



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

January 28

Student Holiday

January 29-30

English and Social Studies Benchmarks through those classes

January 31-February 1

Math and Science Benchmarks through those classes

Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



Students in Mr. Cross' Talented and Gifted class are writing code to program Spheros.

Looking to the Future

- February 4: National School Counseling Week starts
- February 5: Parent-Teacher Conferences (4-7PM)
- February 7: Girls STEM Club Meeting; Spirit Night at Red Robin
- February 8: Winter Semi-Formal Dance (7-9PM)

Daily Announcements

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

Parent-Teacher Conferences

It's that time! Tuesday, February 5th 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.

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.

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](#)! Check out the school counseling Twitter account @SPPumaSC

Congratulations!

Our very own librarian, Michelle Grubbs, has been awarded the National Board Certified Teacher designation. This is one of the highest levels of recognition educators can work towards. The NBCT process takes over 400 hours working on rigorous standards of performance. It typically takes several years. Last week, the School Board recognized Michelle for her accomplishments! Congrats, Michelle!!



The Sports Authority

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

<https://tinycloud.com/spmssportsupdates>

Let's Keep It Safe, Pumas!

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

-Fire Drill



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

January 14th - Box Tops for Education Coupon Collection Drive Begins

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

High School Transitions

We were SO lucky to have Deep Run HS come and visit last week 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 links for more information and important dates!

<https://deepruncounseling.weebly.com/rising-9th-graders.html>

<https://sites.google.com/a/henrico.k12.va.us/spms-counseling/high-school-transition-specialty-centers-1>

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!

Twin Hickory Library Book Club

Have you read or are you planning on reading *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds? Join in the book discussion at the Twin Hickory Area Library on February 2 @ 1pm. For more information, stop by the school library or check Schoology.



Library News and Notes

-January Book Club: January 30th. Genre: graphic novel/manga @ 10:55AM

-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!!!

