

DEAR PALMETTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILIES,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at Palmetto Elementary! My name is Monica Mase and I have the privilege of serving as your PTA President for the coming year. I hope everyone had a fun and restful summer and you are ready for another wonderful and productive school year.

Whether this is your first year as a Palmetto Elementary parent, or you are a long-standing member of this family, we are so glad that you are here! Each new school year brings excitement and anticipation, along with the promise of learning and growth. Your school and PTA have been hard at work throughout the summer to prepare for this year, and I know our Palmetto family will get through whatever uncertainties and challenges lie ahead as we always do - TOGETHER.

Palmetto Elementary is truly a special place - not just a school, but a community. Everyone works together, from administrators, faculty, and staff, to parents, volunteers, and students, to ensure an enhanced, challenging, and rewarding academic experience for ALL students. Everywhere you turn, you will find people going out of their way to make our school a better place.

As a parent, one of the best ways to become involved at Palmetto Elementary is through the PTA. Every effort to participate or volunteer is vital to our school's success. Palmetto's PTA is not a noun; it is a verb. We PTA for our children, for education advocacy and to support our teachers and staff. We PTA to ensure the success of a variety of school-wide events and initiatives, in addition to providing academic resources and enhancements for a variety of enrichment programs such as Accelerated Readers and our Science Enhancement Curriculum.

Our fundraising efforts have also allowed incredible tangible results in recent years: water filters, new technology, new basketball and PE courts, a complete overhaul and upgrade to our Media Center, and new turf for the younger kids to play on and not drag dirt throughout the classrooms. The PTA launched new spirit wear and added spirit items to our school store, improved our pavilion and grounds with new trees, foliage, tables and benches, all with the intention of providing an additional recreational space that can serve as an outdoor classroom to conduct activities in a safe, natural environment.

Currently we are working on adding sprinklers throughout the school (in phases as funds will allow) to help further improve our outdoor play areas. Our PTA does amazing things and our success is only possible because of YOUR SUPPORT, and the support of our dedicated community that continues to prioritize creating an unparalleled public elementary school experience for our children.

Palmetto Elementary, a National PTA School of Excellence, is home to so many things - not just some of the top academics in the county, but also an award-winning performing arts department and many extra-curricular activities and clubs. It is your home, too, and I invite you to join us in supporting our children, teachers, and staff in continuing Palmetto Elementary's tradition of excellence. I hope to have the opportunity to meet each one of you this year. Our first PTA General Meeting of the year will be Friday, August 18, 2023 at 9AM in the school cafeteria. We welcome new families as well as returning families to this meeting to discuss over coffee all of the exciting things your PTA has planned for the year!

Please do not hesitate to email me at PESPTAPRES@gmail.com or call me at 305-333-0872 with any questions, thoughts or suggestions.

Warmest regards,
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PALMETTO PTA PRESIDENT

