



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

Oh boy! Fall is here and we have alot planned for the month of October. We would like to thank all the primary parents that supported the Coffee and Comprehension session in September. It was a great success! Hope to see you for the October 13th event. We are grateful to the parents, students and staff that came to the Wings Plus PTO Family Night. We had a wonderful time enjoying great conversations and delicious foods during our first PTO event of the year. Can't wait to see you at the Trunk-or-Treat event on October 29th! Many parents came to our Volunteer Orientation Breakfast. A great big thank you to the RAM Dads that supported the PTO event and walked their kids to school. It was an awesome turn out. Please stay abreast of all events by reading the section below titled "Important Dates".

Let's give a round of applause to Mrs. Kara Fagen, Kindergarten teacher and team leader, as she was voted Teacher of the Year by the staff. Let's give another round of applause for Mr. Schnapp, Security Monitor, as he was voted School Related Employee of the Year. The staff and students really appreciate your hard work and dedication. Kudos to the both of you!

Ms. Ibarondo – Principal Mr. Charlotin – Assistant Principal

Important Dates

Oct. 1	National Principals' Month
Oct. 2	School Custodian Appreciation Day
Oct. 6	Walk/Bike to School Day
Oct. 11-15	FTE Week (Attendance Counts)
Oct. 13	Coffee and Collaboration/Comprehension 8:00-8:30 A.M.
Oct. 13	G.A.B.I.E Agriculture & Science Field Trip Gr. 2 – In-House
Oct. 13	SAC/SAF Meeting – 2:30-3:00 P.M.
Oct. 13-14	Health Screenings
Oct. 14	PTO Zoom Meeting – 6:30 P.M.
Oct. 17	National Boss' Day
Oct. 19	Early Release Day – 12 Noon Dismissal
Oct. 20	Employee Planning Day – No Students
Oct. 21	Start 2 nd Quarter – 42 Days
Oct. 25-26	Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 29	Fall Festival Parade – Dress Up As Your Favorite Character – 8:30 A.M.
Oct. 29	PTO Boo Through Trunk-or-Treat – 6:00-7:30 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 Section 1003.31 (2): Please do not drop off students prior to 7:30 A.M., as there is no supervision.

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.

Unified Dress Code

Ramblewood Elementary has a **unified dress code**. Students' 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.** It is expected that all students are in uniform, Monday through Friday, with the exception of designated school spirit days which will be on Fridays. The class with the most participants wins Twizzlers.

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Halloween Safety Tips

1. Accompany small children all the way to the doors of participants.
2. Sort through your child's candy before they eat it.
3. Always wear bright colors.

Officer Ventura

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.

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 "code red" lock down drills be 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.

Guidance

Happy Fall from the guidance department. We are happy to share that our minute meetings are complete for grades 2-5. We are both continuing to visit classrooms weekly where primary grades are focusing on friendship and intermediate grades are discussing safety. In the upcoming weeks, we will be forming small groups on a variety of topics that will run for approximately 6 weeks.

To meet all of our students' social and emotional needs, we are still focused on our daily 10 minutes of mindfulness each morning. This teaches them strategies they could use when they're feeling frustrated or overwhelmed. Finally, we encourage you to have your students participate in Red Ribbon week by dressing up during spirit week from October 25-29th.

Mon, Oct 25: Sock it to drugs (**Wear wacky socks**)

Tues, Oct 26: I'm too bright for drugs (**Wear something neon**)

Wed, Oct 27: Red-y to live a drug free life (**Wear Red**)

Thurs, Oct 28: Hats off to being drug free (**Silly hat/hair**)

Fri, Oct 29: Readers are leaders (**Dress up as your favorite book character**)

Please reach out if you need assistance.

Ms. Schaffer and Ms. Dodge

E.S.E. Specialist

Ways You Can Help Your Child Succeed at School

1. Keep in touch with your child's teacher and attend conferences.
2. Get to know who's who at school.
3. Make sure your child is completing homework and find help for your child if needed.
4. Help your child prepare for tests.
5. Volunteer and/or join PTO.
6. Ask questions.
7. Learn about your rights.
8. Let the school know your concerns.
9. Monitor your child's game, television, and internet use.
10. Encourage your child to read.
11. Encourage your child to be responsible and work independently.
12. Encourage active learning.
13. Talk with your child.
14. Demonstrate a positive attitude about education to your child.
15. Learn what the school offers.

For more ideas, take a look at the bilingual resources on partnering with your child's school from understood.org, a free website focused on learning and attention issues.

As always, please reach out to your ESE Specialist, Mary Dunn, with any questions or concerns at 754-322-8162 or at Mary.Dunn@browardschools.com.

Literacy Coach

Please be sure students are logging into i-Ready daily. Thirty minutes a week is recommended for students in kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade. Forty-five minutes a week is recommended for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. i-Ready allows your child's teacher to meet your child exactly where they are and provides data to increase your student's learning gains. i-Ready consists of two parts: Diagnostic and Personalized Instruction.

The i-Ready Diagnostic is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit your child's needs. Each item a student sees is individualized based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier questions.

i-Ready Personalized Instruction provides students with lessons based on their individual skill level and needs, so your child can learn at a pace that is just right for them. These lessons are fun and interactive to keep your student engaged as they learn. We will be rewarding classes that meet their i-Ready minutes per week goals!

Coffee and Comprehension Parent Informational Session

Are you the parent or guardian of a student in the ASD Special Program, Pre-K Program, or a student who receives language services? Join us for our Coffee and Comprehension Informational session in October. We will be discussing how to use Visualizing and Verbalizing Reading Comprehension and Language strategies that will help you work with your child with expressing their knowledge during reading activities and communication skills.

Please join us for our second Parent Coffee and Comprehension. This will be an opportunity for parents and guardians to come to our school to have a light breakfast, meet our staff, and learn different ways to help your child succeed in school. Our first event is on October 13th. 8:00 -8:30 a.m. Bring your ID to sign into the office starting at 7:30 a.m.

Space is limited. Masks required. One representative per student.

Use this link to RSVP by October 8th.

<https://forms.office.com/r/HiGr8vxh1z> this link is case sensitive. H and G letters are upper case.

PTO

With the school year moving along, we are excited to start hosting more events for the students and families. We will have fall grams available for purchase from October 1-22. Our Trunk-or-Treat event will be on Friday October 29th. Moving into November, we will be hosting our Scholastic Bookfair during the media center special. It's always a fun time for the kids and a great fundraiser for the school. Our Marketplace fundraiser is in full swing and we've gotten great feedback on the orders, so please check out the website and support the school. We are looking forward to a fantastic Fall!

Follow us on www.RamblewoodPTO.com or on Facebook to receive news, updates and volunteer information.

PTO Volunteer

Ramblewood Elementary PTO

RamblewoodElementaryPTO@gmail.com

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/volunteerapplication>

Back to School Forms

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

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

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications –

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

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.

Before and After School Child Care

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.) **\$36.00** per period.

Aftercare (2:00-6:00) **\$194.00** 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.

School-Parent Compact – 2021-2022

Parents, please sign and return the School-Parent Compact form and return to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

2021-22 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 by April 12, 2022.

Stay Connected

You can follow Ramblewood Elementary on the platforms listed below:

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

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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 stolen, misplaced, or otherwise not accessible to the student while on campus, a replacement will be issued.

Reminder: The I.D. badge will remain in school.

Ways to Support Learning at Home

- Have your child go on i-Ready nightly (math one day, reading the next day)
- Have your child READ every night or practice recognizing letters/sight words
- Have your child TALK to you about what they read so you can see if they understand it
- Have your child practice their math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division)
- Have your child practice WRITING, both handwriting and writing information
- TALK to them about what they are doing in school

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Our teachers are continuously working on professional development to develop their teaching skills and to increase their levels of content expertise. We are recognizing teachers at Ramblewood Elementary who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college coursework and/or training sessions to become certified or endorsed in another/other subject(s).

In order to remain in this/these assignment(s), the teacher(s) will successfully complete required training within 12 months of the assignment or, if teaching the primary English or Reading class to identified limited English proficient students, in accordance with the Multicultural Education Training Advocacy (META) timeline.

These teachers are:

Tyshon Freeman (ESE Grades K) – Out of Field – ESOL Cat. 1

Clara James (Elem. Ed. K-6/ESE-K) – Out of Field – ESOL Cat. 1

Isabel Ortega (Elem. Ed. K-6) – Out of Field – ESOL Cat. 1

Nakeita Powell (PreK-Prim. Age 3-Gr. 3) Out of Field – ESOL Cat. 1

Denise Williamson (Elem. Ed. K-6) – Out of Field – ESOL Cat. 1

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.

JPTARAVELLA HIGH SCHOOL/JPT ZONE

COLLEGE FAIR



WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13, 2021

6:00PM - 7:30PM

AT JPT CAFETERIA

10600 Riverside Dr., Coral Springs, FL

Learn about schools &
Get your questions answered

This event is open to ALL Grade levels and families. Come out and meet with college representatives from both Florida and out-of-state colleges. This is a great opportunity to learn about different schools and what they have to offer.



No Registration
JOIN US!

Call Ms. Gitten for more details at



754 322-2321

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FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

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**RAMBLEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT
2021-2022**

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 2021-2022 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.

D. Pbarondo
School

Parent(s)

Student

Date 5/5/2021

Date

Date