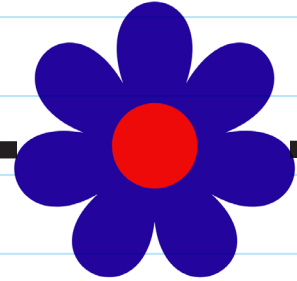


Your monthly guide to school news, information and events.

OCTOBER PALS/NEWS



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MONTHS AGENDA



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Hey MCMCS family!
This month, we're excited to kick off several important initiatives, starting with our Trunk or Treat event on Halloween! Every classroom will be participating, with four volunteers per class decorating trunks. We'll also have two special interactive tents with larger activities—classroom volunteers for these will be assigned soon.

MONTHS HIGHLIGHTS

We're also highlighting Ms. Pestana's Birthday, which is coming up on November 1st. We'll soon start birthday collections to gather a gift for her, so please keep an eye out for more details. The whole school will be involved in the celebration, with PALS funding a teacher lunch and a special treat for students.

In addition, don't forget about our upcoming PALS Bylaws Voting Session. While the date is still being finalized, it's important for all members to participate in approving the laws that will guide our organization for the coming year.

Lastly, let's celebrate our other October birthdays! A big Happy Birthday to Ms. Marbely and Ms. Lima this month!



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Our Mission (AKA Why We're Here):

MCMCS PALS, our mission is to make school life not just good, but awesome! We connect families with the school through fun, meaningful events and acts of kindness that highlight how amazing our community is. We support educational excellence and build a joyful, involved community where every family feels at home, and every child is set up to succeed.

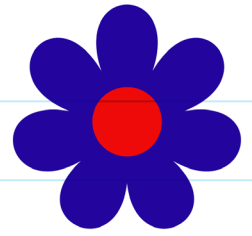
Our Goals:

Community: Bringing families together through events that encourage participation and create a strong sense of belonging.

Communication: Maintaining clear and transparent communication between families and the school to build trust and inclusion, especially around fundraising and resource allocation.

Fundraising: Investing in our teachers and school to enhance the overall educational experience and well-being of MCMCS.

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

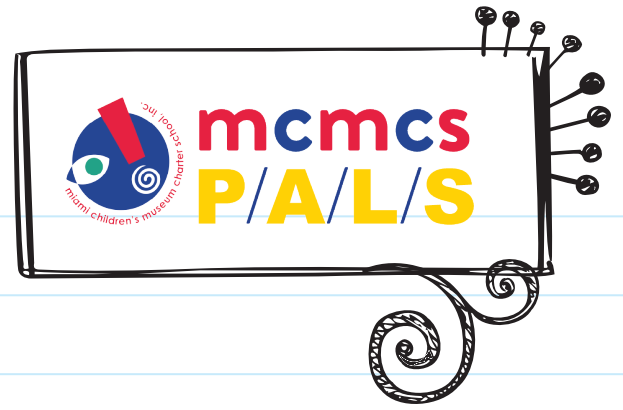


ACT Fund Contributions:

We're continuing our push toward the \$150,000 ACT Fund goal to support the hiring of teaching assistants who are critical to classroom success. You can help by donating directly through the school's ACT Fund donation page, which is fully operational and linked on our website. Parents are also welcome to set up monthly recurring payments to spread their contributions out over time and make a consistent impact.

Additionally, the GiveButter platform allows you to create your own fundraising events to support this initiative. If you need assistance with setting up an event or recurring donation, please reach out to us, and we'll be happy to help.

Every contribution, no matter the size, directly impacts the quality of education and support our children receive.



CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HALLOWEEN

We're looking for volunteers to help with Halloween activities! Please reach out to your Room Parent for details on how you can get involved. Open slots are available, and we appreciate all the help we can get!

ACT FUND CLASSROOM VOLUNTEER INITIATIVES:

Starting in November, each grade will have an opportunity to run a fundraising initiative to support the ACT Fund. Room parents can collect funds or set up their events on GiveButter to streamline tracking and ensure all donations are directed toward this cause. Note that 5th grade is exempt, as their efforts will focus on graduation expenses.

Here's the grade-level schedule for ACT Fund initiatives:

NOVEMBER – 1ST GRADE

DECEMBER – 3RD GRADE

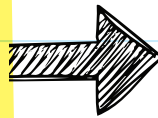
JANUARY – 5TH GRADE

FEBRUARY – 2ND GRADE

MARCH – 4TH GRADE

APRIL – KINDERGARTEN

VOLUNTEER EVENTS



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Volunteer T-Shirts: Wear Your MCMCS Pride!

Who doesn't love a good T-shirt? Especially when it shows off your volunteer spirit! Our exclusive MCMCS volunteer T-shirts are perfect for representing our community at events and letting everyone know you're part of the team.

UPCOMING DATES:

October: Trunk or Treat

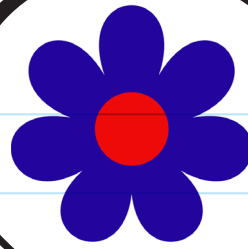
November: Thanksgiving Luncheon, 1st Grade Fundraiser

December: Holiday Show, 3rd Grade Fundraiser

Gift Bazaar - TBD



BECOME A MEMBER



Membership Drive Reminder:

We encourage new families to join PALS! Membership offers several benefits, including the ability to vote on important decisions, contribute to school initiatives, and engage with the community. By becoming a member, you're directly supporting the school and enriching your child's experience.

By joining MCMCS PALS, you're not just a member—you're part of a movement to make our school the best it can be.

HERE'S WHAT YOU GET:

Involvement: Be at the heart of the action, shaping your child's school experience.

Exclusive Access: Get the inside scoop with newsletters, event invites, and the latest school updates.

Networking: Connect with fellow parents, teachers, and staff, building lasting relationships.

Volunteer Opportunities: Help us organize events, run fundraisers, and make a real impact.

And remember—every dues-paying **PALS** member has a vote in key decisions. Whether it's electing officers, approving budgets, or tweaking our bylaws, your voice matters, and we want to hear it!

VOTING RIGHTS

Eligibility

Each registered and dues-paying **PALS** member has one vote

Decision-Making

Participate in important decisions such as electing **PALS** officers, approving budgets, and making changes to bylaws.

Equal Voice

All members have an equal say, ensuring a democratic process within the PALS.



Join Us and Make This Year Amazing!

If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to PALS, and be sure to submit your event plans for approval via email: Dsmith@mcmcharter.com / Mmadan@mcmcharter.com

