



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 23	First Day of School
August 26	PTSA Meeting at 9:15am (Media Center) or 7:00pm (Auditorium)
August 26	EESAC Meeting at 8:00am

Important Palmetto Middle School Links

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.

School Store

Need all of your class supplies? Forget a pencil or paper? Forget to buy your spirit shirt? The School Store has it all and is open Monday from 8:30-9:00 am in the cafeteria. Volunteers are needed to continue this valuable service! It is a great way to get involved, be on campus, but not crowd your middle schooler! Contact Cindy Luksomboon at 305-665-7135 or luksomboon@comcast.net.

Parent Donation Program 2010-2011

The PTSA's primary fundraiser is through direct parent donations. Donation envelopes are available in the front office and can be returned to your child's home room or by mail. Corporate and grandparent donations are welcome. Last year, over 200 families participated, with donations ranging from \$10 to \$2,000! No donation is too small or too large, and is fully tax deductible. PTSA sponsors this fund raiser instead of gift wrap, catalogue or Entertainment book sales!

Thank you in advance for your support, Dyan Carness, LEWDYAN1@aol.com, Chair, Parent Donation Program.

PTSA Membership

We invite you to join the Palmetto Middle School PTSA. The PTSA is a parent, teacher, student association that provides information to parents of 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 parents, faculty and staff who are not able to devote time to volunteering to be involved in supporting the PTSA efforts. The cost is only \$10 per parent, \$7 per teacher/staff and \$5 per student.

We encourage all adult family members, students, teachers and staff to join. This year, membership invitations will go home during the first week of school. Please look for the membership envelope and return it with your cash or check as soon as possible. The first homeroom to reach 100% membership will receive a pizza party. We will also have a membership table set up during the first PTSA meeting on August 26! Together we can reach our goal of 100% membership. Please show your support for your school by joining the PTSA. Thank you....Monique Jimenez, Membership Chairperson.

Volunteer Sign-Up

The Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet is attached to the welcome back packet. This form contains a list of numerous services and events that the PTSA hosts or supports. Each one of these events needs volunteers to make it successful. Please take a few moments and look it over to decide which events or programs interest you. Perhaps you have some experience or talent that you can share with our organization which in turn, benefits all of the students. Every offer of assistance is appreciated—no time contribution is too large or too small. There is something for every parent and grandparent, even aunts and uncles can volunteer. Get the whole family involved! The only requirement is that each volunteer must have a Miami-Dade County Public School Volunteer Number which can be obtained by completing the MDCPS Form on-line at the Parent Portal. If you have a number from another school, that can be used at PMS as well. Winston Churchill said "You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give." If you have any questions, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Marcia Choiseul at 233-1216, Marcia@Choiseul.org.

Required Reading Book Sale

Changes are coming to the Required Reading Book Sale! The goal of the book sale is to provide students with a simple way to buy the required reading books they will need for Language Arts and other classes. Within the first few weeks of school, students will bring home a form which will identify what titles their teachers will require them to get for class work. Sometime in mid-September (specific dates to be announced), the books will go on sale at school. Each class will have a specific day to visit the book sale. Financial assistance will be available to students as needed. Parent volunteers are needed to assist the students in making their selections and in ringing up the sales. If you can help, please let us know.

Thanks. Kim Martin, 305-213-1665. Emmie Upshaw, 3005-903-5683. Book Sale Co-Chairpersons.

Student Directory

Stay Connected with Peers through the Student Directory. Homework questions? Missed class? New friends? The best way to keep in touch is through the PTSA published Student Directory. We need a Committee Chairperson to volunteer in order to continue to provide this service. Please contact Lisa Whalen, 786-972-9802, Llwhalen@aol.com Interim Vice President, Ways and Means.

Mandatory Uniforms at Palmetto Middle School – Starting on First Day of School, 23 August 2010

Last year the school population voted to institute uniforms at the middle school. You can visit www.pmsptsa.org for details or click here for new uniform policy. You can find the uniforms at AAA Uniforms, Ibely and Kings Bay Athletics. School Spirit shirts will be on sale at the school store during the first week of school.

Welcome Back Coffee in the Media Center - First Day of School, 23 August 2010, 9:15, Media Center

Join other parents who are sending their kids for the first time into the halls of middle school (or those veterans who are celebrating the end of summer and more time to yourself!). At 9:00 in the Media Center, enjoy a cup of coffee and commiserate. Meet people and form a support group. Meet the Principal. Stay involved while your child braves middle school for the first year (or the second or third!!). This will be a great opportunity to learn what resources and opportunities are available to help stay "in touch" with your child's school.

PMS PTSA First General Meeting - Thursday, 26 August 2010, 9:15am in the Media Center (and a night time meeting at 7:00pm in the Auditorium)

Plan on attending our first PTSA meeting on Thursday, August 26th in the Media Center at 9:15am or in the auditorium at 7:00pm. Come join us and see what Palmetto Middle School PTSA is all about! Meet Mr. John Lux, Principal for Palmetto Middle School. There is room for everyone to participate, see what opportunities are available to share your talents or passion! Parental involvement is critical in creating a positive learning environment and student success!

First EESAC Meeting of the New School Year

The Educational Excellence School Advisory Council (EESAC) meeting will take place on Thursday, August 26 at 8am at Palmetto Middle School. Mrs. Hurlburt, Math Department Chair and incoming EESAC President will welcome parents and teachers in attendance. All EESAC meetings are open to the public. The new school year's first PTSA meeting will follow at 9:15am.

Keeping Palmetto Beautiful

The Emerald Garden (located across from the library) is looking better than ever, just in time for the new school year. Thank you Beautification Chair Christian Armstrong and her team, Jimmy Armstrong and Max Lucas! Please join Christian in the garden by volunteering on the first Wednesday of each month. She may be reached at (305) 252-7788.

Links to Monthly Mailing & Other Important PMS Information

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