a sugar overload) or going outside. You could also enroll them in an appropriate local camp or activity group. Travel with care!

Remind your child of what will be happening before and while traveling. If possible, use visuals or tell a story about the entire process. You can even search for videos online that will model how to behave and what to expect while in an airport or on an airplane.

Mary Dunn Mary.Dunn@browardschools.com.

Literacy Coach

When we think of reading, we often think of comprehension. However, effective reading involves multiple skills and areas of reading. Oral language, phonemic or phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, and comprehension are some of the areas of reading that your child's teacher might discuss during a conference. Here is an explanation of each area:

Oral Language - Oral Language is the means in which children communicate their thoughts, ideas, and emotions. It is a child's most powerful learning tool. Children internalize new knowledge through discussion with their peers. They learn how words work through listening to, talking about, and working with them.

Phonemic/ Phonological Awareness - Phonemic awareness refers to the specific ability to focus on and manipulate individual sounds in spoken words. Hearing individual sounds within a word allows the learner to connect letters to sounds. Phonological awareness includes identifying and manipulating parts of oral language such as words, syllables, and onsets and rimes. Rhymes, repetitions, and songs are all examples of how a child can practice phonological awareness.

Phonics - Phonics is the understanding of how sounds correlate with letters in an alphabetic system. This includes recognizing print that represent a sound, syllables, and word parts.

Fluency - Fluency in reading is the ability to read continuous text with appropriate momentum, phrasing, attention to conventions, and stress. Fluency in word solving is the ability to quickly and accurately solve words.

Vocabulary - Vocabulary is the knowledge of words used in language and their meaning. As children begin to read more difficult texts, they must learn vocabulary outside of their oral language.

Comprehension - The ability to process and draw meaning from text(s) on many levels. Students must understand and make meaning of information read in various texts to expand their knowledge of the real world.

PTO

Happy Holidays from your PTO!

We have loved and looked forward to every opportunity to see all our amazing Ramblewood Families! Our first in person book fair in almost 2 years was a huge success! Between daily sales and the family night, you all helped provide an impressive amount of funds for our media specialist to help bring our media center titles up to date! Our PTO also had a booth at the Tortuga Music Festival in November, raised several thousand dollars for our school, and had a blast doing it! We're looking forward to even more volunteers and fun for the spring concert weekend. A special thanks to Kim Young for setting that up and organizing the volunteer roster!

With the help of your generous donations, we provided lunch and a sweet treat for our amazing staff before Thanksgiving break and gave so many of our staff a sweet handwritten note from our Ram Families. Please check the December PTO Post for all the upcoming events, including holiday shop and winter grams. There are tons of info in that newsletter! As always, we invite you to join our M.O.R.E page on Facebook and the Ramblewood Elementary PTO page. We want to wish you all a safe and happy holiday and New Year! We'll see you all again in 2022!!

PTO Volunteer

Ramblewood Elementary PTO

RamblewoodElementaryPTO@gmail.com

Back to School Forms for New Students

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

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

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications –

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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/volunteerapplication>

Stay Connected

You can follow Ramblewood Elementary on the platforms listed below:

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

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.

Title I Parent/Guardian Information

1. School Parent and Family Engagement Plan: School staff and parents/guardians jointly develop the plan as part of the School Improvement Plan. The plan includes the parent and family engagement activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's parent and family engagement program. You can access this plan at (use school web address). If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact (name of school contact) at (telephone number).

2. District Parent and Family Engagement Plan: District staff and parents/guardians jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent and family engagement activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's district parent and family engagement program. You can access this plan at <https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/13545/LEA%20Parent%20and%20Family%20Engagement%20Plan%20PFEP.pdf>. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Linda Howard, Title I Program Specialist at 754-321-1410.

3. Florida Standards Assessment (FSA)/Statewide Assessment Data and LEA/School Report Card, school grades, state assessment reports: The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents/guardians and the general public about the progress of Florida's public schools. This report meets the public reporting requirements of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools. In addition, the Florida Department of Education publishes school grades and the results of the state assessment of Florida schools. You can access these reports at <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/results/>. If you would like to review a hard copy or if translation is needed, please contact (name of school contact) at (telephone number).