



# 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

March 11

[Buffalo Wild Wings Spirit Night](#) from 5:00-9:00PM (You MUST mention SPMS for us to receive a % back!)

Gymnastics @ Liberty, 4:45PM

March 13

Career Day for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders (blocks 5 & 6 are switched)

March 14

Gymnastics Quad meet @ Pocahontas, 4:45PM

## Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



Thanks to everyone who came out to cheer for your SPMS Pumas as we 'battled' five other middle schools! Final totals of money raised is still being tabulated, but we already know the event raised over \$12k!! Knowing we raised that much money for the American Cancer Society demonstrates all six schools, communities, and cause, were winners!!

## Looking to the Future

March 18: Day Two Schedule

March 20: Writing SOL (short paper); Writing HAT

March 22: Writing SOL (multiple choice portion);

Writing HAT (see below for more info)

## Daily Announcements

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

## Coaches Needed!!

Short Pump Middle School is looking for a Head Tennis Coach to lead our boys' team. SPMS is also looking for an Assistant Track Coach for this spring. Please contact Tara Hoy @ [tahoy@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:tahoy@henrico.k12.va.us) if interested. Please also pass this on to your friends who might have an interest in helping our Pumas!!

## 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.

## Keep It Safe, Pumas!

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

- Bus Evacuation Drill
- Lockdown Drill
- Fire Drill
- Tornado Drill



## Battle Across Broad



The annual basketball game that pits many HCPS middle schools against one another all to raise money for the American Cancer Society was a SUCCESS! Thank you for your continued support of this tradition! It was so wonderful to see so many students, whether they were performing or supporting others!  
This game is just one event that shows that our PUMAS have P.R.I.D.E. and **HEART!**

## March is Art Month!

March is Youth Art Month! Please visit the amazing SPMS art display at the Twin Hickory Area Library. Our talented students' art is on display on a bulletin board in the children's area of the library through the month of March.

## The Sports Authority

Spring sports tryouts begin on March 19th. Students must bring a physical dated after May 1, 2018 to participate. Forms and schedules can be found [HERE!](#)

## Field Trips-Inhalers & Epi-Pens

As school field trips begin to increase, make sure that if your child has an inhaler or epi-pen (and they can self-carry), PLEASE ensure that they have these items WITH THEM on the field trip!

## Deep Run Course Overrides

If parents submit an override form for a class, students **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 the student 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 or overrides requested March 8-April 26 (this is a change from March 1st date previously communicated) will be based on space availability.

## Spirit Night!!

This week, we will have Spirit Night at Buffalo Wild Wings from 5:00-9:00PM on Monday, March 11. Show your server [THIS FLYER!!](#)



## SPMS Special Days

The next few weeks have some scheduling changes. Please see below for our adjustments to our regular schedule

Wednesday, 3/13-Blocks 6 (until 10:15), 5, 7, 8  
Monday, 3/18-Day 2 Schedule

Wednesday, 3/20-Report to Puma Den first...SOL and HAT testing through Puma Den (charge computers!)

Wednesday, 3/22-Report to Puma Den first...SOL and HAT testing through Puma Den (charge computers!)

Monday, 3/25-Day 2 Schedule

Friday, 3/29-Half-Day; follow a Monday Schedule



## 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 9<sup>th</sup> Mod Pizza 10:30AM-10:00PM](#) (click on link)

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

## Career Fair on Wednesday

The SPMS Career Fair will be held **THIS WEDNESDAY** during Puma Den for 8th graders. The schedule for ALL students on Wednesday is 6th (extended, 8:30-10:15), 5th, 7th, 8th block. Students will receive a list of Career Fair presenters on Monday during Puma Den to plan which booths they want to visit during the fair. Have questions? Any school counselor can help you!



## SOL and HATs

On March 20 and 22<sup>nd</sup>, SPMS students will be taking either the Writing SOL or the Writing HAT.

3/20: Writing SOL-Short Paper (8<sup>th</sup> grade); HAT Short Paper (grades 6 and 7)

3/22: Writing SOL-multiple choice (8<sup>th</sup> grade); HAT multiple choice (grades 6 and 7)

**Make sure laptops are FULLY charged!!**

## A **HEART**-felt Congrats!

Uncommon passion. Great teams. Compassionate gestures. All of these are measured in the same way: **heart**. At Short Pump, our very own Sandy Cohen definitely has heart! Recently, Ms. Cohen was recognized as the Heart of Henrico. Her passion and commitment to students are unparalleled. Congrats! To see all of the great work Ms. Cohen does, click [HERE!](#)



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the SPMS Orchestra for an outstanding performance on the district assessment! The beginning orchestra scored a VERY HIGH EXCELLENT, and the intermediate and advanced orchestra scored a SUPERIOR—the highest score! We are very proud of all your hard work, Pumas!!

## Library News and Notes

-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!!!

