



# 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, it’s October already! Fall is here, and we are heading into the holiday season. It’s Ramblewood Elementary’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Families are invited to participate on October 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 A.M. to noon. We will have the Sawgrass Nature Center with a petting zoo, face painting, bounce house, trucks and much more! Hope to see you all!

We are excited to share that, according to our recent assessments, our students are already demonstrating academic growth and ahead of where they were last year in most grade levels. Kudos to our students and faculty for their hard work and dedication!

We would also like to thank our families for supporting our September events, including Scholastic Book Fair. A special thank-you goes out to our wonderful grandparents who joined us for Breakfast with Grandparents. Each event was a tremendous success because of your continued support and participation! Please be sure to check the Important Dates section of this newsletter to stay informed about upcoming activities and events.

Parents, this is also a friendly reminder regarding birthday celebrations. Only mini or traditional cupcakes may be brought to school. Birthday treats will be distributed by a staff member during lunch. Please communicate with your child’s classroom teacher before bringing any treats, as some students may have food allergies or other dietary considerations.

Finally, we would like to extend a huge congratulations to Ms. Leonard, who has been selected as our Teacher of the Year, and to Mrs. Waserstein, who has been voted School-Related Employee of the Year! Kudos to both outstanding members of our Ramblewood family on this well-deserved recognition. We are so proud of you!

Ms. Ibarrondo – Principal     Mr. Charlotin – Assistant Principal

### Important Dates

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| Oct. 1   | Haagen-Dazs Family Night – 6:00-8:00 P.M.                                                                                                   |
| Oct. 5-9 | FTE Week                                                                                                                                    |
| Oct. 9   | Early Release Day - !2 P.M. Dismissal                                                                                                       |
| Oct. 12  | Employee Planning Day – No Students<br>Rams 50 <sup>th</sup> Annivesary Celebration                                                         |
| Oct. 13  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Begins                                                                                                              |
| Oct. 15  | Dual Language Show – Cafeteria 6:00-7:30 P.M.                                                                                               |
| Oct. 16  | Kona Ice Day                                                                                                                                |
| Oct. 19  | SEAS Field Trip – Grade 3                                                                                                                   |
| Oct. 21  | Report Cards Issued on FOCUS<br>Vito’s Family Night – 5:00-10:00 P.M.                                                                       |
| Oct. 22  | Fall Picture Retakes                                                                                                                        |
| Oct. 23  | Fall Festival Parade – 9:00 A.M.-East Parking Lot                                                                                           |
| Oct. 28  | SAC Meeting – Media Center – 2:30 P.M.                                                                                                      |
| Oct. 29  | Primary Honor Roll - 8:30 (K) 9:10 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) 9:50 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )                                                               |
| Oct. 30  | Interm. Honor Roll - 8:30 (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) 9:10 (4 <sup>th</sup> ) 9:50 (5 <sup>th</sup> )<br>Fall Social 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 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! The speed limit in the car loop is 5 miles per hour.**

**All visitors must present their ID and state the purpose of visit at single point before being admitted into the front office.**

**Literacy Coach**

As students complete the second reading unit and learn new skills, reading at home is a great way to practice and build confidence. Encourage your child to read a variety of books and explore different types of stories. Let your child choose books about topics they enjoy! Comics, mysteries, poetry, science, and adventure books are all great choices. When children read about things they love, they are more likely to enjoy reading and become lifelong readers.

Happy Reading!

Ms. Feurtado

**ESE Specialist**

This month, we recognize National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), with the 2026 theme “Celebrating Value and Talent.” While employment may seem far away for our elementary students, the message behind this month is something we can begin building every day: every child has strengths, talents, interests, and something valuable to contribute.

As parents and educators, we can help children develop confidence and independence by encouraging them to try new things, make choices, solve problems, and recognize their own strengths. For children with disabilities, this may also mean teaching and encouraging independence in everyday activities. Some examples can include tasks such as organizing belongings, communicating their needs, completing age-appropriate responsibilities, or asking for help when needed. Try giving your child opportunities to be the “helper” at home. Ask them to help prepare a snack, organize their backpack, feed a pet, set the table, or complete another meaningful household responsibility. Whenever possible, allow your child to try independently before stepping in to help. Small opportunities to practice independence today can build confidence and important life skills for tomorrow.

Most importantly, remember to celebrate effort, progress, and strengths. Every child learns and grows in their own way, and our goal is to help each child recognize, develop, and share their unique abilities.

As always, please reach out if you have questions about your child’s IEP, accommodations, services, or ways we can work together to support your child’s success.

Wishing all of our Ramblewood families a wonderful October!

Mrs. Dunn

**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.

**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 one campus monitor who conducts campus walkthroughs throughout the day to ensure campus security. We have a School Resource Office (SRO) who also conducts campus walkthroughs.

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**School Counselor**

Happy fall! This month we are in the beginning stages of preparing for our Harvest Drive. This is when we collect items for families in need. Please be on the lookout for more information.

Additionally, Red Ribbon week is October 26- October 30th. We encourage you to have your students participate in Red Ribbon week by dressing up during spirit week and speaking to your children about living a drug-free life. Our Red Ribbon week flyer with dress up days is forthcoming.

Mrs. Dodge

**Aftercare Corner**

Spooky Fun in Aftercare! October is getting a little spooky in Aftercare! Our students will be enjoying fun spooky-themed activities, including yummy spider and ghost food crafts, creative projects, games, and other fun spooky celebrations throughout the month! Along with a DJ party on October 9th!

We can't wait to make some spooktacular memories together!

**Coral Springs Police Department**

October is a wonderful time of year at school. The weather gets cooler, we look forward to fun activities, Halloween, and spending time with friends and family. As your school police officer, I want to remind everyone that safety should always be part of the fun!

For our students, remember that being safe starts with making good choices. Always listen to your teachers and parents, use sidewalks and crosswalks when walking, and look both ways before crossing the street. If you are riding a bicycle or scooter, remember to wear your helmet. Most importantly, if something doesn't feel right or you ever feel unsafe, tell a trusted adult right away. There is always someone at school who is ready to listen and help.

As Halloween approaches, parents and students should take a few extra precautions. Children should be accompanied by a trusted adult when trick-or-treating, carry a flashlight or wear something reflective, and only visit homes of people they know. Parents should check treats before children eat them, and costumes should allow children to see clearly and walk safely. Drivers should also slow down and pay extra attention to children who may be crossing streets or walking between houses.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that kindness is an important part of safety, too. Look out for your classmates, include others, and speak up if you see someone being bullied or treated unfairly. A simple act of kindness can make a big difference in someone's day.

Have a safe, happy, and fun October! Remember, "Think Safe, Act Safe, and Look Out for One Another."

Officer Levin

**World Language**

 Exciting News, Ramblewood Families!  
 If you have a balcony, patio, or small space for planting, come join us for our FREE Family Gardening Workshops on November 9 and 10 from 6:00–7:00 p.m. Learn simple ways to grow plants at home using buckets or a small, raised garden bed designed for working at waist level. Each participating family will receive a plant and gardening materials to take home, and no gardening experience is needed! Space is limited to 10 families per workshop. Look for the flyer for more details on how to register! 

Inés Sánchez-Sosner  
World Language Educator

### PTO

Hello Ramblewood Families! We want to start with a huge THANK YOU to everyone who came out to our Book Fair & Pasta Dinner Family Night! Your support helped make our Book Fair a huge success, and we loved seeing so many of our Ram families enjoying the evening together.

October is a busy and exciting month for the PTO! Our Papa John's Fundraiser is currently underway and runs through October 9th. Thank you for continuing to support our school!

We also have several fun events coming up. Join us for Häagen-Dazs Family Night on October 1st from 4:00–8:00 PM, and don't forget to place your order for our Kona Ice Day on Friday, October 16th! Later in the month, we'll have another Family Night at Vito's on October 21st from 5:00–10:00 PM.

Help us feed the Candy Monster! We'll be collecting candy all month long to help us prepare for Trunk or Treat. Families can drop off candy in the Candy Monster located in the front office. Every donation helps us make the night extra sweet for our students!

And of course, we're looking forward to one of our biggest fall events — Trunk or Treat! Join us on October 30th from 6:00–8:00 PM for a fun evening with our Ramblewood community. Presales are now open, so be sure to get your tickets!

Thank you for continuing to show up and support our school. Your participation in our fundraisers, family nights and events helps us create special experiences for our students and makes our Ramblewood community even stronger. We can't wait for another great month together!

### Stay Connected

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

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

### Before and After School Child Care - 2026-27

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.) **\$47.00** per period.

**Aftercare** (2:00-6:00P.M.) **\$256.00** per period.

**Activity Fee \$7.00** per child, per period.

Each pay period is every 18 days of school.

### Aftercare Information

Before and Aftercare applications for the 26-27 school year are available now! All new students will need to submit an application and wait for an approval email. To apply, please visit [www.bascbroward.com](http://www.bascbroward.com). Once you have been approved all period 1 payments are due in full. Spots are limited and are available on a first come, first serve basis. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at, [Tianna.garbutt@browardschools.com](mailto:Tianna.garbutt@browardschools.com) or call 754-322-8175.

### Student Emergency Contact Card

**Parents please be aware that the Student Emergency Contact Card will be the only form accepted as consent for students to receive care for illness/injury and/or to receive specified health screenings during the school day. Students will be unable to receive care for illness/injury in the clinic and/or receive specified health screenings without the Health Services Consent section completed in its entirety.**

### 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>

### 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 bi-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.

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