



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 4

Start of World Languages Week

March 5

Gymnastics home vs. Moody, 4:45PM

March 7

Battle Across Broad @ Glen Allen, 5:30PM; Girls STEM Club, 3:15PM

Looking to the Future

- March 11: Buffalo Wild Wings Spirit Night
- March 13: Career Day for 7th Graders (Interested in presenting? See page 2 of this Puma Blast!)
- March 18: Day Two Schedule
- March 20: Writing SOL (short paper)
- March 22: Writing SOL (multiple choice portion)

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 @ lahoy@henrico.k12.va.us if interested. Please also pass this on to your friends who might have an interest in helping our Pumas!!



Battle Across Broad

Battle Across Broad is an annual basketball tournament where the staff of many HCPS schools battle for bragging rights, all to raise awareness and dollars to fight the many forms of cancer. School bands, dance teams, and cheerleaders will perform. Concession stands will be open. \$5 entry fee. Money raised goes to the American Cancer Society.

Divided on the Court. United in the cause.

The Sports Authority

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

<https://tinyurl.com/spmssportsupdates>

Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



A whale-watching expedition with Mr. Snyder's earth science classes. The boat went out a mile into the Atlantic. While the seas were rough and the whales scarce, the smiles were plentiful as a great day of learning occurred. Thank you to Ms. Hoy and our parent chaperones for joining us.

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 March, there will various safety drills, including at least one:

- Lockdown Drill
- Fire Drill
- Tornado Drill



Field Trips-Inhalers & EpiPens

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 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.

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 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.](#)

Upcoming sessions:

-“Developmental Milestones”: 3/5, 6:00-7:30PM

-“Developmental Milestones”: 3/6, 12:00 to 1:30PM.

-“Human Trafficking: Is It in My Community?": 3/12, 6-7:30PM

-“Raising a Confident Child: What's Your Parenting Style?": March 13, 12:00 to 1:30PM

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!!!

