



# 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

Oh boy! We are already in the third month of the year. It has been an exciting start of the 2021 year. We were elated to see the students from both modalities, virtual and face to face, at Larry’s Ice Cream Family Night. Kudos to our amazing PTO for coordinating this fabulous and successful event. Thank you to our Ram Families and staff for participating in the Week of Service and Love.

We would like to stress the importance of attendance and active participation in order to ensure every student succeeds. With that said, please have your students sign on to Canvas and TEAMS on time and ready to receive instruction. **Parents, please be patient and courteous while navigating through morning drop off and car pick up car-line. We are asking everyone to please drive slowly and take turns wherever the lines merge. Safety is a priority at all times.**

We are looking forward to a fun and stress free Spring Break!  
**Ms. Ibarrodo – Principal Mr. Charlotin – Assistant Principal**

### Policy 5.5 Attendance Revised

During distance learning, the use of student cameras is required for attendance and instruction. Students will be counted in attendance in the learning environment during their scheduled class time. Teachers should be flexible and consider any extenuating circumstances of individual students who may be unable to turn on a camera. Teachers may consider other evidence of attendance for individual cases.

### 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.

### Important Dates

Mar. 5	Picture Day
Mar. 10	SAC/SAF Meeting – 2:30-3:00 p.m.
Mar. 12	Health Screenings
Mar. 18	Early Release Day
Mar. 19	Employee Planning Day
Mar. 22-26	Spring Break – Schools Closed
Apr. 2	No school – Good Friday
Apr. 8	Early Release Day
Apr. 14	Report Cards Issued
Apr. 14	SAC/SAF Meeting – 2:30-3:00 p.m.
Apr. 29	Interim Reports Issued
Apr. 16	Virtual Honor Roll

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Parents of Face to Face (F2F) 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.

### Guidance Counselor

Greetings parents! As we go into these next few months, we will be having several assessments. Please ensure your student is fully prepared and ready to do their best on test day with these tips:

Please make sure your student is attending and participating in school daily so they continue learning!

- Make sure your student gets enough sleep the night before the test (at least 8 hours).
- Feed them a good breakfast.
- Get them to school on time.
- Tell them positive and encouraging words the day of.

- 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?

## SRO

### **Distraction Burglary**

The Coral Springs Police Department is encouraging residents to be cautious of unknown individuals attempting to get homeowners to come outside.

There has been an increase in reported cases of scams using distraction burglary techniques. Please take a minute to read the following:

During these incidents, scammers who generally work in pairs or groups will attempt to get a resident to leave their front door while pointing out something on their property. During this time another person may enter the residence and take items of importance, value, or personal information. These distraction techniques have led to thousands of dollars and property being stolen from victims.

**REMEMBER:** If someone unknown, even an officer or city worker, comes to your door unexpectedly ask for identification do not give them entry to your house or personal information. Above all, if you or anyone you know has been or feels like they could be experiencing a scam like this please call our non-emergency line at 954-344-1800.

Sincerely,

Officer James Weber (SRO)

### **Congratulations to the following Spanish Competition Winners:**

Melisa Carmenate Soto (kindergarten)  
First Place in Declamation

Eliana Perez (First grade)  
First Place in Declamation

Sophia Robalino (First grade)  
Isabella Robalino (Fourth grade)

### **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.

Please visit our school website at <https://www.browardschools.com/domain/5129> to access the School-Parent Compact, School Improvement Plan (SIP), Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP), and more information/resources from our school regarding our involvement in the Title I program. If you have any specific questions or need translations, please contact Ms. Daniella Gomes at (754) 322-8150.

### **Let's Connect**

Please visit our website at [www.browardschools.com/ramblewood](http://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

## **Literacy Coach's Corner**

### **The Importance of an Independent Reading Routine at Home**

One way to become a better reader is to read! Independent reading is a key element of learning how to read. Independent reading is children's reading of text — such as books, magazines, and newspapers — on their own, with minimal to no assistance from adults. It can consist of reading done in or out of school, including purely voluntary reading for enjoyment or assigned reading for homework. There are strong associations between independent reading and reading achievement, and many researchers believe that independent reading plays a key role in the development of reading fluency (speed and ease of reading), vocabulary, background knowledge, and even spelling. Research also shows students who read independently become better readers, score higher on achievement tests in all subject areas and have greater content knowledge than those who do not.

#### **Here are some ideas to increase the amount of independent reading at home:**

Have a routine that includes a set time and a quiet comfortable location for reading.

Allow your child to choose the books! A visit to a library or bookstore can spark interest in reading!

Remind them to read. It can take on average 18 days to build a new habit. Your child will need guidance and reminders during this time.

Encourage children to develop an interest in a variety of genres such as biography, historical fiction, and poetry. Challenge them to stop and check for comprehension after reading each paragraph or page. Children who check for comprehension and use fix up strategies become stronger readers. Fix up strategies include re-reading, looking up words, asking questions, and adjusting the reading rate.

Let them become familiar with newspapers and magazines that address contemporary social, cultural, and civic issues.

In other words, make reading an enjoyable part of your child's day!

### **Curbside Grab & Go Meals**

Due to the low number of curbside meals served at our school, curbside meal distribution will no longer be offered at Ramblewood Elementary. Free curbside grab-and-go meals continue to be available at other school locations, the closest school being Coral Springs High School. Meals are distributed every Tuesday and Thursday for free for all children 18 years and younger. Beginning on Thursday, February 4, Sunday meals will now be included in meal bundles on Thursdays. Tuesday meal bundles will include meals for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, while Thursday meal bundles will include meals for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Please visit [Browardschools.com/foodservice](http://Browardschools.com/foodservice) or call 211 for available sites and 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](http://www.browardprevention.org) and click on the violence tab, Anti-Bullying, Training module for parents & caregivers.

### **Broward Remote Instructional Assistance..."Ask BRIA"**

Ask BRIA (the Broward Remote Instructional Assistant). Does your child need help with their homework assignments after school? Would you like your child to receive this assistance from a certified teacher? If so, just Ask BRIA, the district's free homework help program which is available to students Monday through Thursday, from 3:15 - 7:15 P.M.. To access Ask BRIA your child should 1. Log into the Canvas Course, 2. Click on the Ask BRIA link in the lower left-hand corner, and 3. Complete a request form and submit. Open Microsoft Teams and wait for a Virtual call from an Ask BRIA certified educator who will work with the student one-on-one. For more information, please call the Office of Service Quality at 754-321- 3636 or visit: [www.browardschools.com/AskBRIA](http://www.browardschools.com/AskBRIA).

### **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 will also 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.

### **E.S.E. Specialist's Corner**

Every April Autism Speaks celebrates World Autism Month, beginning with United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on April 2. Throughout the month, we focus on sharing stories and providing opportunities to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism, fostering worldwide support. This year, we are committed to keeping the spirit of the month alive, as now more than ever we know the autism community needs support, kindness and compassion. The Light It Up Blue initiative was created by Autism Speaks in 2010. Since that time, joined by the international autism community, hundreds of thousands of landmarks, buildings, homes, and communities around the world light blue on World Autism Awareness Day (April 2) in recognition of people with autism. Please show your support and help Ramblewood Light It Up Blue on April 2nd!

Mrs. Dunn  
E.S.E. Specialist

### **PTO**

Hello Ram Fam!

As we welcome spring we're excited about some new things at our school. Our last family night brought so many of our families out and we definitely enjoyed seeing all of you! Our mascot Roxy was a hit and thanks everyone for coming out! Our spring fun run last year was a HUGE success and we really wanted to do something that the kids would be equally excited about this spring. Because we can't have an event like last year, we are going to try a virtual event that we think not only the kids but also the parents will love! You'll start seeing info on that through all of our social media very soon! We have our spring book fair beginning March 5. This will be an online fair just like fall. Please watch for the link and share it with your family and friends! We still have shirts and swag available on our PTO store online, and fill those orders weekly for front office pickup. You can also put your kid's name on the marquee for their birthday for just \$10! [www.ramblewoodpto.com](http://www.ramblewoodpto.com).

As always, we're looking forward to the time when we can get our Ram Fam back together for our usual events! Stay safe! Ramblewood PTO

**Food and Nutrition** will begin selling ice cream on February 24, 2021. Ice cream will be sold on Wednesdays during lunch time. The price for the ice cream will be \$0.65. **Parents can go to [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) to add money to the student's account instead of sending money in cash due Covid-19 please.**

Please if you have any question, please call the Cafeteria Manager at 754-322-8160

Andrea Llenas

### **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>.

**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.**



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# PICTURE DAY IS COMING



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Friday, March 05, 2021  
Ramblewood Elementary School



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Questions? Photo in hand, Customer Service at 800.736.4172

**\*If your child is eLearning and you want their school picture taken, please call the front office (754-322-8150) to schedule an appointment.**

## 2021 Customer Survey

Parents, we want your feedback!

BCPS will be using the Cognia eProve Surveys as the 2021 Customer Survey. The surveys will be available online only and will be available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole and Portuguese.

- Parent Survey: <https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/154923/p568>

Please fill out the survey today!





Solve the Heart Hero Missions

# HEART HEROES



## Kids Heart Challenge™ is coming!

When students join the Kids Heart Challenge they will hear from kids with special hearts and raise funds to help kids like them. Activities and interactive technologies make it fun to learn how to keep your heart and brain strong and emphasize both physical and emotional wellness. Plus, participating schools can earn money for PE equipment while your child earns fun thank you gifts!

**Watch for date announcements from your school.**

### Why Join the Kids Heart Challenge?

- Helping others makes happy hearts
- Daily family health challenges and Move More tracker
- Learning CPR
- Practicing gratitude to manage stress
- Easy and online




**Students who raise \$150 before your KHC Kick-Off will receive our collector's edition XL Agent KHC!**



**TO REGISTER:** Download our app or visit [heart.org/KHC](http://heart.org/KHC)



Keep your eye out for special symbols like this . Hold your phone/tablet's camera over them to launch special clues, videos and augmented reality experiences!



**Ramblewood Elementary Celebrates**  
**Read Across America Week**  
**March 1st-5th**

**March 1st - We Celebrate our Favorite Dr. Seuss Character!**  
**Dress like your favorite Dr. Seuss character.**

**March 2nd - Fox in Socks Day!**  
**Wear silly or mismatched socks.**

**March 3rd - Green Eggs and Ham Day!**  
**Wear green and read your favorite rhyming book!**

**March 4th - Hats Off to Reading!**  
**Wear your favorite hat.**

**March 5th - Share the Love of Reading!**  
**Invite guest readers to a virtual read aloud.**

RAMBLEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT  
2020-2021

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 2020-2021 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 every day and ask for help when I need to.
- Read at least 30 minutes every day 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.