



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

February 15	No School – President's Day
February 18	NJHS Meeting at 3:45pm to 4:30pm
February 18	PTSA Meeting at 9:15am
February 18	EESAC Meeting at 8:00am
February 25	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.

There's Still Time to Participate in Our Parent Donation Program

If you were unable to donate at the beginning of the school year or are new to our school – our Parent Donation Program still needs you. Every dollar helps and this year more than ever! Your recommended donation of \$30 is fully tax deductible and helps our school with technology, materials and equipment. For more information and to download a donation form, [click here](#).

Drugs and Alcohol Awareness Program

Palmetto Senior High School will be having a program on Drugs and Alcohol Awareness on Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00pm in the auditorium. Please join us for this important presentation.

National College Fair

The National College Fair will be held on Sunday, February 21st, 2010 from noon to 4:00pm at the Doubletree Miami Mart Airport Hotel located at 777 N.W. 72nd Avenue. 150 colleges and universities from around the country. Free admission and free information sessions. Sponsored by Miami Dade-County Public Schools National Association for College Admission Counseling. Click [here](#) for more information.

Superintendent's Budget Town Hall Meeting

To discuss budget issues MDCPS System is facing

Feb 22nd, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Coral Park High School, 89th Ave and SW 16th St

Moderator - Michael Putney

Attending - Superintendent Carvalho, Rep. Anitere Flores, Rep. David Rivera

Teacher of the Year!

Congratulations Mrs. Ohara for winning the distinction of Teacher of the Year for our district! We are so proud of you here at Palmetto Middle School.

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/>.

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.

Palmetto Middle School PTSA Board Nominations!

We need your help to ensure a smooth running PTSA going forward! Nominations for the elected PMS PTSA Board for the 2010-2011 school year will soon be open. A three member nominating committee will be elected at the February 18th, 2010 PTA meeting. The nominating committee will present their slate of officers at the April 22, 2010 PTSA meeting for elections. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Montovino at melissamontovino@yahoo.com.

Listed below are the Palmetto PTSA Board positions that are available:

- President
- 1st Vice President (PTSA Organization)
- 2nd Vice President (PTSA Education)
- 3rd Vice President (PTSA Ways and Means)
- Recording Secretary
- Treasurer
- Corresponding Secretary
- Membership Chair Person
- Legislative Chair Person
- Volunteer Coordinator Chair Person

HELP HAITI – Food for the Poor and Save the Children

If you would like to send in a donation, please make checks payable to The Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc. and please make sure to include "HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF" on your check.

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 at DMPR@AOL.COM.

FCAT Tutoring

Tutoring for the FCAT is available every Saturday. Classes 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 February 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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