



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

September 22	6 th Grade Drama Club Meeting 3:45pm
September 23,24,25	Picture Day Pre-Sale Orders
September 28	No School – Teacher Planning Day
September 30	Geography Club Meeting 3:45pm
October 1	Picture 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.

Drama Club

Starting on September 22nd the 6th Grade Drama Club will meet each Tuesday at 3:45 to 4:45pm in the auditorium. Palmetto Drama will present Shakespeare's most famous tragedy, "Romeo and Juliet" on November 4th and 5th at 7:00 pm in the Palmetto Middle School Auditorium. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. Mark your calendars to attend this spectacular performance!

Geography Club

The Geography Club will have its first meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 3:45 in Room 701. Mrs. Gordon is the sponsor. The club will eventually create a team which will compete at the county wide Geography Bee in the spring. As this time gets closer, meetings will be added.

Yearbook

To all students and faculty, if you had a great summer, we would like to feature your amazing pictures in the yearbook. Please send your summer pictures to room 232 or place them in Ms. Rodriguez-Pereira's mailbox (Yearbook Staff).

Picture Day Pre-Orders Due This Week

Picture Day is Thursday, October 1. If you wish to purchase pictures, they must be ordered during pre-sale days – Wednesday, September 23rd through Friday, September 25th. Pre-sale flyers were sent home with students and should be returned to school with your order and check. Portrait orders cannot be made after Picture Day. Students will be photographed for yearbook even if a photo package is not purchased. All new registered volunteers should come in with their volunteer number and have their photo taken in order to receive their Palmetto Middle School volunteer badges.

The Listeners 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 Listeners 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 Listeners 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/>

MedicAlert

As a **National Member Benefits Provider of PTA**, MedicAlert is delighted to offer all PTA/ PTSA members a special discounted* MedicAlert Kid Smart [membership](#) for your children.. For less than \$2 a month here are the benefits:

- Live 24-hour emergency response and family notification service
- FREE Personalized identification bracelet or necklace for your child
- FREE Personalized wallet card imprinted with your child's vital information

Protect your child by signing up for Kid Smart today! To enroll your loved one(s) simply [click here](#).

Prefer to enroll by phone or have any questions? Call toll-free at **1-800-754-5416** and mention code **5714**.

Required Reading Book Sale

Wordly Wise workbooks (\$10) and *Blank Books* (\$3) are available year-round through the School Supply Store (located in the cafeteria and open every Thursday & Friday morning).

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'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.

After School Music and Art 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, DJ, Stomp, chorus, musical theater 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. It is not necessary to be a Pinecrest resident to participate in these programs. The Pinecrest Community Center is located at 5855 SW 111th Street. Call: 305.284.0900.

Miami-Dade County Public School Sports

Interested in knowing what is going on with Miami-Dade County Public School sports? Please contact Monique Patino-Jimenez at arjimp2003@yahoo.com or 786.413.4611. There is a county Athletic Advisory Committee that meets once a month, if you would like to attend and be involved please email Monique your contact information.

Help Palmetto win a Flat Screen TV and make money at the same time. Time is running out!

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.

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](#).

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