



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

March 9 -17	FCAT Testing
March 13	Daylight Savings Time - Set Clocks Ahead One Hour
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, 9 <sup>th</sup>	/	FCAT Reading
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup>	/	FCAT Math
Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup>	/	FCAT Reading Makeup
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup>	/	FCAT Math Makeup
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	/	FCAT Science
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	/	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.

### Congratulations Palmetto Middle School Math Team!

The Florida Engineering Society sponsored a national Math Counts competition this past weekend. Middle Schools from all over Dade County. Teams represented public, charter, magnet and private schools such as Ransom Everglades and Belen Jesuit Prep. Hundreds of middle school students spent the day competing in both written and oral mathematics examinations and challenges. Palmetto Middle School's team, coached by teacher **Ms. Charles**, made us proud by winning the 1st place trophy in the Mathematics Ciphering Competition. The top ten individual medalists consisted of two of our very own Palmetto Middle Students. **Leia Schwartz** received the 10th place medal. **Aaron Crair** was the 1st place overall individual winner. In addition, our Math Team members **Aaron Crair, Kathleen Lu, Leia Schwartz** and **Haojie Zhuang** took 1st place overall. They won the event and are now the **Miami-Dade County Champions**. **Aaron, Kathleen, Leia** and **Haojie** along with alternate **Chaitanya Lokireddy** will now be participating in the state competition in Orlando on March 26. We'll be rooting for you all the way!

### Community Forum on the Housing Crisis

Attorney General Bill McCollum and the and the Florida InterAgency Mortgage Task Force are hosting a community forum on the Housing Crisis: **Who to Trust and Where to Turn**. The event will be held on Saturday, March 13, from 10am to 2pm, at the MARC Building, on Florida International University's Modesto A. Maidique Campus (South Campus). The address is 11200 S.W. 8th Street, Miami, FL 33199. The event is free of charge and open to the public. The event will include a series of presentations from state and local government representatives as well as a Q&A session with attendees. After the program, volunteer lawyers, HUD-certified counselors, state and local government representatives and community leaders will be available to provide information and answer individual questions. Space is limited so please call 877-385-1621 to reserve a seat. More information is available online at <http://myfloridalegal.com/mortgagefraud>. Please [click here](#) for flyer.

### Bake Sale

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

### 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:

- 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

### **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 tBrothers 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 24<sup>th</sup> and returning March 25<sup>th</sup>. The deadline is March 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 December Lancer Letter, [click here](#).
- To view or print the PTSA Directory, [click here](#).
- To view or print the March 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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