



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!

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### **Important Dates at Palmetto Middle School**

September 1	No School – Labor Day
September 3	Family Involvement Day
September 17	Open House
September 18	PTSA Meeting
September 18	Early Release Day – 1:30 pm dismissal
September 23 – 26	Required Reading Book Sale
September 30	No School – Teacher Planning Day
October 1	Picture Day

### **Links to September Monthly Mailing**

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

### **Go Green and Help Us Save \$800 Monthly**

By choosing to receive your monthly Lancer Letter via e-mail versus U.S. Post, you can help our PTSA save \$800 monthly. These are dollars that can go directly to supporting academic and enrichment activities for our children; just as important, the paper and countless volunteer hours that could be used elsewhere! Opt-out of our monthly mailing and receive your information online by [clicking here](#).

### **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed Tuesday – Friday of this week from 9:00 - 10:00 to help sort the PTSA packets. If you can help any of these times, please contact Mary Warrell, Volunteer Coordinator at [carmicmom@comcast.net](mailto:carmicmom@comcast.net) or (305) 256-0505.

### **Required Reading Book Sale**

Save time and gas – don't "run to the Borders"! All students will receive a Required Reading Book List from their Language Arts teacher during the first weeks of school. Students can purchase all their books – plus Wordly Wise – during the PTSA Required Reading Book Sale September 23 – 26. All books will be priced the same as in stores. Parents interested in volunteering during the Book Sale, should contact Colleen Beauregard at (305) 254-3496 or [gatorgrad@bellsouth.net](mailto:gatorgrad@bellsouth.net).

### **Student Directory Art Contest**

Submit your best artwork representing this year's theme, "Palmetto Middle School is 'A'bout to Rock Out! Jammin' to New Heights of Success." Artwork must be submitted to your 1st period teacher by Friday, September 19. Artwork will be judged and prizes awarded – the winning entry will be used for the cover of the Student Directory. Entries must be on white, non-lined paper, and artwork must fit 5" x 8" area and done in black ink only. Questions? E-mail Dina Lara at [dina\\_rob@bellsouth.net](mailto:dina_rob@bellsouth.net) or call Maricel Lam at (305) 613-0843.

### **Wednesday is Family Involvement Day**

Family Involvement Day is Wednesday, September 3. What does that mean? Get Involved! More than 30 years of research have proven that children do better when their parents are involved both at home and at school. In celebration, be on the lookout during student drop off for parent volunteers handing out bookmarks encouraging you to stay involved in your children's lives.

### **Parent Portal – Your Access to Student Grade Book and Much More**

[Click here](#) to log on to Miami-Dade County Public School's Parent Portal for secure information on student's grades, attendance and much more. If you're having technical difficulties accessing the site, please call (305) 995-3705 after 5:00 p.m. If you haven't previously accessed the Parent Portal, you'll need to first stop by the Main Office with a photo ID to get your child's Student ID and PIN number.

### **Change a Child's Life, Become a Listener**

Be an adult volunteer who provides a stable, non-judgmental environment for a child. You would be surprised at what a difference you can make by meeting with a student once a week "just to talk"! Listeners are not "fixers" or "rescuers." Instead, they help build a student's self-esteem by listening attentively and encouraging the student to develop their own problem-solving skills. For more information, call Linda Diamond at (305) 661-1946 and/or [click here](#) for more information.

### **Links to September Monthly Mailing & Other Important PMS Information**

Stay informed! Following are links to our monthly Lancer Letter and other important PMS information.

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

To view the September Activities Calendar, [click here](#).

To join your PTSA and/or volunteer, [click here](#).

To visit the PMS web site, [click here](#).

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