



# 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

Happy New Year Ram Families! We hope everyone had a restful two weeks and enjoyed the holiday break. We are a few school days away from completing half of the school year. The year is flying by! Parents, please make sure students are continuing to read at home and completing web-based programs. The teachers will continue to build on the foundations taught prior to the break. Attendance will be pertinent from this point as the curriculum becomes more comprehensive and students are assessed. Parents, please stay informed of all upcoming events by reading the section below titled "Important Dates".

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. All dismissal changes must be called into the front office by 1:30 P.M. No early dismissal after 1:30 P.M.** 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.

### 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.

### Important Dates

Jan. 9	School resumes
Jan. 9-20	<b><u>Swim Central</u></b>
Leonard – 9:30	Fagen – 10:00 Sikorski – 10:30
Towery – 11:00	Ortega – 11:30 DesRoches – 12:00
Jan. 13	Employee Planning – No Students
Jan. 16	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
Jan 17	Start 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter (42 Days) 7:00 P.M. – PTO Virtual Meeting
Jan. 20	5:30 P.M. PTO Family Movie Night
Jan. 23-27	Celebrate Literacy Week
Jan. 25	8:00 A.M. – Coffee and Collaboration 8:30 A.M. – iFly – Gr. 5 Field Trip 2:30-3:00 P.M. – SAC/SAF Meeting
Jan. 28	Robotics Glades Middle School Qualifier
Jan. 30	Ramblewood Middle School – Gr. 5 Field Trip
Jan. 31-Feb. 2	BSA Science Mid-Year – Gr. 5 Only

### 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 dismissal tag**. 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 dismissal tag**. Please wait in one orderly line.
- **Car pick-up:** will continue on the west side, **however, school generated dismissal tag must be displayed at all times for student safety on the dashboard or visor.** If dismissal tag is not visible, the driver will be required to 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.

### Wanted

The Black History Month Committee is in search of a volunteer who teaches traditional African dance. If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to Mrs. Powell or Mrs. Head at 754-322-8150.

### **School Improvement Plan Notification**

You can view the Title I Addendum and/or the FACE Plan by accessing the School Improvement Plan. Please follow the steps below:

1. Go to our school website  
browardschools.com/ramblewood
2. At the top of the page, hover over **Students & Parents**.
3. Scroll down and click on **Parents**.
4. On the left side of the page, click on **School Improvement Plan (SIP)**.
5. Scroll down to choose Title I Addendum or FACE Plan.

### **Guardian Ogden's Corner** **Safety Tips Every Child Should Know**

1. Contact Information – Teach your child important phone numbers and home address.
2. Never go anywhere with a stranger.
3. Road safety – Don't run near a road and learn crossing procedures (i.e., look left, right and left again).
4. If you're lost, stay where you're at.
5. Do not share personal information online.

### **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. Armed Guardian Polk is no longer with us, as he was called to perform other duties. Please welcome Lauren Ogden as our New Armed Guardian.

### **Back to School Forms**

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

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

### **ESE Specialist**

#### **New Year's Tips for Parents**

- Establishing good habits with children while they are young sets them up to have good habits in adulthood. Making New Year's resolutions is the perfect jumpstart. If your child is too young to fully grasp what resolutions are, be sure to explain it to them in a way that they'll understand.
- When the new year rolls around, it's typical for adults to set fresh goals for the 12 months ahead, but what about kids? Don't leave them out. Children may not be able to stay up until midnight to ring in the new year, but it's a good idea for them to partake in goal setting at the top of the year too.
- Make them accountable for the goals they set. Make sure they have a stake in the goal that they set and make the activities fun for them.

Mary.Dunn@browardschools.com.  
Mrs. Dunn

### **Lost and Found**

We have moved the "Lost and Found" to the left side of the stage in the cafeteria. We have more items than we can handle in this area, so we are asking for your help.

Sweaters, lunch boxes and water bottles are waiting to be claimed. Eyeglasses, cell phones and jewelry can be claimed in the front office. Please label all school items with your child's name.

### **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.

### **Literacy Coach**

#### **Multisensory Strategies to Support Reading**

Multisensory strategies integrate visual, auditory, tactile (touch), and kinesthetic (movement) learning to assist students with understanding new information, learning ways to remember the information, and having more ways to recall it later on. At times, taste may also be used. These different methods of learning stimulate different parts of the brain. This helps students discover their unique learning style and which techniques work best for their learning. Multisensory strategies are effective for all learners and help break down barriers to learning. Here are a few multisensory strategies for each different method of learning below.

#### **Visual**

- Use painting, posters, video, creative visual design elements, and visual aids.
- Play tic-tac-toe with words.

#### **Auditory**

- Use music, singing, rhymes, audio tones, lyrics, clapping, and conversations.
- Integrate rhyming into your daily routines.
- Read poetry and rhyming books.

#### **Tactile (touch)**

- Use letter tiles, coins, dominoes, sand, raised line paper, textures, and finger paints.
- Spell and stamp words with/in playdough.
- Use sandpaper, chalk, and Legos to create letters/words.

### **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.

### Guidance

Happy New Year!

The counseling department is working on providing classroom guidance focusing on having a growth mindset, while also continuing with our individual counseling services. We encourage you to talk to your children about working hard and correcting their mindset using the word "yet". They may say "I don't know my spelling words", but if you encourage them to use the word "yet" at the end of it, you are assisting in our efforts.

Additionally, we are excited to announce that RAM Buddies will begin in January. Our Student Council members have already been trained by staff on how to communicate and work with students with disabilities. They will then build relationships with these students by having a monthly breakfast together and will partner with them on activities in the classroom.

Mrs. Dodge  
Mrs. Schaffer

### PTO

On behalf of the PTO we hope that you all had a wonderful holiday and happy new year! While nothing is certain in these unprecedented times, your PTO is still working behind the scenes to provide for our amazing staff and students. Our usual events might be on hold but we are always looking for new ideas to bring our families together. Please feel free to reach out through our social media or email if you have any ideas or suggestions! Please also join us for our Zoom PTO general meeting on January 21. The link will be posted on our Facebook pages. As always we look forward to any opportunity to see and interact with our Ram Fam! Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2021!

[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.

### Stay Connected

You can follow Ramblewood Elementary on the platforms listed below:

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

### Ways to Report Threats

Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip! Call 911 immediately in an emergency. If you have a NON-Emergency Safety or Security concern, please report it through any of our available tip reporting tools. You can report a tip 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling 754-321-3500, using the Anonymous Tip Submission Box on the Broward Schools website, sending an email to SecurityTips@browardschools.com, accessing FortifyFL or accessing the SaferWatch App on your phone or mobile device.

By sharing tips to report threats, harassing behaviors, or illegal activity, you can help Broward Schools identify at-risk individuals before they may cause harm to themselves or others. When reporting a tip please provide as much information as possible, including the location, date, and time. The more information that is provided, the better District staff can respond to concerns. It takes all of us to keep our schools and communities safe.

Thank you for doing your part. Together we can continue to make a difference.

### 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 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/volunteer>

### 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.

### Before and After School Child Care

Happy New Year Ram Fam,  
Spots are still available in our before and aftercare program! Our program provides a safe, fun, and educational environment, with activities such as arts and crafts, science, food fun, game room, yoga, dance parties and so much more.

#### Program Fees

**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.**

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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 Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.

