



# 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.

We look forward to seeing our RAM Fam at the various events we have planned for this month. 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. 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.

**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**

Jan. 8	School Resumes
Jan. 9	School Resource Officer Appreciation Day
Jan. 10	Flamingo Gardens – Gr. 1 Field Trip
Jan. 15	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday – No School
Jan. 16	Start of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter – 42 Days PTO Meeting - In Person – 5:30 P.M. Parent Academy Family Night – 6:00 P.M.
Jan. 17	J.A. Biztown – Gr. 5 Field Trip
Jan. 19	Early Release Day – 12 Noon Dismissal
Jan. 22	Employee Planning Day – No Students
Jan. 22-26	Literacy Week
Jan. 26	G.R.A.D.E. Graduation – 8:30 A.M. PTO Bingo Family Night – 5:30 P.M.
Jan. 30	Gabbie Bus – Kindergarten & Gr. 2
Jan. 31	SAC/SAF meeting – 2:30 P.M.

**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.

Ms. Dodge and Ms. Schaffer

**ESE Specialist**

Happy New Year, RAM FAM!

The School Choice application window for the 2024/25 school year opens at 8:00 A.M. on December 1, 2023-February 2, 2024. If you are interested in submitting a School Choice application for your child for the 2024/25 school year, you may complete the application online prior to the Monday, February 2, 2024, deadline. During the School Choice application window, families can apply for school choice options for upcoming kindergarten students, students who are transitioning to middle school, for magnet programs, Nova Schools and school reassignments to attend schools other than their assigned schools.

To explore your options and apply online, visit <https://www.browardschools.com/schoolchoice>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Mary.Dunn@browardschools.com.

Mrs. Dunn

**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.

**Aftercare Corner**

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, food fun, game room, yoga, dance parties and so much more. Apply online at [www.basccbroward.com](http://www.basccbroward.com).

Mrs. Fernandez

**Literacy Coach's Corner**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a brand new year filled with exciting opportunities for our young learners! I hope your holiday celebrations were filled with joy and warmth surrounded by loved ones. As we embark on this new chapter, I want to emphasize the importance of fostering a love for reading in our children. To kick off the year on a literary note, we're thrilled to announce our upcoming Parent Academy on Tuesday, January 16th, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. This event will showcase a variety of engaging activities that highlight valuable online resources, assist in navigating Clever, and offer insights into the wealth of free resources available to support your child's education. Additionally, we'll be hosting a health screening during the event. Let's join hands in creating a vibrant and literacy-rich environment for our little ones. We look forward to your participation and collaboration in nurturing a lifelong love for learning.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Stone

**SRO**

Happy New Year!

January is when most people start filing their taxes. Please beware of online fraud, scamming, phishing, and people pretending to be IRS agents.

Parents, follow easy to adopt cyber security habits which will make it much harder for thief's to ever gain access to your information.

Officer Ventura

**PTO**

Can you believe we are to 2024!?! Where has this school year gone. The PTO is gearing up to bring back BINGO NIGHT! Jan 26, doors will open at 5:30 and games will start at 6pm. You can preorder (space is limited so please make sure you do this!) at <https://ramblewoodpto.com/product/bingo-night-pre-sale/>

Our next in-person PTO meeting is Jan 16 from 5:30pm-6pm in the cafeteria.

We hope everyone had a wonderful time off and is rested and ready to take on the rest of the year.

**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/>

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

**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.**

### 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.

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

### 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.

### 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.

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### 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>

### 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.

### Stay Connected

**You can follow Ramblewood Elementary on the platforms listed below:**

- **Facebook – Ramblewood Elementary PTO**
- **Instagram – Ramblewoodelementary**
- **X – 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 email [eeo@browardschools.com](mailto:eeo@browardschools.com).

