



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

January 18	No School – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
January 19	Mid-term Exams
January 21	NJHS Meeting at 3:45pm to 4:30pm
January 21	PTSA Meeting at 9:15 am
January 22	No School – Teacher Planning Day
January 28	Early Release Day 1:30pm

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.

HELP HAITI – Food for the Poor and Save the Children

Our Haitian neighbors need our help desperately!!!

Please help by sending in water, diapers, clothes, medical and camping supplies, and non perishable food immediately. All items will be collected until Thursday of next week in the Social Studies classes and sent over to Haiti. If you prefer to send a monetary donation, please make checks out to The Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc.

We also need parent volunteers to come to the school campus on Tuesday, January 19th at 1:00pm to sort through all of the donations. Please let Melissa Montovino (melissamontovino@yahoo.com) know if you can help out.

Taste of Pinecrest

Mark your calendars for the TASTE OF PINECREST on SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH from 11-5:00PM in the PINECREST GARDENS

Since 2003, the Taste of Pinecrest has raised over \$200,000 for PINECREST area public schools. Please come out and support this fun, family event that **DIRECTLY BENEFITS OUR CHILDREN!** There will be live performances by the Palmetto Middle School Orchestra, Band and Chorus. Palmetto Middle will also have quite a few participants in the Juried Art Show. Plan to spend Sunday, March 7th, enjoying great food, music and entertainment by our children and rides for the kids all in a beautiful setting!

To volunteer or purchase raffle tickets/ride bracelets please contact Dawn Ratiner @ DMPR@AOL.COM

Palmetto High School Program

There is an upcoming program being offered by Palmetto High School PTSA on "Healthy Relationships." This program is being offered for parents of pre-teens and teenagers and will take place on Tuesday, January 26 from 7:00-8:30 pm at R.R. Moton Elementary School (auditorium). Please [click here](#) for details regarding registration as well as other important information.

Navigating Tough Issues Regional Workshops for Parents

As part of the Superintendent's Violence Prevention Initiatives, the Office of Mental Health and Crisis Management Services is partnering with The Parent Academy to provide a series of free regional workshops for parents. A panel of experts including a TRUST specialist and representatives from the Dade Association of School Psychologists, the School Social Workers Association, and the Dade Counseling Association will lead the presentation and discussion. Topics to be addressed at this series of workshops include bullying, cybersafety, adolescent mental health, and violence prevention. One workshop will be provided in each region, although parents are free to attend any presentation that is convenient for them. The schedule is as follows: Tuesday, January 26, Robert Morgan Educational Center; Wednesday, January 27, Felix Varela Senior High School; Tuesday, February 2, Booker T. Washington Senior High School; Thursday, February 4, North Miami Beach Senior High School; and Tuesday, February 9, Westland Hialeah Senior High School. All presentations will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Please [click here](#).

Pinecrest Bike Day

On Saturday, January 23rd, Mayor Lerner and School Board Member, Dr. Larry Feldman, are hosting a Bike Day from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. There will also be an Information and Safety Fair from 8:00 am- 9:00 am. Bikers will start at Miami Palmetto Senior High and do a 2 mile bike

loop in the neighborhood. Cannot bike but want to participate, we need baked goods to support Palmetto Middle School's Bake Sale. Please let Melissa Montovino melissamontovino@yahoo.com, know if you want to bake or sell any goodies for that day. [Click here](#) for more information.

Extreme Home Makeover

If you live in Pinecrest or Palmetto Bay and think that your home deserves / needs a House Makeover, then let us know! The producers of Extreme Home Makeover have contacted the Palmetto Middle School administration in search of a family in need. If this is you, please contact Mrs. Anderson at tdanderson@dadeschools.net so that she can get you connected to the producers.

Dial-a-Teacher

Free home learning is just a phone call away. The Dial-a-Teacher program is a free service provided by Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The program is not available on evenings, before holidays or teacher work days. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Yearbook

The **deadline is January 29th**. Please support our school yearbook and 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. 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.

Mid-term Exam Schedules

Tuesday 19th : Objective Portion of Mid-term Exam (Periods 1 & 4)

FCAT Tutoring

Tutoring for the FCAT will be available every Saturday starting January 16th. It will begin at 9:00am until 12:00pm. Kids will receive a small breakfast and lunch snack and will get assistance from teachers. Everyone is welcome.

Links to Monthly Mailing & Other Important PMS Information

- To view or print the December Lancer Letter, [click here](#).
- To view or print the PTSA Directory, [click here](#).
- To view or print the January 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](#).
- To learn more about Eating Disorders, [click here](#).

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