



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 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 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Please join us in the auditorium for this important presentation. It will focus on *the effects of underage drinking and substance abuse*.

#### **The Presenters:**

Mr. Raymond Estefania, Director of the Adolescent Unit, South Miami Hospital, Addiction Treatment Center & Mr. John Witty

#### **Presentation Objectives:**

- To understand the dangers of alcohol and other drugs
  - To understand the impact of alcohol/drugs on the body & young brain
  - To understand the legal ramifications of underage drinking/substance abuse and driving
  - To understand the importance of the role parents play in their teenager's life
  - To understand parental responsibilities regarding house parties
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- To learn about community resources for help

### **Palmetto High School PTSA's Healthy Relationships Program**

Palmetto High School PTSA's Healthy Relationships program has been re-scheduled and expanded to include a program for teens (Safe Dates) along with the original workshop for adults (Healthy Relationships). This program will take place on Wednesday, March 24 from 6:45-8:30 pm at RR Moton Elementary School. All teens and their parents are welcome to attend. If you have any questions please contact PTSA Program Chair Randi Trazenfeld at [Randibr@me.com](mailto:Randibr@me.com) or 305-710-3450. [Click here](#) for flyer.

### **Taste of Pinecrest**

To show our Lancer appreciation for the over \$200,000 received from this event, that benefits only our 5 area schools, each school in the Pinecrest area sends volunteers to help with A Taste of Pinecrest on Sunday, March 7th. We could REALLY use a few hours of your time from 3-5pm or 5-6pm! Please sign up today to help our school! Contact Dawn Ratiner @ [DMPR@AOL.COM](mailto:DMPR@AOL.COM)

**Taste of Pinecrest Raffle Tickets and Ride Bracelets:** Purchase raffle tickets (1 for \$5/5 for \$20) for a chance to win a Michele Deco diamond watch, 4 night/5 day vacation in Blowing Rock, NC., Six months of chiropractic services at Pinecrest Chiropractic, full year scholarship at Math Monkey, 32" Samsung LCD HDTV just to name a few. Check out the complete list of raffle prizes at [http://www.pinecrestbusiness.com/top\\_affle.asp](http://www.pinecrestbusiness.com/top_affle.asp). Contact Dawn Ratiner, [DMPR@AOL.COM](mailto:DMPR@AOL.COM) or 3059682229 to purchase raffle tickets or ride bracelets.

### **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

### **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.

### **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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