



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!

Please note that the date of the Open House published in the September Lancer Letter is incorrect.

Important Dates at Palmetto Middle School

September 7	No School – Labor Day
September 16	Open House 6:00pm
September 17	PTSA Meeting 9:15am (Media Center) & Early Release Day at 1:30pm
September 28	No School – Teacher Planning Day

Links to September 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.

Please Join School Board Member, Dr. Larry Feldman

Palmetto Middle School is proud to host School Board Member, Dr. Larry Feldman. He will discuss budget status, facilities, safety and security issues and the state of our schools within the Palmetto feeder pattern. Please join us at the Palmetto Middle School Auditorium on Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 10:00am, following our PTSA meeting.

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.

If you have been fingerprinted by Miami-Dade County Public Schools within the last five years, your fingerprint record may still be valid. Please call the fingerprint office at 305.995.7472 or email schoolvolunteerprogram@dadeschools.net with your name and date of birth to verify. Once your fingerprints have been verified you must provide proof of ID to Palmetto Middle School's volunteer liaison for final approval.

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. If you have any questions, please call the Office of Community Services at 305.995.2995.

Parent Donation Program

HELP YOUR SCHOOL 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

Thanks to everyone who purchased their books through the PTSA last week!!! Tomorrow at 5:00pm is the deadline to order the reading books on line (credit card/PayPal only). To see our PTSA website Store for instructions, [click here](#).

Wordly Wise workbooks (\$10) and *Blank Books* (\$3) will be sold in front of the School before the morning bell on Tuesday, September 15th to Thursday, September 17th. Afterwards, they will be available year-round through the School Supply Store (located in the cafeteria and open every Friday morning).

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.

Awesome After School Programs:

It's time to sign up for The Pinecrest Community Center's Arts and Music Programs. From private and group guitar lessons, piano, rock band, jazz band, Stomp and more. The instructors are professional musicians and artists from The Frost School of Music at UM and local school music programs. There's also drawing, painting and an introduction to the Chinese language class. The Center is located at 5855 SW 111th Street. Call: 305.284.0900

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.

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.

PTSA Committee Openings

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

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 September 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.

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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.

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