



# 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

**November 5**

Day 1 (have only blocks 1-4)

**November 6**

No Schools for Students-Parent conferences if you've signed up and secured a time slot

**November 7**

SPMS vs Rolfe @ Dorey Park (football), starts at 4:45pm

**November 9**

Veteran's Day Assembly  
Rick Smith Jr. Fundraiser Show for those who qualified

## Looking to the Future

- November 13-Workshop on Micro Aggressions @ SPMS
- November 15-Pick-up of Fundraiser Items
- November 16-Powder Puff Football Game
- November 19-Day 2 Schedule (blocks 5-8)
- November 19 or 20-Maymont Field trip for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

## School Counseling Notes

The Short Pump Middle School counseling team is offering a depression awareness and suicide prevention program entitled SOS (Signs of Suicide) to all students (8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders already received this) through Health & PE On November 12<sup>th</sup>, our sixth graders will take part in this program. This program has been developed by the highly regarded non-profit organization that created the SOS Signs of Suicide Program for high schools. To read more about it, click [HERE](#).

Please contact the school counseling office (804-364-0837) if you have any questions.

## The Sports Authority

If inclement weather is forecasted, the following link will be updated by 2 P.M. each day:

<https://tinyurl.com/spmssportsupdates>

## Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



How does one get hands on instruction as we learn about space? Clay models, meter sticks, and strong collaboration. Pictured are students in Mr. Snyder's classroom creating scale models of our planets.

## Daily Announcements

Keep up-to-date with the daily school announcements! Click [HERE](#) to view them.



## Help Out Our School!

-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](http://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 November, there will various safety drills. There will be:

- Cafeteria Signal Blue Hide and Lock
- Fire Drill

## School Counseling

Need information about IB/ Specialty Centers/ Governor's School? Want to know what services school counselors provide? Need tips, strategies and resources to help your child to be successful? The SPMS School Counseling team has a new website! Parents and students can access information about programs and the various ways we serve the SPMS community. Visit the site [HERE!](#)



## and PowerSchool

Schoolology is the platform that Short Pump teachers use as their classroom management tool. Please visit the Short Pump website and click on the "Resources" tab to see the directions for the Schoolology 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 Schoolology, [CLICK HERE](#). If you need help with creating a parent Schoolology account, click [HERE](#).

## Specialty Center Applications

It's that time of year! HCPS Specialty Center Applications for students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2019-2020 school year (8<sup>th</sup> grade students) will be available online beginning November 19<sup>th</sup>! For specific information, click [HERE](#).



## PTA Corner

-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.

-To join, volunteer, donate, and more, click [HERE](#).

## Support Schoology Issues at Home

Want to help support your child with their schoology issues from home but not sure where to begin. Show your student how to click on the Help Center link found at the bottom of the Schoolgoy site. They can type in their probelm and find how to solve it.

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## Workshop on Micro Aggressions

In partnership with the VCIC, Short Pump Middle School will be hosting an evening event for parents to learn more about micro-aggressions and implicit bias. Micro Aggressions and implicit bias are two areas of focus for our social and emotional lessons. We want to provide a workshop for parents who would like more information so we can work as a partnership in supporting our students. The workshop will take place November 13<sup>th</sup> (6:30-8:00PM).



## Maggie Walker Governor's School

The process for applying to the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School is in the form of an online application in the Rycor system through Powerschool. If your student did not receive a letter or you do not see the MLWGS application as an option when you login to Powerschool/Rycor please review the "Criteria for Applying" document on the web [HERE](#) for further information. If your student does not meet the criteria listed but would like to be considered as an applicant, parents are required to write a letter and submit it as soon as possible, as there will be a deadline determined. If you feel like your student met the requirements and did not receive a letter, please contact Mrs. Mayo, 8th grade School Counselor, as soon as possible at (804) 364-0837 or [jcsmayo@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:jcsmayo@henrico.k12.va.us). There will also be an info session at Maggie Walker on 11/12 from 6:30-8:30pm.

## Code RVA Regional High School

Are you an 8<sup>th</sup> grader interested in computer science or a STEM- related field? Consider applying to the CODE RVA Regional high school! For more information, visit the following links: [Outreach](#) and [Postcard](#).

## Library News and Notes

Nov 7: 3D printing workshop at 10:55 in the library. Sign up to learn how to design 3D objects and submit them for printing on our school printers.

Dec 7: Book club meeting during Puma Den; genre is Fantasy

Dec 13: Save the date for the library's book fair at the Short Pump Barnes and Noble, more information to come.

Help support your library! Send in your Box Tops for Education to the library or drop them off in the front office. Every one counts. Thank you!!!