



# 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

- February 4**  
Nat'l Counseling Week Starts (We ❤️ our counselors!)
- February 5**  
Teacher Conferences for those who signed up already
- February 7**  
Girls STEM Club Meeting; [Spirit Night at Red Robin](#)
- February 8**  
Winter Semi-Formal Dance (7-9PM)

## Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



Students were treated to a delightful 'book tasting' in Miss LaVoie's English class. On the menu were servings of *Patina*, *Ghost*, *Booked*, *Curveball*, and *Magnus Chase*. I believe everyone found at least a few tastings to be of their liking.

## Looking to the Future

February 15: No One Eats Alone Day  
February 18-Full Day of School for Students (due to our snow days in December)

## 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.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

It's that time! Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> is our Parent-Teacher Conference date. Please click on the link below to find the teachers with whom you wish to meet. Our conference times are 4:00-7:00PM.  
Click [HERE](#) to sign up for a conference time if you haven't already!

## Lost and Found

If your child is missing a coat, shoes, or anything else, our Lost and Found collection will be out on Monday afternoon until Friday, at which time they will be donated. Please stop by to claim your missing items!

## Career Fair

Interested in presenting at the SPMS Career Fair? We are looking for parents that are passionate about their career to come present on March 13th. We would LOVE for YOU to be part of making this big event a success! If you are interested or know someone that would be interested in participating, please fill [THIS](#) form out. Contact Ms. Ransom for questions at [mbransom@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:mbransom@henrico.k12.va.us).

## Nominate a Teacher!

Short Pump Middle School has so many exceptional teachers that spend their time to build relationships and create just the perfect lesson. There are so many outstanding Puma teachers! Please consider nominating one (or more) for the prestigious R.E.B. award! Chlick on [THIS](#) link for more information and to nominate an exceptional teacher!



## The Sports Authority

If inclement weather is forecasted, the following link will be updated by 2 P.M. each day:  
<https://tinyurl.com/spmssportsupdates>

## Let's Keep It Safe, Pumas!

For the month of February, there will various safety drills, including at least one:

- Fire Drill
- Tornado Drill
- Lockdown Drill

## Spirit Night at Red Robin!

Come out this Thursday to Red Robin to support SPMS and eat some great food! Students can also receive an outside lunch pass! Show them [THIS](#) flyer.

## High School Online Health/PE

Interested in ONLINE Health and PE this summer? Act fast! Don't delay! There are limited slots available. Please check out [THIS LINK](#) for more information.

## Box Tops Collection

Our Box Tops for Education Coupon Collection Drive is in Full Swing! The library Box Tops for Education Collection Drive has started! Bring in your clipped Box Tops coupons on a collection sheet or in a Ziploc baggie with your student's name and grade and drop them off at the library or the office. Students who bring in 25 or more Box Tops earn an outdoor lunch pass. Let's go Pumas!



## 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 Night:

[Thursday, Feb. 7th Red Robin](#)

[Monday, March 11th BWWings 4-8pm](#)

[Saturday, March 23rd Skate Nation 2-4pm](#)

[Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> Mod Pizza 10:30AM-10:00PM](#)

## High School Transitions

We were SO lucky to have Deep Run HS come and visit recently to provide us with great information about scheduling/ course selection and high school transition for next year! If you/ your child was absent or did not receive the information, school counseling has extra handouts. Please feel free to stop by/ have them stop by school counseling and pick up the handout. Please visit the following [THIS](#) link and [THIS](#) one for more information and important dates!

## Course Selection for Next Year

The parent access window to register for courses is FEBRUARY 4 - FEBRUARY 15. The date that was originally communicated (Jan 29-Feb 8) was in error. Please contact school counseling after February 4th if you are still unable to register for courses!

## Do YOU Like to Read?

Do you like to read? Are you looking for opportunities to volunteer at your student's school? The library is looking for volunteers to help with shelving books and other projects. If you are interested, please contact Debbie Munson at 804-360-0800. Thanks!

## Great Kindness Challenge

WE WANT YOU to participate in the SPMS Great Kindness Challenge! Let your Kind Spirit soar by participating in an Animal Shelter Supplies Drive to support The Richmond SPCA! Donations accepted in School Counseling through Feb. 22. More info is on Schoology.



## Library News and Notes

- Next Book Club Meeting: February 27 @11:00AM
- 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!!!

