

**RAMBLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**2010 – 2011 ELECTIVE COURSES**  
**SIXTH GRADE**

Sixth students will have an elective course for 2010-2011 school year, unless they are required to take two reading classes. Review the course descriptions. **Please consider choices carefully!** Students receiving first choice electives are expected to remain in the course for the full term. **Students must return their signed Virtual Counselor print out to their fifth grade teacher.** If the course selection print out is not returned, scheduling personnel will select student's elective course.

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**EXPLORATORY WHEEL: Grade Level 6**

**Course # 06000000**

Students are exposed to a variety of elective classes. Examples may include physical education, music appreciation and art. The students will periodically rotate through the classes, giving them an opportunity to experience the different electives RMS offers.

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**BEGINNING BAND: Grade Levels 6, 7 and 8**

**LENGTH: Full Year**

**Course # 13020000**

The Beginning Band is open to students who have had little or no experience in instrumental instruction. All students will choose instruments with the aid of the director near the beginning of the year. Basic concepts such as proper embouchure, hand position, posture, listening skills, and breathing skills will be emphasized. Thirty minutes a day of home practice is expected.

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**CHORUS: Grade Levels 6, 7 and 8**

**LENGTH: Full Year**

**Course # 13030000**

Chorus is offered to students, grades 6-8, interested in learning vocal techniques, proper breathing, articulation, and musical notation. Students take rhythmic and melodic dictation and learn to sight-sing implementing the Kodaly-Orff solfeggio method. The chorus sings unison and 2-part music from various genres and performs for school concerts.

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**ORCHESTRA (BEGINNING): Grade Levels 6, 7 and 8**

**LENGTH: Full Year**

**Course # 13020400**

The Beginning Orchestra is available to students who have had little or no experience with playing the violin, viola, cello, or string bass. Students will receive daily instruction in string technique enabling them to play orchestral music. Emphasis on ensemble playing, proper posture, note reading, ear-training, music theory, rhythmic dictation, listening skills, and team work are part of belonging to the orchestra. The orchestra is featured in school concerts, and sponsors arts related field trips including an overnight trip to Magic Music Days in Disney. Students are required to take their instruments home and practice daily at least 15-30 minutes.

*String instruments are available for rent from the school at only \$20 for the school year.*

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**DRAMA I: Grade Levels 6, 7 and 8**

**LENGTH: Full Year**

**Course # 04000000**

The Drama I students will learn the foundations of drama using acting, role playing, improvisation, and group work. Students have the opportunity to participate in the Jr. Thespian Drama Festival at the district and state level. Students will perform in a dinner theatre and one act play for parents and the community.

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