



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

December 4

Wrestling @ Brookland; b-ball vs. Pocahontas, both start at 4:45PM

December 5

Specialty Center Writing Prompt administered through English classes (12/5-12/6)

December 6

Make Up Picture Day; Panera Spirit Day 4-8PM (across from Town Center; mention SPMS); Girls' STEM Club at 3:45PM; Winter Concert starts at 7PM; Wrestling @ Stonewall; b-ball vs TMS, 4:45PM

December 7

Book Club Meeting during Puma Den

Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



Students explored 'mystery boxes' in sixth grade social studies classrooms. Students collaborated after reviewing the items in their box and determined which colony/region the items were associated with.

Daily Announcements

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

Looking to the Future

December 11-14: Midterms administered; Wrestling @ Fairfield; B-ball @ QMS

December 12: Writing Benchmark (all grades); Orchestra Concert, 6PM;

December 13: Wrestling vs. Pocahontas; B-ball @ PMS

December 18: Band Concert, 7PM; Wrestling vs. TMS; B-ball @ TMS

December 19: Student half day (start of Winter Break)

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!](#)

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!

-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 December, there will be various safety drills. There will be:

--Fire Drill

-Restricted Movement Drill (This action is used when it is necessary to secure the school and allow no **student** traffic in the hallways. Restricted movement allows the school to be fully secured

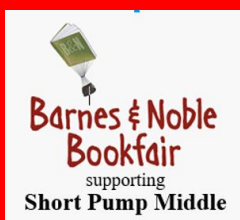
--Lockdown Drill



Support SPMS By Buying at Barnes and Noble

Help the library by shopping with your family at Barnes and Noble Short Pump on December 13. Online shopping counts as well, so share this voucher with all your family and friends. More information to come soon via email, Schoology and morning announcements!

Click on the voucher [HERE](#). Be sure to show the voucher or use the code to help out our Puma Community!



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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](#).

-Upcoming Spirit Nights

Thursday, Dec. 6th Panera (across from the mall)

Tuesday, January 15th Chipotle (near the mall)

Thursday, Feb. 7th Red Robin

Monday, March 11th BWWings 4-8pm

Saturday, March 23rd Skate Nation 2-4pm

School Picture Retakes

Makeup pictures will take place on Thursday, December 6th. If you were absent, forgot your money or would like to retake your picture, pick up a form in the main office. Those retaking pictures should bring their old pictures with them so the photographer can identify what to change and return them.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

- Adam E. won this year's SPMS Spelling Bee!
- Yashesh M. was the runner-up for the SPMS Spelling Bee!
- 8th Grade Girls for winning the Powderpuff game

Maggie Walker Governor's School

The process for applying to the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School is through an online application in Powerschool. If your student did not receive a letter or you do not see the MLWGS application as an option when you log in to Powerschool, 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.vs.us.

Specialty Center Applications

It's that time of year! HCPS Specialty Center Applications for students entering 9th grade during the 2019-2020 school year (current 8th grade students) are available now. For specific information, click [HERE](#).

Library News and Notes

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!!!