



# 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 19**  
Day 2 Schedule  
Spirit Night @ Anohka. Click [HERE](#)! Mention SPMS!!
- November 20**  
Day 1 Schedule
- November 21-23**  
Thanksgiving Break-Enjoy the time off!
- November 27**  
Christmas Mother Food Donations due in Room 406
- November 29**  
School-wide Spelling Bee for Class Winners @ 7PM in the Auditorium  
Basketball@ Oak Knoll, 4:45PM
- November 30**  
Powder Puff Football Game @SPMS 4:00-5:30PM

## Looking to the Future

- December 4-Wrestling @ Brookland; b-ball @ vs. Pocahontas
- December 5-Specialty Center Writing Prompt administered @ school
- December 6-Make Up Picture Day; Panera Spirit Day; Girls' STEM Club; Winter Concert; Wrestling @ Stonewall; b-ball vs TMS
- December 7-Book Club Meeting during Puma Den

## 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>

## Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



Students in Ms. Hunter's class are painting Adinkra cloth symbols on clay flower pots. Students chose symbols which were meaningful to them [Adrinka symbols were first created (typically on cloth) by the Ashanti people in Ghana].

## 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
- Drug dog/lock down
- Fire Drill

## Deep Run High School Electives/Curriculum Fair

Wednesday, January 30, 2018; 5:00-6:30 p.m.

- Find out about exciting high school electives.
- Plan your freshman year schedule.
- Meet a few Deep Run HS teachers & students.
- Find answers to your questions about 9th grade classes, schedules and course planning.

Students and their families can visit the Elective Fair to browse the displays on various electives. Join us at 6:00 p.m. for the presentation given by the School Counseling Department, "Creating a Freshman Schedule & Graduation Requirements".

(If you have time, stay for the Advanced Placement (AP) Panel at 6:30 p.m. – DRHS Auditorium. Learn about course expectations, summer work and how NOT to be overloaded with AP courses during your High School experience.) Additionally, please follow [THIS](#) link for an important notice for 8th grade parents regarding High School Scheduling and Transition.



## 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](#).

-Upcoming Spirit Nights

Thursday, Dec. 6th Panera

Tuesday, January 15th Chipotle (near the mall)

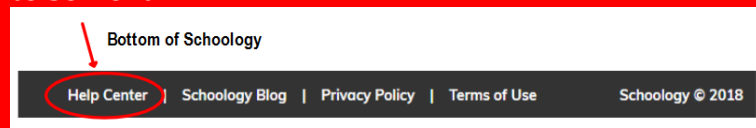
Thursday, Feb. 7th Red Robin

Monday, March 11th BWWings 4-8pm

Saturday, March 23rd Skate Nation 2-4pm

## 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 Schoology site. They can type in their problem and find how to solve it.



## Tech the Halls

The ACE Center at Hermitage High School is hosting their first annual Tech the Halls! There will be a kid's zone, petting zoo, chili to go, vendors, arts and crafts, a silent auction, and so much more! Join the fun on December 15 from 10:00AM-3:00PM. Click [HERE](#) for the flyer.

## 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.vs.us](mailto:jcsmayo@henrico.k12.vs.us).

## Code RVA Regional High School

Are you an 8th 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

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!!!