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Important Dates at Palmetto Middle School

March 30 Begin Fourth Grading Period
April 6 - 10 No School – Spring Break

Crucial Budget Meeting – Act Today

The House of Representatives PreK-12 Appropriations Committee is having a crucial budget meeting tomorrow (March 31). We have been asked to e-mail Representative Anitere Flores, chair of this committee, to express disapproval of further budget cuts to PreK-12 funding. E-mails need to be sent ASAP to anitere.flores@myfloridahouse.gov. Suggested language for a message could be: We understand that a crucial budget meeting is taking place March 31. This e-mail is being sent to you to voice my opposition to further cuts to PreK-12 education funding, and to support finding additional revenue sources to guarantee that our children receive the high quality education our Constitution requires.

Budget Message from MDCPS Superintendent

Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho has recorded a ten minutes video explaining the current budget situation and encouraging all members of this District community to remain hopeful for the future. You can view the video by [clicking here](#). Although it is titled "A Message to Employees," it is equally relevant for parents and community members to view.

Public Education is Vital To Us All

Help convince our state representatives and senators to properly fund high quality public education in Florida. No is the time for them to demonstrate leadership by providing a balanced, forward-thinking approach to solving the budget crisis. Making your voice heard is simple and easy! To learn more, [click here](#).

Career Day is April 17th

Calling all parents, family and community members who work...in and out of the home. We need you! We are desperately looking for speakers to spend a day (or half a day) with our kids to tell them about your professions and passions. This provides a small taste of what a job may be like for students and opens up a world of possibilities. Please e-mail Mrs. Anderson if you are interested in assisting at tdanderson@dadeschools.net or email-tdanderson@dadeschools.net.

Celebrate Wild Earth Day at Pinecrest Library

On Saturday, April 25th, visit the Pinecrest Branch from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm. While there, celebrate World Earth Day and enjoy a mixed array of educational presenters with entertaining performers. On the agenda: storytelling by Indiana Bones with specialized anecdotes created from research of folklore, history and science; the Department of Water and Sewer will present Every Drop Counts, an overview of water conservation; Paws 2 Read's therapy dogs who love to help shy readers learn to enjoy reading aloud; Espy Rodriguez, a face-painting biology teacher who volunteers her summers crossing the planet to help save wildlife; Captain Dan Kipnis, an ardent fisheries conservationist and passionate lecturer on Global Warming; and artist Edwin Villasmil's hands-on craft showing how easy it is to grow plants in pots made from recycled newspapers.

Links to Important PMS Information

- To view or print the March Lancer Letter, [click here](#).
- To view or print the March Activities Calendar, [click here](#).
- To visit the PTSA web site, [click here](#).
- To make a Parent Donation, [click here](#).
- To join our PTSA and/or volunteer, [click here](#).
- To learn more about The Listener's Program, [click here](#).
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