



# 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 18**

Day 2 Schedule

**March 20**

Writing SOLs and HATs; Block 6 is first block of the day

**March 22**

Writing SOLs and HATs; Block 6 is first block of the day

**March 23**

Spirit Day @ Skate Nation, 10:30AM-10:00PM. Be sure to mention SPMS! [Click HERE for the flyer.](#)

## Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



Sixth grade science students watched a demonstration regarding convection currents.

Warm air rises and cold air sinks. The black solar bag absorbs heat, and the air inside will warm up slightly more than outside.

## Looking to the Future

March 25: Day 2 Schedule

March 27: Book Club meeting: Adventure (genre focus)

March 29: Half-Day; Monday schedule

April 9: MOD Pizza Spirit Night, 10:30AM-10:00PM (Mention SPMS!)

## Spring Sports!!

On Tuesday, March, 19<sup>th</sup>, spring sports begin. Any students who is planning to attend practice/try-outs on Tuesday, must have a physical on file (or bring one with them to the first practice), parent athletic letter, students activities contract, and concussion document. All documents, including physical form, can be found by visiting this link:

<http://shortpumpms.henricoschools.us/athletics/>

## Denim Drive

Henrico County Schools in partnership with Goodwill is holding a denim drive. Prizes will be awarded to the top three Henrico County elementary, middle and high schools who collect the most denim. LET'S BE ONE OF THE WINNERS! Bring any denim (jeans, jean jackets, etc...) you are willing to donate to the library between now and April 26. Mrs. Grubbs will deliver our donations to the Goodwill location at Regency Square Mall. Go Pumas!!

## The Sports Authority

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

## 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.

## 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

## 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.

## 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.

## Save the Date: Cultural Fair

Our second annual Cultural Fair will be held on Tuesday April 23! There will be student work and presentations, food, cultural performances, and a book fair! Start looking for those favorite recipes (or ones you're willing to share!). Have a traditional/cultural performance or song? Begin practicing!

## 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:

[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 \(11805 W Broad\)](#)

**STEAM SYMPOSIUM**  
Henrico County Public Schools  
**April 15, 2019**  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Dewey Gottwald Center at The Science Museum of Virginia  
2301 W Leigh St, Richmond, VA 23220

**Join us for our first annual middle school STEAM symposium!**  
There will be student project displays, hands-on activities, food trucks, door prizes and entrance to specific areas of The Science Museum of Virginia.

## 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!!**

## Field Trips!

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: April 29<sup>th</sup> to Frontier Museum

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: April 25<sup>th</sup> to Washington, DC

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: June 13<sup>th</sup> to Busch Gardens



## Spring Cleaning Time

Cleaning out your closets? Spring cleaning? Capitol Clothing Recyclers is partnering with SPMS to offer the "Clothing to Cash@" program. Bag all unwanted clothes, towels, textiles, and shoes. Bring those bagged items and drop them into the clothing bin located at the SPMS parent parking lot. Capitol Clothing Recyclers will remove, weigh, and then donate money directly to SPMS for every pound collected.

## Library News and Notes

-March 27: Book Club Meeting @ 10:55AM. The genre is adventure!

-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!!!

