



# 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

It's already September and we are back in the swing of things! Our students have quickly adapted to the rules and procedures and are really doing an outstanding job. It is time to hit the ground running as we prepare the students for our FAST PM Assessments. Parents, please stay abreast of your children's schoolwork and ensure that they're reading on a nightly basis for at least 30 minutes. We were very happy to see all the parents and students that came to the PTO Movie Night. There was a tremendous amount of community support. We have many events coming up this month, so please read the section titled "Important Dates" to stay informed.

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 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 student's grade level, they will enter the school through the designated double doors at the front entrance of the building or by the west side gate. 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. 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 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!**

**All visitors must present their ID and state the purpose of visit at single point before being admitted into the front office.**

### Important Dates

Sep. 4 Paid Holiday – Labor Day

#### FAST ELA

9/5 Gr. 4/5 9/6 Gr. 2/3 9/7 K/1

#### FAST MATH

9/11 Gr. 4/5 9/12 Gr. 3 9/14 Gr. K/1,2

#### Open House

9/6 (PreK-Gr. 2) 6:00-6:45 P.M. 9/13 (Gr. 3-5) 6:00-6:45 P.M.

Sep. 14 PTO Pizza Carousel Family Night 4:00-9:00 P.M.

Sep. 15-22 Scholastic Book Fair

Sep. 15-Oct. 15 Hispanic Heritage Month

Sep. 18-22 Choose Peace Week

Sep. 22 High Touch High Tech – Gr. 1 (In-House)

Sep. 25 Yom Kippur – Day Off

Sept. 27 SAC/SAF 2:30-3:00 P.M.

Sept. 29 Volunteer Orientation Breakfast (Media Ctr.)

### 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 on a regular basis. In the event of an actual emergency, Ramblewood Elementary will communicate with the school community as soon as feasibly possible using The 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.

### SRO

During the month of September, we honor those who died on September 11<sup>th</sup> (9-11). It is a day of remembrance for first responders. Remember to thank your local first responders.

### Unified Dress Code

Ramblewood Elementary has a 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.

### Pre-K

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!!! This year's motto is "Hearts and Minds Grow Here". For the month of September, our amazing Pre-K students will continue to adjust to the new school year working on learning the classroom routine as well as adjusting to their teacher and new classmates. Within our curriculum, for literacy we will be working on letters N, W, P, H, and M and in math we will be working on simple shapes and beginning to count items. Our students will also be completing our Back-to-School Unit and begin working on emotions. Parents can support student learning at home by reading every day as well as identifying items around the house and counting whenever possible.

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

Welcome to First Grade! As we all begin the new school year, first grade will be focusing on our school theme of "Hearts and Minds Grow Here". We will focus on rules and how to be respectful and 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 to us. We have been practicing using good character traits and learning the roles of a leader while also fostering strong classroom relationships. 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, 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 having a great first month of school together and look forward to a wonderful school year!

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

The third grade scholars are growing by leaps and bounds in their third grade classrooms! In Reading, we are working on main idea and details while learning about Animal Adaptations. The students are so excited to begin the year studying animals in science and using their knowledge of reading Informational text to dig deep into how animals are classified. 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. You can help your child improve their Reading Comprehension by asking questions about what they read. Students love to talk and explain, and it will help them to focus on the text! In Math, we are working on understanding multiplication and division of whole numbers with the 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! Students can further their math practice by utilizing the programs found on Clever. The SAAVAS Success Maker is a great tool for our scholars to progress deeper into the curriculum. We are looking forward to a fantastic year of fun, learning, and growing!!

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

Fifth grade is off to a wonderful year, the BEST year! We are so happy to have your scholars in our classes and are looking forward to a wonderful school year. We want to welcome Ms. J Pratt, Ms. T. Pratt, Ms. Hall, and Ms. Samayoa to Ramblewood Elementary. Your children have done a wonderful job welcoming them to our Ram Fam.

In math, we are kicking off the year with a review of our number sense and place-value, while adding in the concept of decimals. You could really be helping your child by practicing their times tables every night until they are fluent. Our science path is taking us on the search to identify and classify different living things and their environmental adaptations. In ELA, we are learning about the intricacies of corn, its uses, history, and impact on the world, while honing our skills using text features to understand what we read. We encourage every child to read at least 30 minutes a night. We look forward to making the year an experience your child will never forget.

### Kindergarten

We have been having an amazing time during these first few weeks of school. We are becoming more comfortable and independent at school every day! This 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 while working independently at our literacy and math centers. In math, we will enjoy learning about numbers 0 to 5. In October, we will begin practicing our 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.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 this unit, students read and compare selections about animals and plants to understand how living things get what they need to survive in their habitats. We will focus on identifying the central idea and relevant details to support that main idea. In Science, we will be observing and describing major stages in the life cycles of plants and animals, including beans and butterflies. Our social studies focus will be geography. We will be using maps and globes to locate the student's hometown, Florida, North America, the state capital, and the national capital. Students will use maps and globes to label the continents, oceans, Equator, Prime Meridian, and North and South Pole. In Math, we will focus on adding and subtracting with facts to 20. Using flashcards 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! I-Ready is back!! We encourage all students to use I-Ready at home for extra practice! We would like to encourage all parents to join us for Open House on Sept. 6th at 6:00 pm. We look forward to a year of promoting academic excellence for all our second graders!

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

We are working hard in Fourth Grade! 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 them 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. FAST PM 1 will be administered on September 5th (ELA) and September 11th (Math). As always, please remind your children to focus and work hard. We are looking forward to a great fourth grade year with fantastic students!

### Guidance

Hello and welcome back! Ms. Dodge and Ms. Schaffer are excited to see and work with your students again. 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 guidance lessons.

In the month of September, we will focus on teaching and encouraging our students to show kindness and help create a positive school environment. First, we encourage you to have your students participate in the Choose Peace/Stop Violence Week by dressing up from September 18-22, 2023. See dress up themes below:

Mon, Sept. 18: Team Jersey Day

Tues, Sept. 19: Wacky Hat/Hair Day

Wed, Sept. 20: Wear White for Peace Across Broward Day

Thurs, Sept. 21: Pajama Day

Fri, Sept. 22: Hippie Day

Finally, students will also participate in the Start with Hello initiative where they will learn about the importance of including others the week of Sept 25-29.

Please reach out if you need any assistance.  
Ms. Dodge and Ms. Schaffer

### ESE Specialist

I hope the new school year is off to a great start for all! For those of you who may not know me already, I am your ESE Specialist, Mary Dunn. My role at Ramblewood is to oversee our Exceptional Student Education Department which consists of our Pre-K Programs for students with disabilities, our Autism Special Program, our Gifted Program, and Mainstreaming and Inclusion Programs. I will be coordinating and facilitating annual/biannual IEP and EP meetings. In addition, I am your contact for any procedural or curricular questions or concerns regarding IEPs, Gifted EPs, or for Evaluations. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns as they may come up throughout the year. I am happy to assist in any way that I can.

Mrs. Dunn

### Aftercare Corner

Welcome back to school Ram Fam! Before and Aftercare registration is available online at [www.basccbroward.com](http://www.basccbroward.com). Spots are limited and are available on a first come, first serve basis. If you need additional information, please visit the front office or call me at 754-322-8175. I am looking forward to a fun and exciting year in aftercare!

Mrs. Fernandez

### 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's Corner

Hello, I am the new Literacy Coach, Mrs. Stone and I am so excited to start the new year with our students!

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. Stone

### 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 and those funds are used to support the school. We cannot be successful without your financial assistance.

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](mailto:Volunteer@ramblewoodpto.com)

Please visit our website, [www.ramblewoodpto.com](http://www.ramblewoodpto.com) to purchase T-shirts, pay for socials and find updated information.

### PTO Volunteer

Ramblewood Elementary PTO

[RamblewoodElementaryPTO@gmail.com](mailto:RamblewoodElementaryPTO@gmail.com)

### Back to School Forms

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

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

Lunch applications for Title I purposes -

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

### 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. We have two campus monitors that conduct campus walkthroughs throughout the day to ensure campus security.

**All visitors must present their ID and state the purpose of visit at single point before being admitted into the front office.**

### 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>

### Before and After School Child Care - 2023-24

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.) **\$47.00** per period. **Aftercare** (2:00-6:00P.M.) **\$256.00** 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.**

### Student I.D. Badges

Reminder: All students in Broward County Schools are required to wear identification badges. Each student will receive a school I.D. 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. Students in our aftercare are also issued separate student I.D. badges, which must be returned when they sign out to go home.

### 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.

### 2023-24 Evaluations

Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Ramblewood Elementary School instructional and/or administrative employee evaluations may contact our office at (754)322-5850.

### Stay Connected

You can follow Ramblewood Elementary on the platforms listed below:

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

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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 email [eeo@browardschools.com](mailto:eeo@browardschools.com).



# **RAMBLEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT 2023-2024**

*Ramblewood Elementary School, and the parents and students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (participating children), agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve State's high standards. This school-parent compact is in effect during the 2023-2024 school year.*

## ***School Responsibilities***

**Ramblewood Elementary School will:**

**1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards as follows:**

- *Ensure a safe and nurturing environment*
- *Maximize the effectiveness of instruction by keeping teachers updated on the most current instructional strategies*
- *Increase student achievement in reading, writing, math and science*
- *Collaborate with parents and community in a partnership characterized by communication and mutual respect*
- *Teach and support core values such as honesty, self-control, respect, kindness, citizenship, tolerance, cooperation and responsibility*

**2. Hold parent-teacher conferences (at least annually in elementary schools) during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement. Specifically, those conferences will be held:**

*The Compact will be discussed at:*

- The Title One Open House in September*
- Monthly parent meetings*
- At conferences which will be held at least twice a year with the classroom teacher*

**3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress.**

**Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:**

- Interim reports will be provided at the half-way mark for each quarter.*
- Report cards will be provided at the end of each quarter.*
- Standardized test scores will be sent home in the last report card of the school year.*

**4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:**

- Classroom teachers will be available at 7:30 am and at 2:15 pm for conferences*
- Administration and Support staff will be available at 7:30 am and throughout the school day as needed.*

**5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities, as follows:**

- Field Trips*
- Mentoring*
- Assisting teachers with classroom activities*

## ***Parent Responsibilities***

We, as parents, will support our children's learning in the following ways:

- Make sure my child has the necessary school supplies and is ready for school each morning;*
- Monitor my child's on-time attendance;*
- Make sure that homework is completed;*
- Monitor the amount of television my children watch;*

- Volunteer in my child's classroom;
- Participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my children's education;
- Promote positive use of my child's extracurricular time;
- Stay informed about my child's education and communicate with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the school district either received by my child or by mail and responding, as appropriate;
- Serve, to the extent possible, on policy advisory groups, such as being the Title I, Part A parent representative on the school's School Advisory Council (SAC), School Advisory Forum (SAF), Governing Board or the LEA-wide Title I Executive Parent Advisory Council or other district/school advisory or policy groups.

***Student Responsibilities***

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a student, will share the responsibility to improve my academic achievement and achieve the State's high standards. Specifically, I will:

- Do my homework everyday and ask for help when I need to.
- Read at least 30 minutes everyday outside of school time.
- Give to my parents or the adult who is responsible for my welfare all notices and information received by me from my school every day.

School Designee  
Date

Parent(s)  
Date

Student  
Date