



The Puma Blast



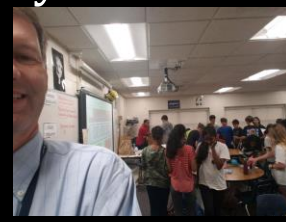
Short Pump Middle School: The School with P.R.I.D.E. and Heart
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This Week's Events

- October 15**
TSA/VEX Robotics Parent Meeting 5:30pm, Rm 403
- October 16**
SPMS @ QMS (Basketball, soccer, and tennis), 4:45
IB Open House for current 6th graders
- October 17**
SPMS @ TMS (football), 4:45pm
Fundraiser Money Due
Schedule will flip to blocks 6,5,7,8
- October 18**
WMS @ SPMS (basketball, soccer, and tennis), 4:45
- October 20**
Ruritan Craft Show @ SPMS, 9:00AM-3:00PM

Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



All students participated in Mix-it-Up day on Wednesday. Students were able to meet and get to know other students through various activities. The positive buzz in the classrooms was magnificent to observe. More importantly, the relationships being built are the true measure of the success of the day. It appeared to be successful indeed.

Daily Announcements

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

Looking to the Future

- October 24: Unity Day (wear orange!)
- October 25-26: Picture Day (through gym classes)

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!! See one of the below sections for more info.
- 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 drill scheduled to occur before 10/16
- a tornado drill
- an earthquake drill currently scheduled for 10/18.

Pizza Night Helps SPMS!

Make Thursday (10/18) Pizza Night at your home! Visit Blaze Pizza on Thursday between 5:00-8:30PM, show them [THIS](#) flyer and 20% of all proceeds will go back to SPMS (but you must show them the flyer)!!??!



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 9th grade during the 2019-2020 school year (8th grade students) will be available online beginning November 19th!

For specific information, 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, [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.

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

School Fundraiser!!

The SPMS annual fundraiser is under way. Every order counts towards helping our school get white boards, smartboards, among other educational resources. Encourage your child and family to get involved. Family and friends can also visit www.gaschoolstore.com and use code 407775. Online sales also count. Visit [HERE](#) for more info. Turn in money on 10/17.

VEX Robotics

In conjunction with TSA, SPMS will be hosting a VEX Robotics club. Club meetings will be on Wednesdays from 3:15pm to 5:00pm starting October 24th. Deadline to register is October 19th. Information Flyers/Registration forms can be picked up in the main office or from Mr. Doolidge (Room 403). Please join us for a parent meeting on October 15th @ 5:30pm in the SPMS Cafe. This meeting will be a combination of TSA and VEX Robotics.



Get Involved

Calling all families: help us build real and authentic learning connections from the classroom to our community. Please fill out the following form to help us build a list of contacts with our community businesses. Our goal is to provide this list to our teachers as points of contact to bridge and build active participation with our students and the community we serve. Please fill out [THIS](#) form if you are willing to help our students with a real-world learning experience.

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 through Health & PE classes on October 22th (8th grade students), October 29th (7th grade students), and November 12th (6th grade students). This program has been developed by the highly regarded non-profit organization that created the SOS Signs of Suicide Program for high schools.

Your child will receive a letter from school counseling regarding this program on October 15, 2018 during Puma Den. If you do NOT wish for your child to participate in the SOS Middle School Program at SPMS, please complete and return the slip on the bottom of the letter to the counseling office by October 19, 2018. Please contact the school counseling office (804-364-0837) if you have any questions.

28th Annual Ruritan Craft Show

Fabulous food, fun, raffles, gifts, and crafts of all kinds and more! **FREE EVENT**. Over 70 crafters/vendors participating. Some of the crafts include handmade jewelry, purses, Fall and Christmas decor, baked goods, homemade jellies and jams, candy, note cards, photography, original paintings, crochet hats and scarves, pen and ink illustrations, photography, Tupperware, Thirty-One, The Doll Hospital, doll clothes, handmade soap, candles, and many more. Concessions. Flu Shots and free blood pressure checks by IVNA. Free admission and held inside SPMS. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more info : contact Susan at suebzink@aol.com or call 804/387-6804.