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Important Dates at Palmetto Middle School

February 9 - 13	FTE Week
February 10	FCAT Writing+ Test (8 th Grade)
February 16	No School/Presidents' Day
February 19	PTSA Meeting
February 19	Early Release Day
March 8	Taste of Pinecrest

Links to Monthly Mailing

Stay informed! Scroll down to the bottom of this e-mail for links to our Lancer Letter, Activities Calendar, and other important PMS information.

FCAT Writing+ This Week

The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Writing+ Test for 8th grade students is this Tuesday. To help your student, make sure they get plenty of rest, eat a good breakfast, and arrive to school on time.

Education Funding -- Contact Your Legislators Today

It's not too late -- the ball is still in your court! Help us convince our state representatives and senators to find new streams of income to properly fund public education in Florida. Now is the time for them to demonstrate leadership by providing a balanced, forward-thinking approach to solving the budget crisis that doesn't do further harm to Florida's families. [To learn how you can make a difference, click here.](#)

Afternoon Tutoring Snack Drive

Next time you're at Publix, Winn-Dixie, BJ's, etc., if you could pick up just one extra pack of CapriSun or one extra box of granola bars, etc. and send it in to Ms. Anderson's office, it would be much appreciated. No need to sign-up -- if everyone donates just one item we can provide a special treat for the many students who are making an extra effort. Questions? Contact Sabina de la Torre at sdelat@bellsouth.net.

Parents of 8th Graders

If your child is going on the 8th grade field trip, please note he/she must wear a Palmetto Middle School Spirit Shirt to be admitted on the bus. Because 8th graders may have multiple spirit shirts, they can either wear the orange (dated) spirit shirt or the new gray spirit shirt. Either can be purchased in the School Store. They are \$7 and \$10, respectively. If you need financial assistance to purchase a shirt, please work with Ms. Toledo; she will bring those needs to the PTSA's attention to address.

Yearbooks on Sale

Yearbooks are now available for pre-sale everyday before or after school in Room 232. Cost is \$25; autograph pages are \$5. Cash or checks are accepted -- checks should be made payable to Palmetto Middle School and include your Student ID #.

Earn Community Service Hours with The Ceramic League

The Ceramic League of Miami has available positions for community service helpers in their Clay Summer Camp program. Students may work as few as 3 hours a week or as much as 15 hours per week. The summer camp program runs for 8 weeks. If interested, please call Lee Anderson at (305) 233-2404 (work), (305) 256-1824 (home) or wheelwithlee@aol.com.

Links to Important PMS Information

- To view or print the February Lancer Letter, [click here.](#)
- To view the February 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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