



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

August 31- Sept. 3 only	Required Reading Book Sale / Payments w/cash or check only
August 31- Sept. 7 PayPal	Required Reading Book Sale / Payments w/ credit card or PayPal
September 7	No School – Labor Day
September 16	Open House
September 17	PTSA Meeting 9:15 am & Early Release Day
September 28	No School – Teacher Planning Day

Links to August Monthly Mailing

Stay informed! Scroll down to the bottom of this e-mail for links to our monthly Lancer Letter and other important Palmetto Middle School information.

New Volunteer Procedures and Policies

All parents that would like to help with PTSA programs, field trips or any school related program must re-register on line to be approved. Even if you have been a Miami-Dade Public School approved volunteer in the past you must now re-register online. Please go to dadeschools.net and Click on the Community link. Look for the School Volunteer link and click on that, it will then guide you on how to sign up online. You will need to create a community password and ID.

Sorry for any inconvenience but the Miami-Dade Public School System has implemented this county wide. Please make sure to do this ASAP. You must have your approved number in the system to be a volunteer.

Parent Donation Program

END SCHOOL FUNDRAISING NOW.....We need \$30 from every family at PMS to make this happen. Look for the Light Yellow **Parent Donation Form** or [click here](#) to print the attached form and return to us today!

Required Reading Book Sale

The Required Reading Book Sale is this week!!! Instead of running all over town, students can purchase their required reading books online for the regular retail prices offered in stores. The PTSA offers this service to parents to make your life easier, so please take advantage of this limited time opportunity. Please [click here](#) for instructions.

Wordly Wise workbooks will not be sold online, but will instead be sold through the School Supply Store (\$10 each) after Labor Day. *Blank Books* will continue to be sold year-round through the School Supply Store (\$3 each).

Help Palmetto win a Flat Screen TV and make money at the same time!!

Designate Palmetto Middle School as the school to receive credits when using your Target REDcard Charge Card through Target's Take Charge of Education Program. Target will donate 1% of the purchases made at a Target store and .5% of other Target Visa charges. The designation can be made online at Target.com/tcoe or by calling 1-800-316-6142. The Miami-Dade public elementary, K-8, middle or senior high school with the greatest percentage increase in Target designations during the month of September will receive a flat-screen TV courtesy of Target.

Hall Locks

This week hall locks will be sold every morning in the cafeteria. The cost of a hall lock is \$3.50. The lock then becomes the property of the student and may be used each year this student is at Palmetto Middle School. Please bring exact change (No Checks). For security reasons, students MUST use locks issued by the school.

Class Fees / Collection Dates

Sept. 8 th	Science:	Avila, Brezina, Sioli, McCarthy	\$5.00
Sept. 9 th	Science:	Roche, Bogdan, Stephens, Garciga	\$5.00
Sept. 10 th	Science:	Angelillo, Hopta, Nardone, Perez	\$5.00
Sept. 11 th	Science:	Make Up Day	\$5.00
Sept. 14 th	Art & Music:	(Band/Chorus/Orchestra)	\$4.00
Sept. 15 th	Art & Music:	Make Up Day	\$4.00

Fees will be collected by the teachers on the dates specified so please make sure your child pays his/her fees on the assigned dates.

Change a Child's Life, Become a Listener

Please Help-be a listener, an adult volunteer who provides a stable, non-judgmental

environment for a child. You would be surprised at what a difference you can make by meeting with a student once a week "just to talk". Listeners are not "fixers" or "rescuers". Instead, our goals are to help build a child's self esteem by listening attentively and encouraging the student to develop their own problem-solving skills. For more information: call Linda Diamond 305-661-1946, or click here: <http://www.listenersprogram.org/> .

The first training session in our area is: Tuesday Oct. 13th 2009, 9 am – 12 pm
at Howard Drive Elementary School
7750 SW 136th St, Miami, FL 33156

PMS PTSA Membership Drive: We are a membership organization. Have a VOICE!

We invite you to join the Palmetto Middle School PTSA, one of the largest PTSAs in the State! Our PTSA is a **P**arent, **T**eacher and **S**tudent **A**ssociation that provides information on important happenings at school, in addition to providing services, equipment, supplies and improvements that benefit all students in the school throughout the year. This is a great way for ALL parents, grandparents, step-parents, extended family members, faculty, staff and students, even those who are not able to devote time to volunteering, to be involved in supporting the PTSA efforts. We encourage all those interested in having "a voice" to join. Together we can reach our goal of 100% membership.

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PTSA Committee Openings

New to the school or want to get involved? The PTSA has the following opportunities for involvement: Career Day, Awards Night, Student Incentives, Student Recognition, Programs, Babysitting Program Coordination, and Student Wellness. Please contact Melissa Montovino at melissamontovino@yahoo.com to volunteer or clarification.

PTSA Packets

PTSA Packets were sent home with students last week. Look for the following information which was included in the packet: PTSA Contact Information, PTSA Membership Overview & envelope, PTSA Volunteer Overview & form, Miami Dade Volunteer Application, PTSA Link Sign Up Form, PTSA Donation Overview & envelope, Student Directory Order envelope, Important ways to raise money for PMS, Information about advertising in Student Directory and other school forms (general school info, media release, student conduct form).

Swine Flu Information

Parents, for urgent Swine Flu information, please click here. If your child shows signs of Swine Flu, he/she needs to be kept home from school.

Links to Monthly Mailing & Other Important PMS Information

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

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

New Address for PTSA Link

The new e-mail address for PTSA Link is ptsalink@pmsptsa.org. To make sure you receive PTSA Link regularly, be sure to add this address to your Address Book or Safe Sender list so PTSA Link is delivered to your In Box (and not your Bulk or Junk Mail folders). Our old address is no longer functional; if you've recently sent mail to the old address, you'll need to re-send to our new address.

Subscribe or Unsubscribe to PTSA Link

If your child is no longer a student at PMS and you'd like to stop receiving PTSA Link, please use the links below to automatically unsubscribe from our mailing list. We also encourage you to 'Forward to a Friend' who may be interested in receiving PTSA Link.

You're receiving this e-mail because your address is included in the Palmetto Middle School/PTSA E-Mail Directory. To make sure you're receiving PTSA Link regularly, please be sure to add ptsalink@pmsptsa.org to your Address Book or Safe Sender. This ensures your e-mail is delivered to your In Box (and not sent to your Bulk or Junk Mail folders).