

Dear Palmetto Elementary School Families,

I would like to officially welcome you all to the 2026-2027 school year!

My name is Vanessa (Lopez) Silverman, and I have the honor of serving as your PTA President for the 2026-2027 school year. My husband, Eddie, and I have three boys, two of whom have made their way through PES and on to Palmetto Middle School, with our youngest, Henry, in 2nd grade. Having been part of the PES family for eight years already, I can say with the utmost confidence that there is truly no place like Palmetto Elementary!

A National PTA School of Excellence, currently rated 6th best elementary school in the entire state of Florida, PES is also home to a decades-long award-winning performing arts department and seemingly endless extra-curricular activities and clubs. Administrators, faculty, staff, parents, and volunteers work together to ensure an enhanced, challenging, and rewarding academic experience for all PES students.

As a parent, one of the best ways to become involved at Palmetto Elementary is through the PTA. Every effort to volunteer is vital to our school's success. We urge you to volunteer your time, expertise, ideas, and, yes, money as well. By using proceeds from our PTA membership sales and fundraising efforts, we help to enrich the lives of all our students. From large-scale school beautification projects to supplemental online curriculum programs, the generosity of our community provides an unparalleled public elementary school experience for our students.

In this packet you will find information on uniform policy, how to get involved in the school, introductions to a few programs for your child, and most importantly, how to stay as informed as possible!

Our first General PTA Meeting of the school year will be held on Friday, August 14, 2026, at 9:00 am in the school cafeteria. We welcome new and returning families to this meeting to discuss all the exciting events your PTA has planned for the year! Join us for coffee and a snack while you meet new people and discover ways to get involved.

Please do not hesitate to email me at pesptapres@gmail.com with any questions, thoughts, or suggestions. I am looking forward to another wonderful year at Palmetto Elementary School!

Many thanks,

Vanessa Silverman

