



# 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 22**

No School  
Happy Earth Day!

**April 23**

SPMS Cultural Fair, 6-8PM @ SPMS

**April 24**

Baseball, Softball, G. Soccer @ Tuckahoe, 4:45PM  
B. Tennis @ SPMS, 4:45PM

**April 25**

Seventh Grade Field Trip to Washington DC

**April 26**

Busch Gardens Music Trip; Denim Clothing Drive ends

## Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



The STEAM Symposium was a wonderful event. All of our participating students shined. The projects were amazing, however, it was their presentation and articulation of STEAM and Deeper Learning which made me so proud. Superintendent Dr. Cashwell and school board rep Micky Ogburn were in attendance and were thoroughly impressed too.

## Daily Announcements

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

## Looking to the Future

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

April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 1: Spring Picture Day (order forms were handed out during Puma Den last week)

May 1: Special Olympics-Meet in the Middle; Book Club Meets @ 11AM

May 2: Girls STEM Club

May 3: Puma Fest

## 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.

## STEAM Was a HUGE Success!

Our first STEAM Symposium was a HUGE Success because of YOU! Thank you to every student who showed off their work, every parent who attended this great showcase, and every teacher who supported our amazing students! In conjunction with Rolfe MS and the effort of our STEAM staff, every person left with something learned. Way to go, Pumas! You represent us well!

## Cultural Fair THIS Week!

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](#) by Sunday 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>



**Keep It Safe, Pumas!**  
For the month of April, there will be various safety drills, including at least one:  
-Fire Drill

**Take a Trip to London and Paris**  
Spring Break 2020 in London and Paris: There will be an informational meeting for all interested parents and students on Thursday, May 2 in the SPMS library at 6:00 PM. For more information, click [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! Thank you for making our trips safe for all!



**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!!

**Eighth Grade Field Trip**  
8th grade field trip permission forms for the End of Year Busch Gardens trip went home Friday, April 19th. Payment and permission forms are due by Friday, May 3rd to Puma Den teachers. This is a firm deadline. Questions? Contact Mrs. Brizendine - kmbrizen@henrico.k12.va.us

**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



**Springfield Park ES Carnival Volunteers**  
The Annual Springfield Park PTO carnival fundraiser will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup>! If your child is interested in volunteering at this fun event, please click [HERE](#)!

**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.

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

**Library News and Notes**  
-May 1: Book Club Meeting @ 11:00AM.  
-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!!!

