



## Welcome to the Palmetto Middle School PTSA Link

Thank you for staying connected and for your continued support of our PTSA.

### Important Dates at Palmetto Middle School

December 1 Legislative Chat  
December 8 General PTSA meeting - 9:00 am  
December 14 Band and Chorus Holiday Concert

### LEGISLATIVE CHAT

Come and meet our local Florida House and Senate elected officials at Palmetto Middle School's media center on **Thursday, December 1st at 6:00 pm**. High quality public education is a state right but also a state responsibility. In 2012, redistricting will require all elected officials to run for office again. Before you vote, this is the perfect opportunity to see whether you support the incumbent's approach to investing in our children and Florida's future. Ask questions and listen to their responses. Participants (so far) include: Rep Bileca, Rep Bullard, Rep Diaz, and Rep Fresen. If you don't see your elected official on the list, feel free to invite them and encourage their participation. This event is open to parents and concerned citizens throughout the community. Questions? Contact Darla March at 305-498-3327 or [darla.march@bellsouth.net](mailto:darla.march@bellsouth.net).

### OUR PTSA SCHOOL STORE IS READY FOR BUSINESS!

You may purchase supplies most days of the school year. Volunteers are needed to provide this service, helping students purchase last minute school items. All it takes is 20 minutes to run the store from 8:30am until 8:50am. Please contact Ceil Fitts at 786 ..., or [fittsc@bellsouth.net](mailto:fittsc@bellsouth.net)

### LANCER BUCKS

The school store is the place to redeem your Lancer bucks . Come by and see what your bucks can " buy".

### DOMINOS' S PIZZA CARD FUNDRAISER:

Our Lancer Music Program students are selling the cards for \$10. When you buy a large pizza, you'll receive another large pizza FREE! If you buy 10 large pizzas, you'll receive 10 large pizzas FREE! Great for parties. The cards expire in June, 2012. Please contact your favorite Lancer musician and purchase a card...for yourself, for gifts, for a great cause.

### MEMBERSHIP

Become a member of the Palmetto Middle School PTSA. The P T S A is a parent, teacher, student association that provides information to parents of important happenings at school and the community in addition to providing services, equipment, supplies and improvements that benefit all students in the school throughout the year. The PTSA is a great way for parents, faculty and staff who are not able to devote time to volunteering to be involved. 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. Please show your support for your school by joining the PTSA. Thank you.

### BAND, ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Performances start at 7:00pm in the PMS auditorium.

Tickets are \$5 at the door.

12/14/11 Band and Chorus Holiday Concert

3/7/12 POP Show (participants selected by audition only)

3/30/12-3/31/12 Orlando Music Competition

5/2/12 Orchestra End of the Year Concert

5/30/12 Band and Chorus End of the Year Concert

### PTSA DEAL OPPORTUNITY

Thanks to a generous partner donation, Palmetto Middle School PTSA members, their friends, families, and any people or business owners affiliated with the school have another coupon opportunity to check out! Daily Referral is a nationwide company offering special offers and exclusive deals. Interested PTSA members can go to the following site and log in: [www.dailyreferral.com/155881](http://www.dailyreferral.com/155881) (select USA, individual account, and set up your own password). For more information please contact Kobi Bender at 305-322-3451 or [krebender@bellsouth.net](mailto:krbender@bellsouth.net).

### MY COTORRA \$10 for 3 pizzas deal

A great deal on pizza! All Lancers families are invited to check out the following site and SAVE BIG!!

<http://mycotorra.com/flockrewards/?affiliateID=1545>

### NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

National Junior Honor Society members are invited to participate in the Boston Class Trip from February 2-4, 2012. The trip includes a visit to Quincy Market, USS Constitution, Bunker Hill, Performance of the Blue Man Group, Salem Witch Museum, House of the Seven Gables, Duck Tour of Boston, "Shear Madness" performance, walking tour of Harvard University. Total cost is \$1176.00. All food, lodging, flights and entrance fees are included. Members interested should contact Mrs. Elizabeth Sioli at [esioli@dadeschools.net](mailto:esioli@dadeschools.net).

### FROM THE MEDIA SPECIALIST

The Media Center is in dire need of volunteers. We are now sharing our clerk, Mrs. Wexler with the office. I hope to be able to train people to work our circulation desk on a daily basis from the hours of 10am to 11:30am. Please feel free to choose your day(s). I am looking for long term consistent help. Please contact me via email [HelenaCastillo@dadeschools.net](mailto:HelenaCastillo@dadeschools.net) as soon as possible. We are now taking book donations! Please bring in any books you are done reading to the library and help update our collection. We are specifically in need of popular series. Some series

include: Twilight, Lightning Thief, The Hunger Games, City of Bones, The 13th Reality, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, and the Star Catchers, etc. We will also accept other popular reads.

### LISTENERS/OYENTES PROGRAM

Listeners make a difference.....one student at a time. Oyentes haciendo la diferencia....un estudiante a la vez

Upcoming training sessions are:

- (1)Tuesday, November 29, 2011 from 9:00am-12:00noon at Frank C. Martin K-8 Center, 14250 Boggs Drive, Miami, FL 33176
- (2)Thursday, December 1, 2011 from 9:00am-12:00noon at Kenwood K-8 Center, 9300 SW 79 Avenue, Miami, FL 33156

A Listener is a supportive special adult, not a fixer, rescuer or advisor. The goal of the Listener is to join the student's world without judgment. Listeners are not expected to solve the student's problems. The Listener is there to help build a student's positive self-esteem and empower the student to develop their own excellent problem-solving skills. What is the Listeners Program all about: It is a program that trains volunteers with effective listening skills. Volunteers listen to students K-12 who need to share their feelings with an adult that is non-judgmental and does not give advice. Volunteers are supported throughout the entire process with on-going workshops and professional speakers. A minimum time commitment of half-an-hour weekly per student is required. Some Listeners/Oyentes have time for one student, and others have time for several. The program is jointly sponsored by Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Office of Community Engagement and The Francine and Herbert Tobin Foundation. The Listeners/Oyentes Program has been servicing students by providing them with special one-on-one attention since 1972. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer Listener/Oyente must register and attend one of the training sessions listed below. Once the training has been completed, the volunteer selects a school that is geographically convenient for the weekly listening sessions. The Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Volunteer Program conducts a fingerprint background check for all Level 2 volunteers. Listeners/Oyentes are considered Level 2 volunteers, and require a fingerprint background check before becoming a Listener/Oyente volunteer. To register, please call Patricia Otegui chairperson at PMS for the Listener Program at 786-715-2234, email [patriciasueotegui@gmail.com](mailto:patriciasueotegui@gmail.com), or the Office of Community Engagement at 305-995-1439. <http://www.listenersprogram.org/>.

### 10th ANNUAL TASTE OF PINECREST

Organized by the Pinecrest Business Association, Pinecrest-area restaurants, and local businesses, the 10th Annual Taste of Pinecrest will take place at Pinecrest Gardens (11000 Red Road, Pinecrest, Florida) on Saturday, March 3, 2012. The event features Pinecrest-area restaurants, entertainment for the children, a judged art show, performances by local school groups and a business showcase. All proceeds from the Taste of Pinecrest benefit the five Pinecrest public schools (Pinecrest Elementary, Palmetto Elementary, Howard Drive Elementary, Palmetto Middle, and Miami Palmetto Senior High). For additional information on the event visit, [http://www.pinecrestbusiness.com/taste\\_of\\_pinecrest.asp](http://www.pinecrestbusiness.com/taste_of_pinecrest.asp) or Facebook.com/TasteofPinecrest.

### PINECREST BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Founded in February 2000, The Pinecrest Business Association is a volunteer organization involving all of the Village of Pinecrest and surrounding areas and its more than 600 businesses. Their membership consists of more than 150 local businesses within and around the Village of Pinecrest. The Pinecrest Business Association has raised more than \$225,000 for our local schools through the Taste of Pinecrest event. Additionally, they provide an annual scholarship award to a local student for college, they volunteer for Career Day at our schools, and they sponsor charitable events and participate in community events to better our community and establish goodwill and recognition for our members. For more information on the Pinecrest Business Association visit, [pinecrestbusiness.com](http://pinecrestbusiness.com).

### Links to other Palmetto Middle School Information

- To visit the Palmetto Middle School Website, [click here](#)
- To visit the Palmetto Middle School PTSA Website, [click here](#)
- To join your PTSA, volunteer, or make a donation, [click here](#)
- To learn more about the Listener's Program, [click here](#)
- To view the October/November newsletter, [click here](#)
- To view November's calendar, [click here](#)
- To visit Homework Done Right Learning Center Summer Camp Info., [click here](#)

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