



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 19	No School / Teacher Planning Day
October 20 – 23	Red Ribbon Week
October 22	Teacher Talent Show Has Been Cancelled
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.

After School Tutoring

Do you need a little extra assistance with school work? Tutoring is now available every Monday and Wednesday after school for one hour in rooms 101, 102 and 103. Activity buses are scheduled for Monday and Wednesday.



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. If any parents need or are interested in information on drug usage, there are brochures available in the Parent Resource Center in the office.

The Parent Academy Resources

In case you all did not know, there is a wealth of information just a click away to support our students. Just off of the Miami Dade Schools parent section (www.dadeschools.net/parents) click on the Parent Academy scrolling information in the middle of the page. On that website, you can find: a listing of local free parent workshops, a toolkit with content from health and wellness, parenting skills to student resources such as Beyond the Bell. Take some time to navigate the site with your children so that they, too, can locate additional assistance if they need it.

Parent Portal Gradebook Help

If you are having difficulty with the Parent Portal Gradebook (additionally those who have requested grade /attendance notification and are not receiving it), please send an email to Melissa Montovino at melissamontovino@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to our **Wanted** Volunteer of the Month: **Jakie Wajner**

Please [click here](#) to read all about who we've rounded up this month.

Halloween Goodies

The Teacher Appreciation Committee is preparing to fill the Teachers Lounge with Halloween goodies for the teachers and staff to enjoy the week of October 26th thru 29th. This is a little treat to show our appreciation. We need donations of Halloween candy, baked goods and any other treat you can think of that they may enjoy. Please contact Karen Amar-Saruski at karendamar@gmail.com. or 305.773.9390.

Legislative Happenings in Miami-Dade County Council PTAs/PTSAs

Public Education Funding is Vital. Please [click here](#) for more information.

The Listener's Program

With all the challenges and changes that our children face today, sometimes it helps to have someone to talk to. This is what the Listener's Program is all about. Does your child need a listener? Does your child want a listener?

Truthfully, we could all benefit from meeting once a week with a trained volunteer, "just to talk". No pressure, no judgment, no strings, just a dependable and caring adult with your child's best interest at heart. The listener program has been a successful part of MDCPS for over 30 years. The trained, level 2 volunteers have been successful in helping students understand the changes they go through, manage their responsibilities and meeting the challenges they face daily. If you think your child would benefit from this wonderful opportunity, contact their grade counselor. Please visit our website at <http://www.listenersprogram.org/>.

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.

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.

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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