



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

September 25

SPMS (basketball, soccer, and tennis) @ Oak Knoll, 4:45pm
Back to School Night for 6th Grade Parents (6:00-7:45)

September 26

NWEA Math Test (through Puma Den)
SPMS (football) @ Oak Knoll 4:45pm

September 28

NWEA Reading Test (through Puma Den)

Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



Students in Ms. Hoang's English Language Learners class always have a smile. On this day, each were working on vocabulary words related to social studies. So proud of their progress with the English language. So impressive!

Looking to the Future

October 2: Back to School Night for 7th and 8th Grader: 6:00-7:45PM
October 4: 6th Grade STEAM trip to VCU
October 9: TSA Parent Meeting 5:30pm in Room 403

IB Open House

Moody Middle School will host an IBMYP session for all prospective students and parents. The Open House and Info Sessions will be held on October 16, 2018. Please see the flyer [HERE](#) for more information.



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 kickoff assembly was cancelled due to no school on Friday, 9/14. However, you can get started EARLY! [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.

-Cut out those Box Tops for Education!
In addition to using the new Box Top app, don't forget to continue to cut out and save your box tops for the library. Please continue to send them in to the library with your student. Make sure their name is on the envelope or baggie. The money we receive from the box tops is used to purchase books, iPads along with cases and tripod adapters, games, puzzles and other supplies for students to use in the library. Thank you for your support!

Let's Keep it Safe, Pumas!

For the month of September we will be completing the following drills: 2 fire drills, 1 signal blue hide-and-lock, and 1 reverse evacuation drill. The first fire drill and the signal blue hide-and-lock drill have been completed.

The reverse evacuation drill will take place through PE classes. For more information regarding safety and drills please review the parent safety handbook found here: <http://henricoschools.us/health-safety/>

Thank you for your patience and understanding during last week's inclement weather warning. We practice so if there is a real emergency, everyone knows what to do. Thank you for your support.

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.



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.

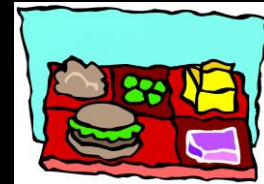
You can now access your child's grades! Be sure to keep abreast of all graded work. To create an account to view your child's grades, visit: <http://henricoschools.us/powerschool/>

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



Message from the Cafeteria

School Nutrition Services continues to provide its popular pre-payment service of MySchoolBucks.com. Using this program 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, MySchoolBucks.com allows parents to check their child's meal account balance free of charge, even if no other services are being used on this site.



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 checkout online.

Paying for College Workshop

Hosted by the Deep Run High School PTSO, this parent workshop is valuable for all parents, but especially for parents of elementary and middle school students as they begin the process of planning to pay for college.

This free program will be held at Deep Run High School's auditorium on Monday, September 24th from 6:00-8:00pm. For more information, please [CLICK HERE](#)

