



# 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

### April 15

Day 2 (Blocks 5,6,7,8)  
STEAM Night @ Science Museum of Virginia, 6-8PM

### April 17

Math NWEA (day starts in Puma Den)  
Baseball, soccer, & softball @ Pocahontas, 4:45PM  
Tennis and track @ home, 4:45PM

### April 18

Talent Show Auditions @ 3:30PM in the Auditorium  
Vaping Presentation for Parents, 6:30-7:30PM, in the Auditorium  
Softball, baseball, & soccer @ Rolfe, 4:45PM

### April 19

Half Day for Students

## Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



So wonderful to see so many Pumas celebrated for being recognized as PRIDE recipients. Games, drinks, popcorn, and candy were prepared by our PRIDE committee.

## Daily Announcements

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

## Looking to the Future

- April 22: Student Holiday/No School
- April 23: SPMS Cultural Fair, 6-8PM @ SPMS
- April 25: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to DC
- April 26: Busch Gardens Musical Field Trip
- April 29: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Frontier Culture Museum

## 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.

## 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! Help make this an engaging and well-attended event! Have a traditional/cultural performance or song to share? Begin practicing! Be a part of this exciting and inclusive event! Bring some food that represents your ethnic background. Sign up [HERE](#) for students attending or for those wanting to bring food or perform.

## The Sports Authority

If inclement weather is forecasted, the following link will be updated by 2 P.M. each day:  
<https://tinyurl.com/spmssportsupdates>

Click on the flyer for a larger version.

**FREE event**

# 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!**  
Featuring John Rolfe and Short Pump middle schools!  
There will be student project displays, hands-on activities, food trucks, door prizes and entrance to specific areas of The Science Museum of Virginia.

**DEWEY GOTTWALD CENTER**

**If traveling East on Broad Street:**

- Drive past the Science Museum of Virginia to DMV Drive, turn left
- Proceed on DMV Drive 1/4 mile
- Turn left into the event parking lot between West Leigh Street

**If traveling West on Broad Street:**

- Turn right on DMV Drive, before the Science Museum of Virginia
- Proceed on DMV Drive 1/4 mile
- Turn left into the event parking lot between West Leigh Street

**If traveling on Boulevard:**

- Turn onto West Leigh Street
- Turn right into the event parking lot

**Support STEAM!**  
Papa Johns Fundraiser  
Code: HCPS STEAM

- This code will be Online Only - just enter the code when ordering at [www.papajohns.com](http://www.papajohns.com)
- Promotions valid from through April 15th
- This code can be used when ordering from any of our 211 locally owned stores
- \*Merch can help support, even if outside of the schools' radius.

**PARKING:**

**STEAM**  
Henrico County Public Schools  
#HenricoSTEAMpower

## 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.

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.

## Denim Clothing Drive

Henrico County Public 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!!

## \*\*Sports Update\*\*

April 15th- No games due to STEAM symposium

- Soccer, Baseball, Softball moved to April 18th

- Track moved to May 2nd

- No tennis (opponent does not have a team)

April 16th- Sports Pictures

April 29th- 6th Grade Field Trip (Softball and Baseball rescheduled)

- Softball and Baseball moved to May 2nd

- Tennis and Soccer will still play on the 29th!

Parents, to respect the time of our coaches, please arrive promptly between 5 and 5:15 to pick athletes up from practices.



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

## Keep It Safe, Pumas!

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

-Fire Drill



## 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! Thank you for making our trips safe for all!



## 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

-May 1: Book Club Meeting @ 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!!!

