



Welcome to the Palmetto Middle School PTSA Link. You are one of nearly 800 members of the PMS family that has elected to receive school news via e-mail. Thank you for staying connected and for your continued support of our PTSA!

Important Dates at Palmetto Middle School

October 13	Listeners Program Training Session 9:00am - 12:00pm
October 15	PTSA Meeting 9:15am (Media Center)
October 15	National Junior Honor Society Meeting 3:45pm - 4:15pm
October 15	EESAC Meeting 8:00am
October 19	No School / Teacher Planning Day
October 20 – 23	Red Ribbon Week
October 30	No School / Teacher Planning Day
October 31	Set Clocks Back One Hour

Links to Monthly Mailings

Stay informed. Scroll down to the bottom of this e-mail for links to our monthly Lancer Letter, activities calendar and other important Palmetto Middle School information.

PTSA Meeting

Join us for the PTSA meeting on Thursday, October 15th at 9:15am. Also following the PTSA meeting we will have a program on the "Parent Portal" on how to register and how to become a volunteer.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

Palmetto Middle School is filled with amazing teachers and excellent students. There are many inspiring stories waiting to be shared. For instance, did you know that last season, our History Team placed first in the County? And that eighth grader Bobby Stevens is a National Champion go-cart racer? How about Mr. Plyler, our Geography teacher? He is a champion ping pong player! (In addition to being an excellent teacher!) Then, we have three young ladies from Choir and three young men from Band, so talented they each made All-State. Prestigious Duke University honored 11 of our seventh grade students for their top SAT scores. But, don't mess with our Wrestling Team, they are 2009's District Champions! Well, now it's time to share more good news, about our teachers, students and administrators. Please contact me with any items regarding awards and special achievements. Be sure to include all important details, and a photograph, if possible. We have so much to be proud of! Please contact Carmen Lucas, Public Relations Chair at carmen@thinkfactory.com.



Red Ribbon Week

Palmetto Middle School will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week from October 20 – 23 this year. The Red Ribbon Campaign is now the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week each year. Please [click here](#) to view the Red Ribbon Week Agenda and for some very interesting information on the history and beginning of the Red Ribbon Campaign.

Living Green Challenge

Mayor Cindy Lerner has accepted the South Florida Living Green Fair's Mayors Challenge and is asking for help from Pinecrest residents to support water conservation. "This challenge reflects Pinecrest's commitment to 'Go Green,'" said Mayor Lerner.

The challenge takes only a few minutes online and simply requires the participant to review easy and helpful tips for preserving precious water resources. Please [click here](#) to "Take the Living Green Fair's Mayors Challenge". Participants receive a free family pass to the South Florida Living Green Fair and the Village of Pinecrest could win the opportunity to display an original 45-foot mural by marine artist and conservationist Wyland. The fair will be held November 14-15, 2009 at the John U. Lloyd State Park in Dania Beach.

"All Pinecrest residents are encouraged to take the challenge!" said Mayor Lerner.

Reflections

The Reflections Program is underway at Palmetto Middle School. This program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition in the areas of dance choreography, photography, film production, musical composition, literature and visual arts. For nearly 40 years, the program has encouraged millions of students across the nation to create works of art. Please submit your original art work with a completed official entry form by Friday, November 6th. A table in the breezeway will be set up for you to drop off your entries. Please contact Lisa Whalen at Llwhalen@aol.com or 786-972-9802 for additional information and/or entry forms.

Youth Advisory Council Kick Off Event

Join Mayor Cindy Lerner and the Pinecrest Village Council for an interactive panel discussion on "The Media – Social and Otherwise, It Matters". Featuring local media personalities on Saturday, October 17, 2009, 1:00 – 3:00pm at the Pinecrest Community Center located at 5855 SW 111th Street, Pinecrest Florida.

Free and open to all youths in the community and will also feature an expo on Youth Organizations. The Youth Advisory Council will promote leadership and advocacy for youth issues in the community. If you are interested in becoming a member of the council, and are a village resident in grades 6 – 12, please send an e-mail to YAC@pinecrest-fl.gov.

Yearbook

Now's the perfect time to reserve a spot in this year's copy of Palmetto Middle School's award-winning yearbook – the *Alanceador*. You may congratulate your child or advertise your business. If you wish to support our yearbook, please complete the form and send to room 232 or Ms. Rodriguez-Pereira's mailbox. All checks are payable to Palmetto Middle School. [Click here](#) for form.

Listeners Program

Please Help-be a listener, an adult volunteer who provides a stable, non-judgmental environment for a child. You would be surprised at what a difference you can make by meeting with a student once a week "just to talk". Listeners are not "fixers" or "rescuers". Instead, our goals are to help build a child's self esteem by listening attentively and encouraging the student to develop their own problem-solving skills. For more information: call Linda Diamond 305.661.1946, or <http://www.listenersprogram.org/>.

The **first training session** in our area is on Tuesday, October 13th 2009, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Howard Drive Elementary School located at 7750 SW 136th St, Miami, FL 33156.

National Junior Honor Society

The NJHS will be having a meeting this Thursday, October 15 from 3:45 - 4:15 in the library. We will be making Halloween goody bags for the children at Baptist Hospital. Make sure to wear your NJHS t-shirt and bring a silly hat too! If you haven't paid your \$10 membership fees or paid for your \$10 t-shirt, please bring your dues to this meeting. See you Thursday!
Please [click here](#) to view schedule.

Town Hall Meetings

The Miami-Dade County Health Department and community leaders are hosting Town Hall meetings to discuss preventive measures for the H1N1 (Swine Flu) Virus. Please [click here](#) for dates and information.

Miami-Dade County Public School Sports

Interested in knowing what is going on with Miami-Dade County Public School sports? Please contact Monique Patino-Jimenez at arjmp2003@yahoo.com or 786.413.4611. There is a county Athletic Advisory Committee that meets once a month, if you would like to attend and be involved please email Monique your contact information.

Pizza

The PTSA sells pizza every Friday after school. For only \$1.00 per slice or \$12.00 a pie, you can tame those munchies and support your school. As a healthy snack alternative we will also be selling apples and grapes for the next couple of Fridays. If you would be interested in other snack alternatives please respond to efaradji@comcast.net.

Billy Crystal Tickets

We are able to get tier two tickets at the Arsht Center for Billy Crystal in his amazing one man show "700 Sundays" Saturday night, December 12th. The price is \$95 per ticket. (This is basically a sold out show except for some group seats that are available.) Those interested can email Mrs. Gordon at rwgordon@dadeschools.net.

PTSA Committee Openings

New to the school or want to get involved? The PTSA has the following opportunities for involvement:

Programs, Awards Night and Programs, and Career Day.

Please contact Melissa Montovino at melissamontovino@yahoo.com to volunteer or clarification.

Swine Flu Information

Parents, for urgent Swine Flu information, please [click here](#). If your child shows signs of Swine Flu, he/she needs to be kept home from school.

Links to Monthly Mailing & Other Important PMS Information

- To view or print the October Lancer Letter, [click here](#).
- To view or print the PTSA Directory, [click here](#).
- To view or print the PMS Activities Calendar, [click here](#).
- To visit the PMS web site, [click here](#).
- To join your PTSA, volunteer or make a donation, [click here](#).
- To learn more about The Listener's Program, [click here](#).

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