



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

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| 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 |
| October 15 | EESAC Meeting 10:15am |
| 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.

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 click here: <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 National Junior Honor Society meeting will be held in the auditorium Thursday, October 15th from 3:45pm to 4:30pm.

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.

Visit Your Legislative Representative

We need to continue having our voices heard by decision makers in Tallahassee. The funding of public education is at risk as the federal bailout money dries up in Fall of 2011. PLEASE, find out who your Representative is by going to myfloridahouse.gov, make an appointment and visit them with your concerns, preferably the week of October 19th.

It's easy to talk to these people. An example opener would be, 'Hi, I'm Jane Doe, a member of the PTSA, a concerned citizen and a voter. I want to let you know that public education must be funded at a level to ensure our children their constitutional right to a high level education. Nothing less will be acceptable.'

Then, go with the conversation. A report card will become available for you to fill out regarding how responsive that individual was to public education. (This will be useful in November of 2010.)

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. If you would be interested in other snack alternatives, such as apple slices, baby carrots or popcorn 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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