



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 26

Spirit Week all week; BRING IN CANNED GOODS FOR OUR FOOD DRIVE; gymnastics @ HCMS, 4:45PM

February 27

Black History Month Program during school hours; Gymnastics vs HCMS at home, 4:45PM

February 28

Gymnastics @ Stonewall, 4:45PM

March 1

Winter Pep Rally

Looking to the Future

March 4-8: World Languages Week

March 5: Gymnastics Home vs Moody, 4:45PM

March 7: STEM Club Meeting @ 3:15PM; Battle Across Broad @ Glen Allen HS, starts at 6:00PM

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. Please consider nominating one (or more) for the prestigious R.E.B. award!

Click on [THIS](#) link for more information and to nominate an exceptional teacher! Nominations end 2/25 @ 5PM!



Battle Night @ CPK!

Support Battle Across Broad in raising money to fight cancer and enjoy dinner at California Pizza Kitchen on **Tuesday, February 26th**! A portion of the proceeds will go to this year's Battle event and directly to the American Cancer Society!! You must mention Battle Across Broad and the American Cancer Society!!

Other Battle Across Broad fundraiser nights:

- Wed, February 27 (fundraisers for PMS & TMS)
- Tuesday, March 5 (fundraisers for HMS & HCMS)

The Sports Authority

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

<https://tinurl.com/spmssportsupdates>

Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



Sixth grade students in Mr. Rettig's math class are learning about scale. As a warm-up activity, students solved the following problem: "On an architect's drawing of a house, one inch represents 1.5 feet. If the bedroom window is five inches long on the drawing, how many feet long will it be in the actual house? X= ____."

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 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.

Keep It Safe, Pumas!

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

- Fire Drill
- Tornado Drill
- Lockdown Drill

Congrats to our Teachers!

Ms. Brizendine-SPMS Teacher of the Year

Ms. Pennington-SPMS Christie Award Winner

Mr. Jackson-SPMS New Teacher of the Year

Spirit Week!

This week is Spirit Week at SPMS!

Monday: Pajama Day (still adhering to our dress code policy)

Tuesday: Decade Day

Wednesday: Dress Like a Teacher/Dress for Success

Thursday: Sports Day

Friday: Spirit Wear Day (6th=white; 7th=red; 8th=black)

Deep Run Course Overrides

If your parent submits an override form for a class, you **MUST** stay in the class until the end of the 1st semester at Deep Run before a schedule change will be considered. At that time, a change is contingent on space availability and may affect other classes in your schedule. Parent overrides for AP Environmental Science are not allowed, per Deep Run School Counseling. Overrides must be received by April 26. June 15 is the last day for course request changes. Any changes/overrides requested **PRIOR** to March 8th will be guaranteed for space. Any changes or overrides requested March 8-April 26 (this is a change from March 1st date previously communicated) will be based on space availability.

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.

SPMS Students are Reading Without Walls!!

Following an idea set forth by former National Ambassador for Young People's Literature Gene Luen Yang, every SPMS student will be "Reading Without Walls." In English classes this third grading period, students have been charged to find and read books where a major character is different from their own culture, ethnicity, race, or another difference. Culture is defined as the thoughts, customs, traditions, abilities, beliefs, and values which define us.

While students learn through various channels how to combat new situations whenever these situations arrive, the truth is that when they face a new or difficult tasks, often they rely on what they have read and how characters act and react to those situations. Through Reading Without Walls, students will learn about cultures that are different from them; they will also gain invaluable skills to prepare them for real-life situations. Through Reading Without Walls, we are preparing our students for the world that awaits them now and the future so that they will be prepared whatever life throws at our students.



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:

[Monday, March 11th BWWings 5-9pm](#) (click on link)

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

[Tuesday, April 9th Mod Pizza 10:30AM-10:00PM](#) (click on link)

[Thursday, May 9th Gelati Celesti 5:00-9:00PM \(11805 W Broad\)](#)

Student Pick-Up

If your child will be picked up by another adult, you **MUST** have an "Authorization to Pick Up" form on file with that adult's name. Please come to the office to complete one of these forms. This is especially important when there are late buses and parents choose to coordinate with other adults to pick up their child. When someone besides the parent picks up your child, the adult must check the child out through the office. Thank you for understanding our procedures to keep your child safe.

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.

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!

Henrico Family Learning Series

Henrico is hosting workshops to help parents and guardians learn to navigate during these challenging times. [Click for more information.](#)

Next week's sessions:

--"Are You Smarter than Your Child's Smartphone? Social Media Tips, Tricks and Secrets": Feb. 26, 6-7:30 p.m.

--"Is Your Child Struggling in School?": Feb. 27, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Library News and Notes

-Next Book Club Meeting: March 6 @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!!!

