



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

We are now in November, the month to be thankful and appreciative. We had a great October filled with special events here at Ramblewood. We thank all the participants who attended the Dual Language Hispanic Heritage Music Festival, Read for the Record, Fall Festival Parade, and the Trunk-or-Treat. We also thank our amazing PTO for spoiling us with a potluck lunch to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month.

Just a reminder, school will be closed from November 20th-24th. Parents, your child's interim report and report card will be posted in Virtual Counselor. Please call your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

There are many events and field trips scheduled for this month, so please read the section titled “Important Dates” to stay informed.

We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Ms. Ibarondo – Principal Mr. Charlotin – Assistant Principal

Important Dates

Nov. 2	SEAS – Numbers Don’t Lie – Gr. 4 Field Trip (BCFPA)		
Nov. 7	Employee Planning Day – No Students		
Nov. 8	Dinner with D.A.D.S. – 6:00 P.M.		
Nov. 9	Veteran’s Breakfast (Media)		
Nov. 10	Veteran’s Day – Day Off		
Nov. 13	Flamingo Gardens – Gr. 1 Field Trip		
Nov. 14	Report Cards - 1st Quarter – Virtual Counselor		
Nov.16	J.A. Biztown – Gr. 5 Field Trip		
	<u>Honor Roll</u>		
Nov. 16	8:30 (K)	9:10 (1 st)	9:50 (2 nd)
Nov. 17	8:30 (3 rd)	9:10 (4 th)	9:50 (5 th)
Nov. 20-24	School Closed		
Nov. 27	Miracles Ranch International - Kindergarten Field Trip		
Nov. 28	Interim Reports – Virtual Counselor		
Nov. 29	SAC/SAF Meeting – 2:30 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 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.

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.

PreK

Hello Wonderful Pre-K Families,
The months of November and December will be full of wonderful activities. In November, we will work on the letters D and F along with a Theme of Food and Thanksgiving activities. In December, our theme will be Holidays where we will learn all about Chanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. We will also work on the letters F, and O as we prepare to bring in the new year 2024!!!

1st Grade

First grade is now fully embracing Benchmark Advanced for our literacy instruction. Throughout the next few units, we will be working on learning all about characters in a story, main idea, reading comprehension, summarizing, and learning about narrators. Additionally, first grade authors are working on our ability to produce complete sentences while exploring a variety of writing styles such as narratives, opinion writing and informational writing. Students will read a variety of genres utilizing these topics.

In math, we continue to work on understanding addition and subtraction within 20 as well as working with doubles facts. Please help your child practice addition and subtraction problems within 20 to build fluency at home. You can make learning fun through using a multisensory approach at home by allowing your child to add and subtract numbers using candy, chalk, or even simple household items such as markers or straws.

First grade teachers always recommend going to the Dollar Store as it regularly has flash cards which are perfect for helping your learner at home. Please remember to read and practice the weekly words that are sent home every day. Happy learning!

3rd Grade

Third graders continue to grow stronger as we begin our 2nd quarter! In reading, we'll be learning about text features, comparing points of view, and reviewing main idea and details. As always, your child should be reading at home daily for at least 20 minutes. In Language Arts, we are focusing on proper sentence structure, grammar, and handwriting. In addition, we continue to strengthen our skills as we work on opinion and expository writing. We are starting to explore plant structures and functions, photosynthesis, and seasonal adaptations in our science curriculum. The continent of North America will be the focus in social studies. In math, we continue to work on multiplication and problem-solving strategies, and we will begin to delve into the concepts of area, quadrilaterals, and place value. Students will learn how multiplication and division are related. Keep practicing those multiplication facts at home, they are the building blocks for success this year and in the future! We really encourage students to continue working on IReady at home as well as to explore the resources that our Envision Math Program has to offer! We always enjoy watching our students grow as they blossom into independent and confident scholars!

Kindergarten

Hello Families!

During second quarter we will be continuing our learning into Unit 2, Unit 3 and Unit 4 of Benchmark Advanced. Topics will include learning about characters and how they teach us lessons, how rules help us to act with responsibility and how writers tell us stories. We are also learning how to retell stories with key details and sequencing story events. In social studies we will continue to learn about being good citizens, rules & laws and will begin to learn about the past and the present, which includes the holiday of Thanksgiving.

Our reading groups are now in full swing! During reading groups, we are reviewing our letters and sounds, learning sight words, and beginning reading skills. In writing, we are using a combination of drawing, labeling and sentences to write a narrative piece. During math, we are continuing to learn about numbers 0 to 10 and using vocabulary words "more", "less", and "equal" to compare numbers. We will be starting addition and subtraction within the upcoming weeks.

Please make sure to check the monthly homework "calendar" for the activities to do for Monday-Thursday. There are two math activities and two writing activities weekly. Homework is due on Fridays. Practice reading and sight words nightly as a part of homework. i-Ready lessons are now available at home, reading and math lessons are available! Log in through your child's Clever account. Any work at home is always beneficial to your child's educational career.

Kinder has a field trip scheduled for Miracle Ranch Monday, November 27th. Thank you for all your support!!

2nd Grade

Second grade scholars have been fully immersed in learning all about habitats! Our focus will be shifting to Symbols of America, Native Americans, and Colonization. We will be exploring the history of immigration in America, focused heavily on Ellis Island.

We will be looking at different perspectives in literature. How can a story change depending on who tells it? We will be focusing on different characters' perspectives, identifying the central idea & relevant details, using context clues to determine word meaning, identifying the theme of a text, and so much more!

In math, we will continue to use our new math curriculum enVision. We will be getting into two-digit addition and subtraction with and without regrouping. Please continue to practice basic addition and subtraction facts for fluency. We are continuing to strengthen our writing as we work on expository and opinion writing. We are exploring opinion writing and learning how everyone has their own opinion.

In science, we will start to explore forces/motion, pushes/pulls and magnets. As well as parts of the human body (brain, heart, lungs, stomach, muscles, and skeleton) and their basic functions.

Thank you for your continued support as we partner together to give your child the best possible educational experience and help them find success in their journey through 2nd grade.

4th Grade

In Math, 4th graders have been working on estimating and rounding, and multiplying by one, two and three-digit numbers while using many different methods to find the products. We will soon be starting division, factoring (prime and composite numbers), and multiples and patterns. Please be sure that your child knows their multiplication facts. It is very important to master these facts, so your student is set up for success as they work through their 4th grade math standards.

For ELA Reading, we are just finishing our first unit in our Benchmark Advance Curriculum. The students learned about author's purpose, character's perspectives, central or main idea, theme, and much more in our unit on "Observing Nature." Our next unit is all about characters' actions and reactions, inferencing, summarizing a story, explaining how figurative language contributes to meaning, and the differences between prose, poetry, and drama. The students will be practicing these and various other skills during class and then reinforcing them at home by reading for 30 minutes every night and completing their weekly reading homework sheet which asks them to read to find text evidence as they answer comprehension questions.

In science, we continue to work on our standards and learning using the district's Scope and Sequence Pacing Guide; we just finished studying the three classifications of rocks, the rock cycle, how gems are formed, the properties of minerals, and how the processes of weathering and erosion affect the Earth. Next, we will be studying the behaviors, traits, and adaptations of living things, life cycles, and the reproduction of plants, as well as some physical science concepts like magnetism, forces, matter, and the properties of water.

In writing, basic writing skills are implemented and practiced daily! We are currently working on learning how to write all the components of the four-paragraph expository essay, and we will begin the four-paragraph opinion essay as well. Writing an effective essay is a critical 4th grade skill that will be tested at year's end, and one which the students will use throughout their school years.

Guidance

Happy Fall!

November 6-10 is Anti-Bullying Week. Ms. Murphy will be teaching our students how to be kind and safe online through media classes. Additionally, each day our children will be challenged to do something kind for someone in their class in hopes to build community and prevent bullying.

- Monday – Start a conversation with someone new
- Tuesday – Be kind online (Employee Planning Day)
- Wednesday – Invite someone to play at recess
- Thursday – Give a compliment to someone
- Friday-Veteran's Day

Additionally, Ms. Schaffer will be teaching guidance lessons in grades K-2 about the importance of positive thinking and Ms. Dodge will be teaching grades 4 & 5 about being kind/test taking strategies.

Ms. Schaffer and Ms. Dodge

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.

5th Grade

Now that our fifth-grade students have settled into their new grade, it's time to roll up our sleeves and get down to business!

In the realm of reading, we've placed a strong emphasis on honing our skills in text comprehension and annotation. Our students have taken a particular liking to the Benchmark Series, which offers them the opportunity to jot down their thoughts directly in these interactive, consumable-style magazines. We're also diving into the world of expository essays, where students are mastering the art of finding supporting evidence and adding rich elaboration to their written work. It's important to remind our young learners to make reading a nightly habit at home to reinforce their progress.

In the field of science, we're currently delving into the fascinating world of physical properties of matter, unraveling the mysteries of the material universe.

Over in the realm of math, our journey has led us away from the realms of adding, subtracting, and multiplying decimals, and we're now venturing into the realm of dividing decimals. For continued math success, we encourage students to keep sharpening their multiplication skills by practicing their multiplication facts diligently. Additionally, we strongly recommend parents support their child's learning journey by having them engage with Successmaker and i-Ready at home. This will help reinforce the concepts we cover in the classroom and promote academic growth.

Literacy Coach’s Corner

We'd like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our students on completing their iReady reading and FAST Reading Assessments. We are thrilled to announce that our students have performed exceptionally well, showcasing their dedication and hard work.

We are immensely proud of the effort and determination our students have put into these assessments. Your commitment to the learning is truly commendable, and it is evident in the outstanding results you have achieved.

As we wrap up these assessments, we look forward to the exciting journey of learning that lies ahead. Their growth and progress in reading will undoubtedly bring many more accomplishments and opportunities.

Once again, congratulations to each and every one of our students. Their success is a testament of their resilience and determination. Keep up the fantastic work, and let's embark on this educational journey with enthusiasm and a thirst for knowledge. We have no doubt that great things await them.

Mrs. Stone

SRO

November Safety Tips:

- Stay in the kitchen when stove top is on.
- Keep children away from the stove.
- Stay home when cooking your turkey.
- Keep knives out the reach of children.
- Keep matches and lighter up high in locked cabinet.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

Officer Ventura

ESE Specialist

The Broward ESE Advisory Council is a group of parent volunteers who strive to ensure beneficial opportunities for students with learning differences. The advisory promotes meaningful inclusion while working to ensure that our children benefit from the best educational practices and advocate for a stronger system of supports for our students, teachers and support staff.

The meetings provide a forum for information about our district schools, programs, advocacy, support, procedural guidelines, Individual Education Plans (IEP), 504 Plans, college, vocational, and career readiness, school board initiatives, education enrichment, resources and data. The ESE Advisory Council tracks proposed, new and existing federal, state, and county legislation and local policies addressing special education. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate. For more information visit the links below.

Website: <http://www.browardeseadvisorycouncil.com>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/browardeseadvisory>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BrowardESEad>

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

Mrs. Dunn

PTO

Fall Social was a HUGE success and we hope you had an awesome time attending. We have Dinner with D.A.D.S. coming right up on Nov. 8 from 6-7:30 P.M. Make sure you visit our website for tickets as this is a PRE-ORDER ONLY event! Be on the lookout for the PTO POST and our November Calendar Fundraiser. The annual Veteran's Breakfast is on Nov. 9 so make sure you RSVP to the front office. As we move into the holiday season, we wish all of you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. As always. we are proud to be a part of such a great family here at RES!

Nov. 8 - 6-7:30 P.M. - Dinner with D.A.D.S.

Nov. 9 - Veteran's Breakfast

Nov. 14 - 5-9:00 P.M. - Chipotle Family Night

Nov. 28 - 7 P.M. - VIRTUAL PTO Meeting

Dec. 4-8 - Holiday Shop

Dec. 9 - Trash to Treasure (Bazaar)

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.

PTO Volunteer

Ramblewood Elementary PTO

RamblewoodElementaryPTO@gmail.com

Aftercare Corner

Happy November 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.

Mrs. Fernandez

Back to School Forms

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

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

Lunch applications for Title I purposes -

<http://www.myschoolapps.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.

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.

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>

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.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Can you believe first quarter has come to end already?! Our students have worked so hard showcasing their talents and smarts throughout the quarter. Please be sure to take a moment to review your child's Interim Report and Report Card located in Virtual Counselor. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Thanks!

Stay Connected

You can follow Ramblewood Elementary on the platforms listed below:

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

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.

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.

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.

