



Dear Palmetto Middle School Community,

2019-20 Academic School Year

My name is Erica Watts and I will be serving as PTSA President for the upcoming year. I have 10 years of experience serving on PTA and Community Boards in various roles including PTA President at the elementary level. I have been volunteering almost daily at Palmetto Middle since my child began 6<sup>th</sup> grade in 2017. It has been a privilege to become part of the Palmetto Middle School Community.

You and your family are what make up the community that is Palmetto Middle and we are fortunate that Principal Gonzalez welcomes our involvement. Please let this letter serve as an invitation to become involved. Whether it is an only hour of your time to volunteer or an email to address a concern, your time and input will collectively help to improve our school. (*Volunteer Chair email is palmettomiddlevolunteers@gmail.com*)

The power of the PTSA – Our Parent Teacher Student Association falls under the powerful and influential national and state PTA whose representatives have a direct impact on legislation. PTA representatives fight for legislation to improve public education and therefore, need our support.

Palmetto Middle's PTSA membership directly impacts Florida PTA's influence when addressing our legislators with recommendations and requests. In addition, your membership fees fund programs and services we provide our students. Therefore, **WE URGE ALL parents/guardians, grandparents, teachers, students, and community business owners to join our PTSA.**

**You may join and/or support** us via our website at <https://pmsptsa.org/join-donate-2/> or you may complete the attached Membership Form along with payment (checks made payable to 'Palmetto Middle School PTSA') in the pre-addressed envelope provided. If you have a student at Palmetto Middle School, they can simply return the envelope to their homeroom teacher.

The other PTSA Board members and I intend to enrich the school, advocate, and keep you informed on many topics. With that mission in mind, we will be holding an **Academic Options Informational** meeting immediately following the **first General PTSA** meeting. The information will help your family navigate the best curriculum path for your student. Both meetings will be held in the morning and evening as a convenience to as many families as possible. The date and times for the first meetings are as follows: Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> PTSA Meeting- 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM with Academic Options/ Info. Mtg to follow at 10:45 am & 6:30 PM

Have a great academic year and feel free to contact me about anything!

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