



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

March 16 -17	FCAT Testing
March 18	PTSA Meeting at 9:15am
March 18	EESAC Meeting at 8:00am
March 18	NJHS Meeting at 3:45pm to 4:30pm
March 29 thru April 2	No School - Spring Recess
April 5	No School – Teacher Planning Day

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.

FCAT Schedule

Tuesday, 16 th	/	FCAT Science
Wednesday, 17 th	/	FCAT Science Makeup

Breakfast is Best Before the test!

Breakfast is available during FCAT and every school day to all Miami Dade County Public School students at no charge. Eating breakfast in the school cafeteria ensures students will be on time for the FCAT test. The school cafeteria offers a nutritious and balanced breakfast, including choices of eggs, cereal, toast, fresh fruit or juice, milk and other items. [Click here](#) for flyer.

Michello Obama to Speak at Legislative Conference

First Lady Michelle Obama Selected as National Legislative Conference Keynote Speaker.

National PTA® is pleased to announce Michelle Obama, First Lady of the United States, will be the keynote speaker at PTA's Legislative Conference. Her keynote address will be Wednesday, March 10, 12:30 – 2:15 p.m. EST.

The First Lady is slated to speak about her national campaign "Let's Move"—a movement pertinent to the National PTA's efforts toward fighting childhood obesity and promoting healthy lifestyles. Her address is part of PTA's National Legislative Conference taking place March 9-11 in Arlington, VA. If you are not attending the Legislative Conference, tune in to the live webcast of Mrs. Obama's address: pta.org/LegConWebcast.html. The direct url for the webcast is <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/ptaconference>.

Following the First Lady's remarks, a panel of nationally recognized leaders in the common core state standards initiative will discuss the initiative. The panel will include:

Thelma Melendez de Santa Ana, Assistant Secretary for Elementary Education and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education; Gene Wilhoit, Executive Director, Council of Chief State School Officers; Dane Linn, Director of the Education Division, National Governors Association Center for Best Practices; and Sandra Boyd, Vice President for Strategic Communications and Outreach, Achieve. The three-day conference is designed to motivate 'grasstop' leaders from across the country and provide an in-depth look at the latest PTA Public Policy Agenda through a series of workshops, skill building trainings, panel discussions, and guest speakers.

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 are open. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Montovino at melissamontovino@yahoo.com.

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

r President

r 1st Vice President (PTSA Organization)

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

POP SHOW - Save The Date!

The music department's biggest fundraiser, featuring Palmetto Middle's talented musicians and future rock stars will be happening on Wednesday, April 7 at 7PM. Tickets will be on sale in two weeks...a guaranteed sellout!

Bake Sale This Wednesday

Bake Sale this Wednesday to benefit the Palmetto Middle School Wrestling Team. Wednesday after school, you'll find cookies, brownies, donuts and more for sale in the breezeway and around school. So, please don't forget to bring your change!

Career Day

Career Day is coming to Palmetto Middle School on Friday, April 9th. Please share your career with our students and help guide them toward a rewarding future. You have the knowledge and power to change their lives. Please contact Mrs. Anderson-Dorsey at tdanderson@dadeschools.net if you would like to be a speaker or you would like to recommend someone. Please note if guest speakers have a child or children that attend Palmetto Middle School there is no guarantee that they will be assigned to their child's teacher.

Game On! Video Game Competition

In celebration of the 10th annual Art of Storytelling Festival, Pinecrest Library will be participating in a teen video gaming competition. The game for the competition will be Super Mario Brothers Brawl. We're asking teens, ages 12-19, to sign up for the qualifying round at Pinecrest Library. The winner of this round will go on to compete in the *Art of Storytelling: Teen Video Gaming Tournament* to be held May 1st at the Main Library for a chance to win some great prizes. If you know any teens who are really interested, please have them sign up at the Information Desk. Signup sheets can be found in first right drawer. If you have students under the age of 12 who really want to play, we also have a sign-up sheet for a Mariokart Wii Tournament that will be held in the Summer at the Main Library. The date is pending.

Florida PTA'S Rally to Tally

Let's get on the road again. PTA's Rally to Tally is leaving on March 24th and returning March 25th. The deadline is March 19th to complete and return your Bus Registration to reserve your seat on the bus. Please [click here](#) for times, bus information and registration.

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 or 305-710-3450. [Click here](#) for flyer.

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.

Links to Monthly Mailing & Other Important PMS Information

To view or print the March/April Lancer Letter, [click here](#).

To view or print the PTSA Directory, [click here](#).

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

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