



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

December 17	Teacher and Staff Holiday Luncheon
December 17	NJHS Meeting 3:45pm to 4:30pm
December 21 to January 1	No School - Winter 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.

PTSA

There will be **no** PTSA meeting this month. ***The PTSA wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday.***

Faculty and Staff Holiday Luncheon

The PTSA is hosting our annual faculty and staff Holiday Luncheon on December 17th to show our thanks for all that they do for our children. We need volunteers to donate food, homemade or store bought will be gladly accepted. We will also accept monetary donations for purchasing food items. WE ALSO NEED HELP the day of the event to set up, serve and clean up. 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.

Win a Pizza Party

FEEL THE POWER OF JOY. PLEASE DONATE A TOY! It's easy and you'll bring a smile to a very needy child this holiday season. Just bring a toy (new, unwrapped) to your **social studies class**. The toys will be distributed to the children (babies thru teens) of migrant workers who attend the Homestead Soup Kitchen. The social studies class period that collects the most toys (at least 10) will celebrate with pizza and drinks! **It's cool to be kind.**

After School Tutoring

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

In addition to the Monday and Wednesday after school tutoring, our **tutoring services** will expand to include **Saturday** mornings. Beginning **January 16** and running through **March 6** tutoring in reading, writing and math will be available from **9:00 am to 12:00 pm**. This is a great opportunity for your child to receive that extra assistance as the FCAT approaches.

National Junior Honor Society

Attention NJHS Members! We will be having a meeting this Thursday, December 17th from 3:45 - 4:30 PM in the auditorium. Please pay your dues if you have not done so already and remember to wear your NJHS t-shirt!

Pinecrest Bike Day

A "Pinecrest Bike Day" event is being planned for Saturday, January 23, 2010. Additional information will be forthcoming after the holidays.

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.

Eating Disorders During the Holidays

The holiday season is a fun time of the year for millions of children throughout the world. Festivities, gathering with family and friends and celebrating often includes increased pressure to indulge in holiday meals and treats. For individuals suffering from eating disorders, this can be an extremely difficult time. The most common eating disorders, Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia, affect more than 24 million Americans each year,

according to The Alliance for Eating Disorder Awareness. For more information please [click here](#).

Congratulations to our Wanted Volunteers of the Month: Colleen Beauregard, Kim Martin and Emy Upshaw.

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

Links to Monthly Mailing & Other Important PMS Information

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To view or print the December Activities Calendar, [click here](#).

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

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To learn more about Eating Disorders, [click here](#).

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