



Link #9

Palmetto Middle PTSA Newsletter

Palmetto Middle PTSA

Jan. 2018

Upcoming Events



**Mon., Feb. 5-
Tues., Feb. 13:**
Valentine Gram Sales

Thurs., Feb. 8:
PTSA General
Meeting- 9:00 AM-
Media Center

Wed., Feb. 14:
Valentine Gram
Delivery

To see a complete calendar
of upcoming events please
click here:

[PTSA Calendar](#)

and

[PMS Calendar](#)

PTSA MEETING REMINDER:

Thursday, February 8th @ 9 AM in the
Media Center



We LOVE our Volunteers

(and STILL need more volunteers during the next few weeks.)

We have several events coming up, including the Valentines Dance and Valentine Gram sales,
which need YOUR help.

Please consider volunteering your time or items.

THANK YOU !

Quick Links

[Palmetto Middle Website](#)

[PMSPTSA Website](#)

[New Parents Guide](#)

[Clubs and Activities
Calendar](#)



<https://www.amazon.com/?tag=palmettomiddleptsa-20>



Palmetto Middle is having a
VALENTINES DANCE
on February 14th from 3:15 to 5:00 pm
Help us make it **LOVE**ly!
All kinds of help and donations are needed:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d45acaa2da46-valentines>

Parents - Buy Your Child a Valentine Gram

PTSA will be selling Valentine Grams before school in the breezeway Feb. 5th - Feb. 13th and also at the PTSA meeting on February 8th. For \$1 each, you can send your child a gram. We will attach a lollipop and they will be delivered on Valentines Day.

Fret not embarrassment !

There is no 'From' section so, you can remain anonymous.
Forms are attached or will be available at the sales arenas.

[Valentines Grams Form 2018](#)

Valentine Gram Help

Help us with our 2nd Annual Valentine Gram Sales!
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d45acaa2da46-valentine1>



Volunteers Needed for Palmetto Elementary FunFest
Feb 10

<http://signup.com/go/stfzzCS>

Attention 8th Grade Parents

Commemorate your graduating 8th Grader with an ad in the Yearbook.

Forms are here:

[Yearbook Ad Order Form](#)

[Yearbook Ad Sizes/Prices](#)

Career Day Chair

Career Day is 4/2 this year. We need someone to work with our school counselor, Ms. Toledo, on making this year's Career Day a success.

Contact Gina Vinueza for more information:

ginaandcesar@yahoo.com

TV Studio Fundraising Chair

At our general PTSA meeting on 1/18, the PTSA agreed to help Ms. Sabina raise \$9,000 for a brand new TV studio for morning announcements. We need someone to help us with this initiative.

For more information: KatieLAbbott@comcast.net

PTSA Board for 2017-2018

Although it's only January, we will need to fill Board positions next year for our PTSA, including President.

More information to follow but please consider so that we have a strong PTSA for 2018-2019!



Lancers Sports Committee

Our Coaches and Players need our support with various things such as organization, communication and fundraising.

If you are interested in supporting our teams, please send an email to pmsports2018@gmail.com to be notified of the first meeting.

Help Oramys!

Over winter break an unfortunate ATV accident occurred with one of our very own students.

Oramys is in 8th grade at Palmetto Middle.

He is currently in a medically-induced coma and there will be extensive rehabilitation.

As you can imagine this will be costly for the family.

For more information and donation information, check out this Gofund me page.

Thank you!!

<https://www.gofundme.com/os-recovery-support>

Legislative News

Remember HB7069 that the Governor didn't veto?

The financial consequences are here.

The first wire transfer required by HB7069 for \$17,000,000 will take place on February 1.

This will come out of the accounts of your Miami-Dade Public Schools
and go into the hands of the charter industry.

For example, \$500,000 of that money will go to Keys Gate Charter School located down
in a strip mall in Homestead.

Over the next 5 years, over \$100,000,000 of our taxes will be taken away from traditional and magnet schools
right here in Miami-Dade County and given to charter schools.

Those schools can use the money without any meaningful oversight.

They can even use it to improve private property, then sell it and keep all the profit. Meanwhile, all other
public schools in Miami Dade County will suffer dramatically.

What can you do about this?

Stay informed and VOTE!

Do you know who represents YOU in the Florida Congress?

<http://myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/myrepresentative.aspx>

The Constitution Revision Commission, appointed every 20 years, will decide this year on proposed changes to
the Florida Constitution that will make the ballot in 2018.

What they decide will impact Floridians for the next 20 years!

Attend a Forum to inform yourself and make your voice heard;

Feb. 6, 2018

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Rick Case Auditorium Nova-Southeastern University

3301 College Ave, Ft Lauderdale, FL

Click on the link below for more detailed information on the commission

<http://www.jud3.flcourts.org/Forms/Court%20Links/Florida%20Constitution%20Revision%20Commission%20-%20brochure.pdf>

Interested in learning how Florida measures up to the rest of the nation on education spending?

<http://www.governing.com/gov-data/education-data/state-education-spending-per-pupil-data.html>

Pinecrest Village Public Schools Brochure

It's been several years in the making

but we are proud to now have a single brochure that highlights our five fabulous village schools.

This brochure will be used to promote our schools and encourage residents to stay in their own backyard.

Please share with anyone considering our schools.

Thank you!

<https://www.pinecrest-fl.gov/home/showdocument?id=11543>

BIKE. RUN. WALK.

PINECREST

Saturday, March 10, 2018
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Pinecrest Community Center
5855 Killian Drive

FREE FAMILY EVENT



WHAT IS BIKE. RUN. WALK. PINECREST?

It is a fun and healthy way to experience Pinecrest's trails, parks, and historic destinations. Let's explore Pinecrest together!

WHAT TO EXPECT

There will be two, four and eight-mile police escorted loops, helmet fittings, a bike rodeo, live entertainment, giveaways, health information and healthy foods.

Parks and Recreation Department
305.284.0900
www.pinecrestfl.gov/parks

Presented by Pinecrest, Chair of the School Board Dr. Larry Feldman
and Miami-Dade County's Bike 305



Palmetto High GOB Update

Superintendent Carvalho, Dr. Feldman, district representatives, community leaders and members came to Palmetto High School for a GOB Project Kick-Off event. Information was given at a PTSA meeting. Soon (by this summer), construction will start on the \$44+ million dollar GOB investment, which will include 120,000 square feet of new construction. Many new buildings will be constructed. It will likely take about 2 years, however there will be phases. Students can stay on campus during the construction, as they are going to start the first, biggest (3 story!) one where there is no building now. This is HUGE for our middle schoolers, as they will reap the rewards of the new construction, as well as for the Village of Pinecrest. Palmetto High has always

been amazing INSIDE, and now the outside will match. A very big THANK YOU should be given to those who helped increase the scale of the initial project, including former Mayor Lerner and Dr. Feldman. \$44+ MILLION!
WOW!





THANK YOU Palmetto Middle PTSA Members!

Palmetto Middle PTSA would like to thank the following members for joining PTSA. Without your support, we could not do all that we do at the middle school. 100% of the monies raised in our membership drive go back to the school, supporting teachers, various programs, equipment purchasing, student need, and more.

We realized it was a very busy fall in 2017 (IRMA!) and some things fell through the cracks. Unfortunately, last year less than 25% of Palmetto Middle families joined PTSA. We still have not met our monetary goal for our membership drive. If you do not see your name below and would still like to join, it is not too late. More information, including a form, can be found here: <http://www.pmsptsa.org/join.html> You can join online, or to save us even more money, print out the form, attach a check, and drop it off at school.

Your donation is tax-deductible. As always, donations are always appreciated. If you are a member already but find you still have tax-deductible monies to give, the PTSA and school would be grateful. We have lots planned, including a new AV studio for morning announcements.

Questions?
Contact Nicole Zimelman at niczim3@gmail.com
or Katie Abbott at KatieLAbbott@comcast.net

- Palmetto Middle PTSA

**THANK YOU to the Palmetto Middle School PTSA Member Families of 2017-2018
(in no particular order!):**

Tim/Meredith Birrittella
Natalie Talas
Annemarie Lozada
Brad/Carmen Herskowitz
Maria Hahan/Juan Militello
Jenna Sleeman
Estrella Arnold
Doris MacPherson/Robert Acosta
Cristina Blanco-Kulisic/Igor Kulisic
Gina Vinueza
Francisco Garcia/Francisca Puga
Lena Ten Broek
Elizabeth Heise
Lindsay/David Eberhardt
Matt Endara
Michele Pablos
Richard/Ileana Alexander
Anna Hochkammer/Roger Paredes
Ashley/Annalissa Rubio
Tony/Shelby Korvick
Franka Berlowe
Jose/Janette Martinez
Wang Lu/Shannon Liu
Tara Koch
Ana Davalos
Elizabeth/JB Lawrence
Michelle/Tomas Castro
Andrea Askowitz
Aileen Sabanal
Liudmila Cardenas
Zuleika Morales
Robert/Tara Gorman
Nicole/Michael Gualandi
Jeffrey Rubens/Blanca Leheny Griffitts
Liza/Robert Reich
Bethany Bahamonde
Erin Kobetz/David Kerman
Stephanie/John Wylie
Jessica Knopf/Emilio Benzadon
Randi Weinbach
Heather Lipcon
Solana Givone
Jill/Ron Olster

Samira Pauly
Shannon del Prado
Julie Lambert
Jana Myers
Andrea Potash
John Perruc
Marisa/Bill Beazel
Tom/Kirsteen Lankford
Anahita Ansari
Daiana/John Diez
Whitney/Marc Zimet
Marla Tiktin
Patrick Karakadze
Amy Levy
Dale/Robert Graff
Carina/Ben Saba
Denise Perez
Shara/Danny Pelz
Juan Martinez
Julie/Mark Glassman
Luciana Frable
Sandy/David Tamayo
Katie Abbott/Joe Martinez
Barbara/Carlos Portugal
Sylvia Fein
Beatriz Brayer
Helen/David Farber
Lisa/Brian Gitlin
Mia Panagakos
Karla Perez/Eduardo Polo
Nitin/Karishma Khanna
Erica Watts/Javier Gonzalez Sosa
Hortensia Ullivarri
Cristina Blanco
Elaine/Dmitry Sandler
Lisa/Douglas Reale
Gladys Tipan
Lisa Bejar
Michele Lipson
Ive/Daniel Zaitman
Jill/Chris Marvel
Denise Rodriguez
Avis Garnet (grandma)/Michael Garnet
Teresa/Gary Fitzgerald
Meredith/Grant Gussin
Jessica Fiocco
Nicole/Eric Zimelman
Natalia Romero
Michele/Jordan Keusch
Susie/Andrew Kondrat

Amber/Dustin Young
Barbara Oikle
Diana/Ravi Singh
Jolynne Soden
Joymarie Encinosa
Karoline Mortensen/William Reed
Nicole/Hugh Connolly
Amy Baxter
Mary Pereira
Ainsley Dixon/Bridgett
Renata/Alessandro Merjam
Stacey/Robert Kaufman
Marisa Corrales
Jill/Dan Murphy
Elyssa/Sam Lewis
Lynn/Bob Goldenberg
Lisette Losada/John Mezas
Farah Martinez
Carmen Font
Mindy Becker/Robert Benswanger
Tora/Robert Bueno
Gloria Ferrer
Jennifer Graziano
Crystal Marini
Luciana Damo
Nicole Spinelli
Kendra/David Dunnigan
Christina/Mike Singer
Olga Militano
Cristiana Guimaraes
Liz VanDeWater
Daisy Su
Astrid Hoigjelle
Jason/Tricia Kong
Rajshri/Nirav Shah
Arti/Hemant Ishwaran
Keith/Jila Meyer
Aileen Falcon-Martinez
Lauren Beiley
Isabel Albelo
Tracy Dykes
Rick/Jamie Karakadze
Lisa Crum
Leslie Sanders
Maritza/Scott Shapiro
Karina Sanchez
Jessie Sainz
Madeline Shapiro
Samantha/Mason Sharpe
Michele Mesnik

Jessica Pollack
Molli Robbins
Lauren/Ilan Kempler
His Ming Chen
Tim/Carole Abbott
April/Dan Stuzin
Kojo/Autumn Calhoun
Lisette Naranjo-Perez
Vanessa Michaels
Dulce/Lawrence Blacher
Flavia Mendes
Antoinette Rey
Juliette Antoine
Dana March
Karen Myers-Schwartz
Marines/Carlos Prera
Lori German
Amy Jellson/Melissa Weingarden
Adela/Randy Bryant
Sheron Proulx
Bill/Vicenta Shepard
Kathryn Penney
Tara Hudson
Aurora Hugues
Diana Bryan

Communications

A lot of parents seem to NOT be getting information that we are sending out (whaaa???)

As a reminder- and PLEASE help us by telling your friends- we do not send paper flyers home. This LINK e-newsletter is the BEST way to get school information, along with attending PTSA meetings. Yes this newsletter is long but shouldn't take you more than 2 minutes to read. Last-minute announcements can also be found on the app, our Facebook page, and Instagram. Useful communication links:

PTSA Web Site/LINK e-newsletter sign-up: <http://www.pmsptsa.org>

School Web Site: <http://palmettomiddle.com>

PTSA on Facebook: <fb.me/palmettomiddleptsa>

PTSA on Instagram:

[@palmettomiddle_ptsa](#)

PTSA has an app- download and allow pushes

Palmetto Middle on Twitter: [@PMLancers](#)

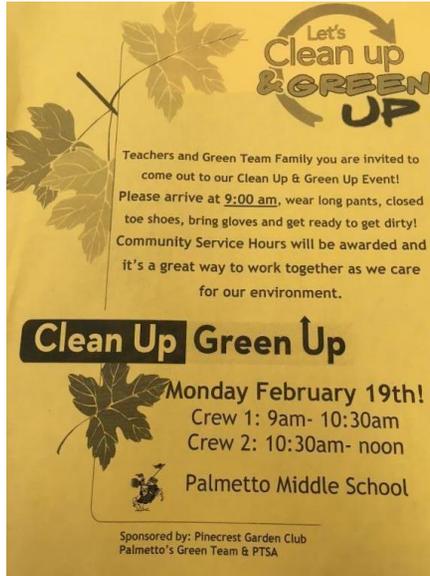
Volunteers and Members needed

Clean Up & Green Up Events

The Community is invited to come to Palmetto Middle School to help with our green initiatives and school beautification projects. They are two events that are coming up, Monday, February 19 and Friday, March 23.

Community service hours will be given to students who participate.

We hope to see you there! We have lots of exciting green initiatives in the works!



Become a Special Volunteer for The Listeners/Oyentes Program

We would like to inform you about a wonderful school volunteer program that will provide great benefits to all students of M-DCPS. This program has successfully been a part of M-DCPS for over 40 years. The Listeners/Oyentes Program is here to support the teachers and counselors by helping to defuse the emotions of the children that our volunteers listen to, so that these students can better absorb the lessons being taught.

To learn more and to see our training schedule, please visit www.listenersprogram.org

Registration for Volunteers

Don't forget to register as a volunteer for Miami-Dade Public Schools. You **MUST** register as a volunteer in order to participate or volunteer at any events at the school. You need to do this every school year. For more information go here:

<https://www.engagemiamidade.net/community-school-volunteers>

Media Center Volunteers Needed

The Media Center (AKA Library, but it's so much MORE than that) needs you! The Media Center at Palmetto Middle School is run by parent volunteers. In the mornings, students like to come to the Media Center to work on school work, use the computers, and check out books. This is one of the most needed and rewarding volunteer positions at Palmetto Middle.

The Media Center will be open each morning from 8:30am to 10am. If we have enough volunteers we can insert another shift, and go until 11am. We need at least two volunteers per shift in case of sickness or emergency.

We need volunteers...Perhaps someone you would like to share a shift with? It's an excellent way to get to know the teachers and the school.

Tora Bueno is putting together the volunteer sign-up. If interested, please let her know which day of the week you would like to volunteer. She can be reached at torabonnier@me.com

Thank you !

Green Help

Ms. Ortiz needs a few helpers with her green initiatives for the year. One is to help before school when the Green Team (students) meet. Their job is to take care of our school's various gorgeous gardens. Her other big need is to help her prepare the school so that we can receive a Green School designation. Interested?

Contact Ms. Ortiz at

tortiz1@dadeschools.net

Copy Room Helpers

PTSA has historically helped teachers with their copy needs on a daily basis. This year we have a few remaining days available for copy help. It involves coming to school once a week on your assigned day, and spending about an hour copying for teachers. If interested, please email KatieLAbbott@comcast.net

Teachers are VERY appreciative of this service.

Thank you for your consideration!

Interested in Palmetto Middle School ?

There are more middle school options than ever.
Come find out why Palmetto Middle School is a great choice for your child.
School Tours 2017-2018:
All School Tours take place at Palmetto Middle School
(7351 SW 128th Street, Pinecrest)
at 9:15 AM in the Media Center.
2018: February 20th, March 19th, April 16th, May 21st

Announcements

Pizza Thursdays!

Pizza days have returned. This year, on THURSDAYS in the breezeway, pizza will be sold after school for \$1 a slice. There are also beverages for sale.
THANKS PTSA pizza sales team!



Box Tops Due !

If you have been collecting them, please bring them to the Box Tops collection box located in the Main Office near Mr. Gonzalez's office.
Bonus points for cutting on the lines!
Thanks to our Box Top volunteers,
Jill Marvel and Jill Olster.

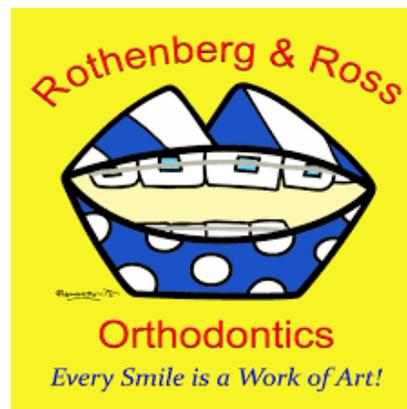


Business Sponsorship Opportunities

Do you own a business, or know of one which may be interested? Help Palmetto Middle be the best its can be by becoming a (TAX-DEDUCTIBLE) business sponsor. Great advertising as well- reach families of over 1,000 students, faculty, and community members. See the attached for more information.

[2017-2018 Business Sponsorship Packet](#)

Sponsors



Thank you Rothenberg & Ross for being a
PLATINUM LEVEL business sponsor!

Orthodontics of South Miami has built a reputation over the past 40 years for creating outstanding smiles that are truly work of art.

Dr. Len Rothenberg and Dr. Greg Ross specialize in orthodontic care for children and adults of all ages. We pride ourselves on the personal relationships made with our patients and their families, and the individual

attention given by Dr. Rothenberg, Dr. Ross and our team at every visit. Located in South Miami and serving patients from Pinecrest, Miami, Kendall and all of South Florida, our goal is to provide our patients with a smile that can give them the confidence and self-esteem to Live Life Smiling! We offer several treatment options, all customized to each patient's specific needs and goals. We are a Preferred provider of Invisalign treatment and provide many esthetic options to traditional braces. Our practice offers the latest in Orthodontic technology and appliances to give our patients the best treatment and outcome. Our mission is to make beautiful, healthy smiles while enhancing the self-esteem of our patients. We have learned to give the same personalized, loving care to all of our patients, especially those with special needs.



Thank you Pinecrest Orthodontics for being a **Patron** Sponsor!

Dr. Victoria Rothman just opened a brand new orthodontic practice right down the street from school. She offers various orthodontic treatment options including braces and Invisalign. She treats both children and adults in a warm and friendly family environment. For more information about her and the practice, check out her web site: <http://www.pinecrestortho.com>

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CIVIL APPEALS AND LITIGATION SUPPORT
WWW.JMKPA.COM

Jordan M. Keusch, P.A. ("JMKPA") is a local law firm founded by Pinecrest native and proud Palmetto Middle alum (1984) Jordan M. Keusch. JMKPA limits its practice to civil appeals and litigation support in Florida state and federal courts. Mr. Keusch is a veteran civil trial and appellate litigator who opened JMKPA in October 2011 after practicing at prominent local boutique firms and the Miami office of a major international law firm. JMKPA assists its clients with legal issues throughout the litigation process from drafting the complaint through post-appellate opinion motion practice. Mr. Keusch also has appeared in Florida state courts as an expert witness regarding the reasonableness of appellate fee requests. If you or your client need appellate or litigation support counsel, JMKPA would welcome the opportunity to work with you and assist in moving your case forward towards a favorable resolution. For more information, please visit the firm's website, www.jmkpa.com.

Sponsors News

Revised School Calendar Due to Hurricane Irma



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY

Revised due to hurricane Irma

July 2017				
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May 2018				
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-  New Teachers Report
-  Teacher Planning Day
-  Teacher Planning Day - (No - Opt)
-  District-wide Professional Development Day
-  Secondary Early Release
-  Hurricane Days - No School in session

-  Recess Day
-  Beg/End of Grading Period
-  Legal Holiday

Days in Grading Period	
1-39	
2-45	
3-43	
4-48	

