



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

September 17	Open House
September 18	PTSA Meeting (9:15 am and 7:00 pm)
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 September Lancer Letter, Activities Calendar, and other important PMS information.

Go Green and Help Us Save \$800 Monthly

Thanks to the more than 175 PMS families who this month helped us save \$125 by opting out of the monthly mailing – they get their news via PTSA Link and our web site at <http://www.pmsptsa.org/>. Please join us in these efforts – and help us save as much as \$800 each month that can directly support academics and activities for our children – [click here](#) to opt-out!

Buy Your Required Reading Books Online

Save time and gas while supporting the PTSA! Students will be able to purchase their required reading books at school September 23 – 26 for the same prices as in stores. Order forms will be sent home with students and included in upcoming editions of PTSA Link. You can already order your books online using PayPal by [clicking here](#) to visit our PTSA store. We still need a few more volunteers, so please contact Colleen Beauregard at gatorgrad@bellsouth.net (305-254-3496) or Lisa Whalen at Llwhalen@aol.com (786-972-9802) to sign up.

Stay In Touch Thru The Student Directory

Homework questions? Missed Class? Keep in touch thru the Student Directory. Remember to complete the Yellow Envelope sent out in the PTSA Welcome Back Pack; only parent approved contact information will be included. Directories are \$5 each. You can also advertise your business or give a Shout Out in the directory – you have an audience of 1500 students and their families!

Picture Day/Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help with students on Picture Day, Wednesday, October 1. Additionally, volunteers who are MDCP approved and don't yet have a Volunteer ID badge are encouraged to have their photo taken that day. Your photo will be made into a Volunteer ID badge; for security and so you're easily identifiable, volunteers are asked to wear their badges while on campus. To help with Picture Day, please contact Mary Warrell at carmicmom@comcast.net.

Legislative Update

Amendments 5, 7 and 9, which would have eliminated the required local effort property tax, one of the main funding sources for public education (billions per year), were taken off the November ballot by the Supreme Court of Florida. These amendments would have also reinstated vouchers, eliminating restrictions on using taxpayers' money to support private and religious schools.

Change a Child's Life, Become a Listener

The next Listener's training in our area is Thursday, September 11 at Kenwood K-8, 9300 SW 79th Avenue. Please help – be a Listener, 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](#).

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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