Ramblewood Elementary School

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"Providing all students with the tools for a safe, cooperative learning environment."

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Administration

November is here! It is a time to reflect on all we are thankful for and to show appreciation for those who make our Ramblewood community so special.

We had a wonderful October filled with exciting events and memorable moments! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in our 50th Anniversary Celebration, Dual Language Hispanic Heritage Showcase, Fall Festival Parade, and PTO Trunk-or-Treat. We also extend our sincere gratitude to our amazing PTO and staff for providing a delicious potluck lunch in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Thank you for helping make these events such a success! We look forward to seeing the veterans who served our country on November 6th for the Veterans Day Parade and breakfast.

Parents, your child's interim report will be available in FOCUS on November 10th. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. As a reminder, school will be closed November 23rd–27th for Thanksgiving Break.

As we approach the holiday season, maintaining open communication between home and school remains essential to supporting student success. Your continued support and involvement make a tremendous difference in your child's academic progress!

This month is filled with exciting events and field trips, so be sure to check the section titled *"Important Dates"* to stay up to date.
We wish you and the entire Ramblewood community a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Ms. Ibarrondo – Principal Mr. Charlotin – Assistant Principal

Important Dates

Nov. 1	Daylight Saving Time – Fall Back One Hour National School Psychology Week
Nov. 3	Employee Planning Day – No Students Voting – 7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Nov. 6	Veterans Day Breakfast and Parade
Nov. 9-10	Family Gardening Workshop – 6:00-7:00 P.M.
Nov. 10	Interims Issued on Focus
Nov. 14	Robotics Practice Tournament – Ramblewood Elementary – 8:00 A.M.
Nov. 16-20	Anti-Bullying Week
Nov. 16	SEAS Field Trip – Gr. 5 – Super Scientific Circus
Nov. 18	Support Staff Appreciation Day Pei-Wei Family Night – 5:00-9:00 P.M.
Nov. 20	Substitute Appreciation Day
Nov. 23-27	School Closed

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.

PreK

November is here, and we are excited for a month filled with learning, fun, and thankfulness! This month, our Pre-K friends will explore the season of fall and learn about Thanksgiving traditions and foods.

We will continue building our early literacy skills as we explore the letters D and F, along with strengthening our math skills with a focus on the shapes we see all around us.

We will also practice sharing, kindness, and being good friends.

1st Grade

First grade is now fully embracing Benchmark Advance for our literacy instruction. Throughout the next few units, we will be working on learning all about characters in a story, main idea, details, 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.

We encourage students to practice reading and writing their UFLI words for mastery and reading the passages for fluency and accuracy. With the mid-year STAR reading and math testing at the beginning of December, we highly encourage students. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher.

2nd Grade

Second grade students have been fully immersed in learning across different subjects and educational themes! Finishing Hispanic Heritage Month and Red Ribbon Week, we are celebrating Veterans and Native American Heritage Month. 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.

In science, we are working with forces and understanding how motion works; ideas like gravity, friction, and effort will be discussed. Make sure that your child is reading independently at home for at least 20 minutes. The more reading occurs in the home and at school, the more engaged with reading improvements your child will become. Look for books that interest your student, as this will ensure that what they are reading is enjoyed and build a desire to explore new topics and different kinds of books!

In ELA, we will be looking at different perspectives. Ideas like how a story can change depending on who tells it will be explored in depth throughout this quarter. We will be focusing on different characters' perspectives, identifying the central idea and relevant details, using context clues to determine word meaning, identifying the theme of a text, and comparing how texts are similar and different! We are continuing to strengthen our writing skills through exploring opinion writing and learning how everyone has their own opinion.

In math, we will continue to use our math curriculum envision where 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.

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

Kindergarten

Hello Families,

During second quarter we will be continuing our learning into Unit 2, Unit 3 and Unit 4 of Benchmark Advance. 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.

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.

Homework folders began this quarter. There are three math activities and our reading journals. Homework is due on Fridays. Practice reading and sight words nightly as a part of homework. Any work at home is always beneficial to your child's educational career.

3rd Grade

As we begin the second quarter, our fabulous third graders continue to learn, grow, and reach new milestones!

In reading, we are wrapping up our unit on text features, text structure, summarizing, and identifying central ideas and supporting details in informational text. We will begin to explore characters perspective, plot, summarizing, using context clues and figurative language in literary text. We encourage families to have their children read at home for at least 20 minutes each day to strengthen fluency and comprehension skills. In language arts, students will focus on writing compound and complex sentences, applying grammar skills, and recognizing spelling patterns in multisyllabic words. We will also continue developing writing skills through expository and narrative pieces.
Our curious scientists have enjoyed learning about physical properties and states of matter. We will build on this knowledge by exploring different forms of energy, including light and heat. These exciting topics will encourage students to ask questions, think critically, and discover more about the world around them.

In social studies, we will conclude our study of the North American continent and begin a new unit exploring how the climate and vegetation of the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean are connected to their natural resources. During October, students learned about the significance of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, as well as the importance of celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Congratulations to our Dual Language classes for an outstanding Hispanic Heritage Showcase!

In math, we will continue strengthening multiplication, division, and problem-solving skills while exploring area, quadrilaterals, and place value. Students will also learn how mathematical operations can be applied to real-world situations. Please continue helping your child practice and memorize multiplication facts at home, as these skills are essential for success throughout the school year and beyond.

We are so proud of our third graders and the progress they continue to make each day. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership as we work together to make the second quarter a successful and rewarding learning experience for every student!

4th Grade

Now that the first quarter is under our belts, it's time to kick things up a notch! Our fourth graders have been working hard, and we have plenty of exciting learning ahead!

Math
In math, students have been developing their skills in estimating, rounding, and multiplying by one-, two-, and three-digit numbers using a variety of strategies. We are currently halfway through Topic 5, where our focus has shifted to division.
One of the most important ways you can support your child at home is by making sure they master their multiplication facts. Knowing these facts quickly and accurately is essential for success in division and many of the other fourth-grade math standards we will tackle throughout the year.

ELA/Reading
In reading, we are wrapping up our second unit in the Benchmark Advance curriculum. Throughout our studies, students have been exploring important reading skills such as identifying characters' perspectives, determining central ideas and themes, making inferences, summarizing stories, and explaining how figurative language contributes to meaning. We have also been examining the differences between prose, poetry, and drama.

As we move forward, students will continue practicing and strengthening these skills through classroom instruction and independent reading. Please encourage your child to read for at least 30 minutes each night to build fluency, comprehension, and confidence.

Science
In science, we continue to follow the district's Scope and Sequence Pacing Guide as we explore a variety of scientific concepts. We recently completed our studies of the classification of matter, properties of water, conservation of mass, magnets, and changes in the properties of matter. Coming up, students will investigate different forms of energy, heat transfer, forces and motion, Earth's movements, and the phases of the Moon. These topics will provide plenty of opportunities for hands-on exploration and scientific thinking!

Writing
Writing remains an important part of our daily instruction as students continue building their foundational writing skills. We are currently focusing on the structure and components of a well-organized four-paragraph expository essay. Soon, we will begin developing four-paragraph opinion essays as well. Learning to organize ideas, support them with relevant details, and communicate clearly is a critical fourth-grade skill. These abilities will not only prepare students for their end-of-year writing assessment but also serve them well throughout their academic careers.

A Final Note
As always, thank you for your continued support at home! Your encouragement, involvement, and commitment to your child's education make a tremendous difference. Please continue reminding your child each morning to come to school ready to learn, give their very best effort, and make the most of every day. We look forward to another productive and successful quarter!

Aftercare Corner

Fall into fun this November!

November is full of fall fun in aftercare! As the days get cooler, our calendar is heating up with exciting creative, and delicious activities. Our little turkeys will enjoy creative turkey-making crafts, colorful autumn art, and festive activities, including sweet edible treats!

Get ready for a month filled with laughter, creativity, and lots of thankful memories!

5th Grade

Our fifth-grade students have settled into their new grade and are working hard. In reading, we place a strong emphasis on skills used for comprehension. These skills include central idea/relevant details, summarizing, text structure and context clues. We are also working on structuring a multi paragraph expository essay. This includes finding supporting evidence and adding elaboration to their written work. It's important to remind your children to make reading a nightly habit at home to reinforce their progress.

Science has taken us into the world of the physical properties of matter as well as physical and chemical changes. We are currently working on force and motion. After each science standard is complete, the students take a micro assessment (five questions) in Progress Learning to determine mastery.

In math, we have learned all about decimals, adding and subtracting decimals and place value. Currently, we are learning to multiply decimals using many different models. Next up is division of decimals. For continued math success, we encourage students to keep sharpening their multiplication skills by practicing their multiplication facts diligently.

We strongly recommend parents support their child's learning journey by having them engage with SuccessMaker and Progress Learning at home. This will help reinforce the concepts we cover in the classroom and promote academic growth.

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.

Mrs. Dodge

Literacy Coach

November is a wonderful time to slow down, spend time together, and be thankful for the joy of reading. This Thanksgiving season, encourage your child to cozy up with a favorite book and read for 15–20 minutes each day.
Make reading part of your family traditions! Take turns reading a story aloud, read a favorite Thanksgiving book together, or ask your child to share something interesting they learned from a nonfiction book.
After reading, try asking a few questions related to the text. Some examples are:

- What was your favorite part and why?
- What did you learn?
- Who were the main characters?
- What are you thankful for today?

We are thankful for our wonderful families and your continued support in helping our students become confident readers.

Ms. Feurtado

ESE Specialist

November is a time to reflect on gratitude, growth, and the many things that make each child special! As we approach Thanksgiving, I encourage our Ramblewood families to take a moment to celebrate the progress your child has made, both big and small. Growth doesn't always look like earning a higher grade or mastering a new skill. Sometimes, progress means trying something challenging, asking for help, communicating a need, showing kindness, or becoming a little more independent. These moments deserve to be celebrated, too!

Tip from Your ESE Specialist: Try creating a simple gratitude routine at home. Each day, ask your child to share one thing they are proud of, something kind they did for someone else, or something they are thankful for. This is a wonderful way to encourage positive self-esteem, communication, and meaningful family connections.

Remember, every child grows at their own pace, and consistent encouragement can make a big difference. Thank you for partnering with us to support your child's learning, independence, and success.

Wishing all of our Ramblewood families a happy, healthy, and gratitude-filled Thanksgiving! 💙

Your ESE Specialist, 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.

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

PTO

November PTO News

Thank you to all of our Ramblewood Families for your continued support! Our Papa John's Fundraiser was a huge success, and we are so grateful to everyone who participated. We also want to thank everyone who joined us for Trunk or Treat and helped make it such a fun evening for our Ram Fam!

Mark your calendars for our next Family Night at Pei Wei on Wednesday, November 18th! Come enjoy a meal while supporting our school!

As we head into the holiday season, we look forward to spreading cheer, showing appreciation to our wonderful staff, and making more special memories with our Ramblewood community. Thank you for all you do to support our school!

Coral Springs Police Department

November Safety Message from Your School Resource Officer

As we enter the month of November, I want to remind our students and families that safety is something we can all practice together. With the holiday season approaching, families may be traveling, attending community events, shopping, and spending more time outdoors. Please remind children to stay with a trusted adult in busy places, never talk to or leave with someone they do not know, and make sure they know how to contact a parent or trusted adult if they become separated. As the days get shorter, children should also be especially careful when walking or riding bicycles, wear bright or reflective clothing when possible, and always use crosswalks and follow traffic signals.

The upcoming holidays are a wonderful time to enjoy family and friends, but they also bring a few additional safety concerns. When shopping or attending holiday events, keep personal belongings secure and remind children not to share personal information with strangers. At home, keep candles, matches, medications, and other potentially dangerous items out of children's reach, and make sure Christmas lights and decorations are used safely and are in good condition. Most importantly, encourage your children to speak up if something makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

From all of us in the school community, I wish your families a safe, happy, and enjoyable holiday season. Remember: when it comes to safety, we are all part of the team!

Officer Levin

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.

Stay Connected

You can follow Ramblewood Elementary on the platforms listed below:

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

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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 email eeo@browardschools.com.

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.basccbroward.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 or call 754-322-8175.

