



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

November 23-25 Spirit Week
November 26-27 No School- Thanksgiving Recess

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.

Close Up Trip to Washington, D.C.

Open for 7th and 8th grade students only. Any student interested in attending our yearly trip to Washington, D.C., Jamestown, and Williamsburg please pick up an application with Ms. Iturmendi in room 714. The trip will take place during the week of April 11, 2010 - April 15, 2010. Students will participate in a week long curriculum based program approved by Miami Dade County Public Schools. Students will have the opportunity to participate along with other students from across the country and attend workshops while exploring DC's famous monuments & memorials. The Close-Up Foundation provides a rigorous curriculum allowing students to see their history books come alive.

The deadline to submit the application is on November 30, 2009. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Iturmendi via email citurmendi@dadeschools.net or visit <http://www.closeup.org/>.

The Close Up Foundation is a nonprofit organization; therefore any donations made towards a student's program is tax-deductible. If you are willing to make a donation on behalf of an underprivileged child please contact Ms. Iturmendi.

PTSA Volunteer ID Packages

Those PTSA Volunteers that recently had their pictures taken can pick up picture packages and corresponding IDs in the PTSA black box in the copy room. If your pictures or cards are missing, please make a note on the list and send an email to Melissa Montovino at melissamontovino@yahoo.com.

Spirit Week

Let's Go Lancers! Show your school spirit this week.

- Monday, 11/23 Tacky Tourist Day
- Tuesday, 11/24 Twin, Triplet or even Octuplet Day
- Wednesday, 11/25 will be Spirit Day (wear orange & white) and will include the Turkey Bowl Games

(one for each grade).

Teacher and Staff Holiday Luncheon

In these difficult times, especially with all the budget cuts, we're sure everyone knows how much the teachers and staff have stepped up to the plate, even taking money out of their own pockets to better our children's education. Now is our chance to let them know how much we appreciate them! Our Teacher/Staff Holiday luncheon will be Thursday, December 17th. Please help us! We need donations of all kinds of foods (both homemade and store bought) and volunteers to set up, clean up and help serve the day of this event. We will also accept monetary donations for purchasing food items. If you donate a food item, it will be labeled at the luncheon with your family's name and /or the student name (however you would prefer).

This is a great opportunity to know all the wonderful people who make Palmetto Middle School such a spectacular school. For food donations or volunteering please contact Mary Warrell at carmicmom@comcast.net and Maria Castiello at escotocastiello@bellsouth.net. Thank you very much in advance for your help.

Parent Resource Guide 2009-2010

The 2009-2010 Parent Resource Guide is now available online at <http://www.dadeschools.net/> under Resources. It is also linked from the Parent Portal and from the Office of Parental Involvement website, <http://parents.dadeschools.net/>. or [click here](#) for quick access.

Holiday Blues

If your child has experienced any of the following events such as a death in the family, divorce, loss of income or parents in the military they may be at risk for something called the Holiday Blues. Sadness is the most obvious sign of the holiday blues. But children also show the blues by withdrawing from their family, being irritable, uncooperative, aggressive and also verbally nasty. Helpful suggestions to assist your child with these difficult events are provided. Your school Guidance Counselor, TRUST Specialist, School Social Worker and School Psychologist are also available to assist upon your request. Please [click here](#) for helpful suggestions.

Pinecrest's Education Advisory Council

The next meeting of the mayor's Education Advisory Council is on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., at the Pinecrest Community Center. Please contact the office of Guido H. Inguanzo, Jr., at the office of the Village Clerk, Village of Pinecrest if you have any questions or need any additional information. Tel: 305.234.2121 or email at clerk@pinecrest-fl.gov.

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.

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.

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 November Activities Calendar, [click here](#).

To visit the PMS web site, [click here](#).

To join your PTSA, volunteer or make a donation, [click here](#).

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