



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!

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### Important Dates at Palmetto Middle School

February 3	Beautification Meeting at 9:30am
February 5	Pajama Day
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 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.

### HELP HAITI

Our Haitian neighbors need our help desperately!!!

Please help by having your child bring in one dollar each day this week. 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.

### 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/>.

### Killian Curriculum Fair

Miami Killian Senior High School will be hosting their annual Curriculum Fair on Wednesday, February 3rd at 7 PM for incoming Killian Cougars. They look forward to greeting the parents and students of Palmetto Middle School. Killian is located at 10655 SW 97 Avenue. If more information is needed, please call 305-271-3311.

### 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](mailto:DMPR@AOL.COM)

### 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](mailto: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

### **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](#).

### **FCAT Tutoring**

Tutoring for the FCAT will be available every Saturday starting January 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 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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