



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

February 6 No School/Teacher Planning Day
February 16 No School/Presidents' Day

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist Ms. Iturmendi to sell tickets for the 8th grade field trip to Islands of Adventure. Two parents are needed each day during lunch (11:45 - 1:50) from January 26 - February 11. If you can help on any of these days, please e-mail carmicmom@comcast.net or call Mary Warrell at (305) 256-0505. Remember you need to have a Miami-Dade Schools Volunteer ID# (or the photo ID badge).

Public Hearing on Education Funding Set for January 29

The Miami Dade Delegation of Legislators will have another public hearing to address education funding on January 29 from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm in the Board of County Commission Chambers. We, the public education advocates, want to present a united front with MANY people there (all in purple shirts). The deadline to sign-up to speak has passed, but the more purple shirts they see will magnify those who do speak and our message: no more cuts to education! For more information, contact Eileen Faradji at efaradji@comcast.net.

Students on YouTube Out to Save Their Dreams

Parents and students at Southwood Middle School are working hard on a campaign for better education funding and have recently posted a video on YouTube that you'll find inspiring. Featuring many of their students, the video dramatically underscores the impact fatal cuts will have to an already underfunded educational system – cuts that will drain the lifeblood out of the very programs that are helping our children succeed: magnets, arts, athletics, gifted, and much more. [To watch it, click here](#). You're also encouraged to post comments for our legislators to see.

Volunteer for Taste of Pinecrest

Volunteers are needed for the annual Taste of Pinecrest. The event is set for Sunday, March 8 from 11 am - 5 pm at Pinecrest Gardens. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun family day. More than \$181,000 has been raised from this event since 2003 that directly benefits our local Pinecrest schools. To volunteer, please contact Dawn Ratiner @ DMPR@AOL.COM. Restaurant space and sponsorship opportunities are available but limited; for more information, contact Adetailetc@aol.com or (305) 662-8024.

Message from School Board Member Dr. Larry Feldman

Maura Valeiras, District 9 Miami-Dade School Board Member Dr. Larry Feldman's community liaison, will be at Palmetto Senior High School each Tuesday morning from 9:15 - 10:45 am to meet with parents. In her role as community liaison, Ms. Valeiras, is available to relay any concerns or positive feedback they would like to share with our board representative. If parents prefer, they may also schedule an appointment with Ms. Valeiras at 273174@dadeschools.net.

Confirmations for Safe Sitter Course in the Mail

Registration for the Safe Sitter Course is now closed. If you registered, please be on the look out for your confirmation that will come via US Mail to the address you included on the registration form. Make sure that your child brings the confirmation letter to the course on February 6th. Remember to have your child there by 7:30 for registration – class starts promptly at 8:00 am. There will be a certificate presentation at the end of the day and parents are encouraged to attend. Please call or e-mail Hope Phillips (305/439-6190 or hophieanne@att.net) if you do not receive your confirmation letter.

Links to Important PMS Information

- To view the January 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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