

## Pinellas County Music Educators Association (Elementary) – October Update

Good morning! Here is some important information from your PCMEA representatives, Holly Mullenix and Meghan Alfaro.

**1. Membership dues are still being accepted** – Dues are \$15 a year. New teachers are given a free membership! Please send your dues to David Martinez, Leila G. Davis Elementary, Pony Route #1.

**2. PCMEA Website** – It is **very important** that if you aren't already using the PCMEA website at <http://www.pcmea-fl.org/>, then you should begin soon. This website is your “one-stop-shop” for everything District related. Anytime you have a question, please check here first.

**3. Honorariums** – PCMEA sponsors Honorariums each year. Please visit <http://www.pcmea-fl.org/honorariums.html> for information on how to apply. The deadline for Honorariums is **December 9**. *Are you interested in serving on a committee for PCMEA Honorariums? If so, contact Lauren Brautigam at [BRAUTIGAML@pcsb.org](mailto:BRAUTIGAML@pcsb.org).*

**4. All County** – The elementary All County Festival Honors Concert is scheduled for **Saturday, March 4**. Pamela Richardson (New Heights Elementary) is our All County Coordinator this year. If you have not completed the survey, contact Pam asap. All information for All County will be found at the PCMEA website. **New!** Registering students will also be done through our website this year. Please watch for more detailed information in the coming weeks. <http://www.pcmea-fl.org/all-county.html>

**5. Referendum Renewal** – The referendum is due to be renewed this November election. Please remember that you cannot tell people how to vote, but feel free to share ways that the referendum has supported your music program. As you share ways that your students have been supported, it may also help to know that a few of us have discovered that the referendum is the very last item on the ballot. Here is a link to a video detailing ways the referendum benefits Pinellas County students. <https://vimeo.com/174344005>

**6. High School All County Performance Composition** – Do you have a passion for composition? If so, please contact Rosemary Collins at [COLLINSRO@pcsb.org](mailto:COLLINSRO@pcsb.org).

**7. End of Year Celebration** – Mark your calendars today for our End of the Year Celebration on **Friday, May 19, 2017**.

**8. MADD Walk** - PCMEA has started a team to fundraise and participate in a 5K walk/run to remember and honor our colleague and friend, Caroline Sine. Our team's website is <http://www.walklikemadd.org/team/PCMEA>. The event will take place on Saturday, November 19 at Largo Central Park. Contact David Martinez at [martinezd@pcsb.org](mailto:martinezd@pcsb.org) with additional questions.

**9. New Teachers** – We are here to help! It doesn't matter if this is your first year teaching or you are an experienced teacher, we all know how difficult starting a new job can be. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us. *Remember to create **balance** and see the **joy** every day in what you and your students are creating together.*

Please contact your representative with questions and concerns. We are your voice to the PCMEA board.

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