



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. We were elated to welcome our Ram Fam back to school in August. We accomplished so much in two and a half weeks. The students and staff successfully practiced the district mandated drills. Parents, a Parentlink message will be sent prior to all drills. When you receive the ParentLink messages, it is not necessary to call the school. Our office staff will also participate in the drill, therefore will not be available to answer phones during this time. Our PTO Movie Night was a successful and fun-filled event! Thank you to our wonderful PTO for organizing this event. A huge number of parents were in attendance to support our Prek-2 Open House. We appreciate the dedication to support your children’s education. We are looking forward to seeing our 3rd-5th grade families on September 7th. Parents, please join us for our Volunteer Orientation Breakfast on September 13th in the Media Center. Parents will be given the opportunity to join our PTO and volunteer to participate in certain events. We have a lot planned for September. Please stay current of all activities by reading the box entitled “Important Dates”. Have a great September!

Ms. Ibarondo – Principal Mr. Charlotin – Assistant Principal

Important Dates

Sep. 5	Labor Day – Day Off - No School
Sep. 7	Open House (Gr. 3-5) 5:30-6:15 P.M. – Gr. 5 6:30-7:15 P.M. – Gr. 3,4
Sep. 13	Interim Reports Issued on Virtual Counselor
Sep. 13	Volunteer Orientation Breakfast – 9:00 A.M. (Media Center)
Sep. 15-Oct. 15	Hispanic Heritage Month
Sep. 15	Dental Sealant Program
Sep. 16-23	Scholastic Book Fair (Wednesday, Sep. 21) – Book Fair Family Night 5:30-7:30 P.M.
Sep. 23	HTHT – Gr. 1 – In-House Field Trip
Sep. 26	Rosh Hashanah – Day Off – No School
Sep. 27	Individual Pictures (Media Center)
Sep. 28	SAC/SAF Meeting– 2:30-3:00 P.M. (Media Ctr)
Sept. 28	Math Family Night – 6:00-7:00 P.M.

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 Statute Section 1003.31 (2): Please do not drop off students prior to **7:30 A.M.**, as there is no supervision.

Arrival/Dismissal

Arrival Procedures:

- According to their grade level, students will enter the school through the designated double doors at the front entrance of the building or the west side. They will wait inside in their designated areas.
- **All** other side doors, back doors and gates are locked and not available for entry.
- **Please** follow the traffic flow and move forward until cars have stopped.
- **PreK students** will be dropped off and picked up at the designated PreK area (by west bike rack).

Dismissal Procedures:

- **East Walkers:** will be at their designated area by the front bike rack. Parents picking up east walkers will need to show school generated I.D. cards. Please wait in one orderly line.
- **West Walkers:** will be at their designated area behind the west bike rack on the USA map. Parents picking up west walkers will need to show school generated I.D. cards. Please wait in one orderly line.
- **Car pick-up:** will continue on the west side, **however**, school generated I.D. signs **must** be displayed for student safety on the dashboard or visor of the car. If I.D. sign is not **visible**, the driver will be **required** to return to the parking lot, park and go to the front office to show I.D.
- If your family requires additional I.D. signs or cards, please contact the school.

All dismissal changes must be called into the front office by 1:30 P.M. No early dismissal after 1:30 P.M. To be courteous, please be patient and take turns as the cars merge into one lane. Please drive slowly to keep everyone safe!

Unified Dress Code

Ramblewood Elementary has unified dress code. Student 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.

PreK

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year and this year's motto is "One Team, One Dream". For the month of September, our amazing Pre-K students will continue to adjust to the new school year and work on their daily routines/schedules. We will also be working on the letters N, W, Ph, H, and M. Pre-K students will be completing our Back-to-School unit and begin working on 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 "One Team One Dream".

We will focus on rules and how to be responsible citizens in Social Studies. We will pay special attention to how students can be responsible citizens in school, at home, and in the community. We are also 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 focusing on different ways to add. 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 ($0+3=3$).

3rd Grade

It's time to play ball! Third graders are working hard to score BIG in 3rd grade! Here's our academic line-up: In Reading, we are working on main idea and details while learning about Animal Adaptations. 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 understanding multiplication and division of whole numbers with our new enVision Math Curriculum. It's never too early to start learning multiplication facts! Using flash cards is a great way to learn the facts and build fact fluency! We look forward to hitting it out of the park with our students reaching their greatest potential! Let's go team! 🏆

5th Grade

5th grade is off to a wonderful year. We are so happy to have your scholars in our classes and are looking forward to a wonderful school year.

In math, we are working on our number sense, place-value, and adding and subtracting decimals. You could really be helping your child by practicing their times tables every night.

Our science path is leading to the nature of scientific observations and investigations. Then we will follow it up with a deep dive into Matter and everything that makes it up.

In ELA, we are learning about the intricacies of corn while honing our skills using text features to understand what we read.

Kindergarten

We have been having an amazing 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, about ourselves and families, and starting our Benchmark Advance Units! 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 start 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 and expectations using our English/Language Arts curriculum, Benchmark Advance. We are excited to be starting our first integrated unit on Plants and Animals in their Habitat. In Science, we will be learning about life cycles and what animals need to survive. Our social studies focus will be geography. In Math, we will be transitioning into our new curriculum, enVision. We will focus on adding and subtracting with facts to 20. 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! We look forward to a year of promoting academic excellence for all our second graders!

4th Grade

We are working hard in Fourth Grade! We are excited about our new progress monitoring assessment (F.A.S.T) which will be administered three times a year. These new protocols will take the place of the FSA. In Reading, we are working through our Benchmark Advance Curriculum. 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 learning number sense and operations. 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 great fourth grade year with fantastic students!

ESE Specialist

Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities

Effective July 1, 2022, the McKay Scholarship Program joined the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program under the Unique Abilities category. For information on the transition process, see [McKay transition to FES: FAQs](#).

This branch of the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program is designed to offer families of students with disabilities, as young as 3 years of age, access to additional education options. Families may choose to enroll their student in another public school, or they may take the opportunity to receive a personal education savings account (ESA) for their student. With an ESA, parents receive a deposit of public funds into government-authorized savings accounts with restricted, but multiple, uses. An ESA can be used to fund not only items such as private school tuition and fees, but also online learning programs, private tutoring, community college costs, higher education expenses and other approved customized learning services and materials. Families apply **and annually renew** for participation in FES UA through one of the approved SFOs, which are responsible for determining eligibility, awarding and distributing funding to eligible student accounts, and approving eligible expenditures.

How do I apply?

If you are interested in applying for either branch of the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program, please contact one of the two scholarship funding organizations that administers these programs:

A.A.A. Scholarship Foundation- FL, LLC

P.O. Box 15719, Tampa, FL 33684

Phone/Fax: 888-707-2465

info@aaascholarships.org

Step Up For Students

P.O. Box 54367

Jacksonville, FL 32245-4367

877-735-7837

info@stepupforstudents.org

If you have any questions, please call me.

Mrs. Dunn

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.

Literacy Coach

Hello,

We are so excited to welcome our students to the new school year! As the school year starts, students will begin new morning and after school routines. Here are some ideas to help establish routines:

- Provide your child with a checklist of the steps involved in the new routine for the morning and after school. For the younger students, pictures can be used.
- Be sure your child has a quiet and well-lit homework area organized with all the supplies needed to complete homework.
- Set weekday alarms as reminders of morning, homework, and bedtime routine.

Remember that it takes a few weeks for a routine to become a habit and your child will need reminders and support during the first few weeks. It's also a good idea to provide incentives and praise!

Mrs. Gentile

Guidance

The guidance department is excited to work with your children for the 2022-2023 school year. As a reminder, Ms. Schaffer will be servicing grades K-2, and Ms. Dodge will be servicing grades 3-5. This month we will be visiting classrooms and getting to know our students through minute meetings and classroom guidance lessons. We both look forward to getting to know you and your children.

Mrs. Dodge

Mrs. Schaffer

Back to School Forms

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

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

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. We welcome Officer Martin to our Ram Fam, as our School Resource Officer. We will also have Armed Guardians assigned to our campus to bolster our security.

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 misplaced, or otherwise not accessible to the student while on campus, a replacement will be issued.

Reminder: The I.D. badge must be worn while students are on the school campus. At the end of the school day, the badges must be returned to the classroom teachers.

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.) **\$39.00** per period.

Aftercare (2:00-6:00) **\$214.00** per period.

Activity Fee \$10.00 per child, per period.

Each pay period is every 15 days of school.

For additional information, please contact

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

2022-23 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.

PTO

Welcome back Rams! Please join our PTO! Your membership fees help supplement a very tight school budget. PTO purchases various resources for our school, we cannot do it without your financial support.

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

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

Stay Connected

You can follow Ramblewood Elementary on the platforms listed below:

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

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 we conduct "lockdown" drills 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.

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>

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?

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.



**Calling all Parents, Students, Staff
and Community Leaders!**



**RAMBLEWOOD
ELEMENTARY
SAC & FOOD FOREST
SCHOOL COMMUNITY
MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 28, 2022
2:30 p.m.
Media Center**

**Help design and select our Food
Forest plants immediately
following the SAC meeting.**

