



The Puma Blast



Short Pump Middle School: The School with P.R.I.D.E. and Heart
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This Week's Events

- October 1**
NWEA Make-up day (if you missed it last week)
- October 2**
7th and 8th Grade Back to School Night (6:00-7:45pm)
SPMS @ TMS (basketball, soccer, tennis) 4:45
- October 3**
QMS @ SPMS (football) 4:45
- October 4**
6th Grade STEAM Field Trip to VCU (during school)

Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



A line forms to turn in magazine fundraiser "Reach Out" books...and excitement builds to sell items to support our school (SPMS receives 50% of the profits, and money will go towards smart boards, athletic equipment, and other important items).

Looking to the Future

- October 8: Student Holiday
- October 15: TSA/VEX Robotics Parent Meeting
5:30pm in Rm #403
- October 16: IB Open House for current 6th graders
- October 18: 8th Grade Mission Tomorrow Field Trip

6th Grade Parents and Students

Applications for the Moody International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program is now available in the school counseling office. An Open House will be held on October 16th at Moody Middle School from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Applications are due to Mrs. Sharpe by November 16th. The writing prompt will be held on November 30th at Short Pump Middle School during the school day. More information about the program can be viewed [HERE](#). The flyer is [HERE](#)



The Sports Authority

If inclement weather is forecasted, the following link will be updated by 2 P.M. each day:
<https://tinyurl.com/spmssportsupdates>



Help Out Our School!

- Annual Fundraiser: the SPMS fundraiser is happening now!! Encourage your child to raise money for our school through our big fundraiser! [CLICK HERE](#) to view more info about the fundraiser.
- Link your Kroger Card to SPMS to help SPMS help our students!
How to link your Kroger Plus Card: 1) Visit www.Kroger.com/CommunityRewards and click Sign In. 2) Once logged in, select I'm a Customer/View Details. 3) Search for Short Pump Middle School by name. 4) Select Short Pump Middle School and click Enroll.

-Help our school by saving those **BOX TOPS**!! It's quick; it's easy, and it gives our students some great tools for learning!
Click on [THIS](#) to learn how!



Let's Keep It Safe, Pumas!

For the month of October, there will be various safety drills. There will be:

- one fire drill
- a bus evacuation drills scheduled to occur before 10/16
- a tornado drill
- an earthquake drill currently scheduled for 10/18.

DRHS Band and Color Guard

Is your 7th or 8th grade child interested in the Deep Run Marching Band or Color Guard? Do they want to get a little taste of it now first hand? Students can play with the marching band or join the color guard on Friday, 10/12. Free Wildcat Band t-shirts for all students who join them! Check out the flyer for more information [HERE!](#)

Schoology and PowerSchool

Schoology is the platform that Short Pump teachers use as their classroom management tool. Please visit the Short Pump website (<http://shortpumpms.henricoschools.us/>) and click on the "Resources" tab to see the directions for the Schoology Parent Portal.

You can now access your child's grades! Be sure to keep abreast of all graded work. To create an account to view your child's grades, visit: <http://henricoschools.us/powerschool/>

If you are not sure whether to go to PowerSchool or Schoology, [CLICK HERE](#).



PTA Corner

-Enter this year's Reflections contest. The theme is "Heroes Around Us." Submission categories include: Dance, Writing, Photography, Film, Music, and Visual Arts. It's open to all students at SPMS! Contest winners will be announced before the Specialty Center Applications are due. Every student that enters will receive a lunch pass to eat outdoors! To learn more and to see the full rules, [CLICK HERE](#)

-When ordering pizzas, you can also help SPMS PTSA earn money by ordering from Papa Johns and using the promo code SPMS when you check out online.

Clinic Notes

If your student has emergency medications that are needed at school, such as an Epi Pen or an asthma inhaler, please provide the medication(s) and/or the health action plan(s) to the clinic ASAP. New forms and medicines are needed each school year. Forms for the parent and health care provider to sign can be found in the clinic and at henricoschools.us/health-safety. Please call or stop by the clinic to speak to the nurse about HCPS medication policies and procedures if you have questions.



Message from the Cafeteria

MySchoolBucks.com allows parents to pay and replenish their student's account using a personal credit or debit card from home via a secure Internet site. Heartland School Solutions does charge parents a handling fee for each prepayment. Also, it allows parents to check their child's meal account balance free of charge.

8th Grade Field Trip

8th grade students will have the opportunity to attend the Mission Tomorrow event at Richmond Raceway on 10/19. About 130 regional businesses and organizations will have booths with interactive activities designed to introduce students to a range of careers available in the Richmond region. Information and permission forms were sent home on 9/28 during Puma Den. Permission forms are due to their Puma Den teacher by Friday, 10/5. There is no cost for this trip. Click [HERE](#) for more info. Email Mrs. Brizendine if you have any questions: kmbrozen@henrico.k12.va.us.

Garden Club

Parents and students are invited to an SPMS Garden Club Cleanup Party on Saturday, October 13 from 10:00AM-2:00PM. We are seeking volunteers to help us clean up the old and rejuvenate the garden with some new features and fall items. We have several teachers with classes who are excited and anxious to use the space for some amazing projects and growing, but the space needs some love. If you have these items, please bring: wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes and pitch-forks. Even if you don't have the tools, bring yourself, personal water bottle and some enthusiasm for gardening. We look forward to seeing you out there! Please use [THIS LINK](#) to sign up. If you have questions, contact Ms. Hunter tmhunter1@henrico.k12.va.us or Mr. Cross (macross@henrico.k12.va.us).