



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

- February 11**
Dance Team Practice @ 3:30PM
- February 14**
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- February 15**
No One Eats Alone Day
Unified Basketball @ Brookland

Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



Coming to you from the highest elevation on SPMS' property (284' above sea level). All intro to environmental science classes participated in a watershed investigation as part of BWISE (Bay Watershed Investigating Science Education).

Looking to the Future

- February 18-Full Day of School for Students (due to our snow days in December)
- February 27-Black History Month Program; Book Club Meeting @ 10:55AM
- March 1-Winter Pep Rally

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.

Course Recommendations!

Course recommendations for next year are currently available to review and make requests. The window for reviewing/choosing the courses closes on Friday, February 15! If you haven't reviewed the courses yet, you only have a few days left! Contact your counselor if you aren't able to register for courses prior to the window closing. If courses are not selected by Friday, you may be placed into courses you may not want to take!

Selecting a course does NOT guarantee that you will take that course. Make sure that you also select alternatives (especially important for rising high schoolers!)

See page two of this Puma Blast for more information for rising Deep Run High School students.

Keep It Safe, Pumas!

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

- Fire Drill
- Tornado Drill
- Lockdown Drill

Nominate a Teacher!

Short Pump Middle School has so many exceptional teachers that spend their time to build relationships and create just the perfect lesson. There are so many outstanding Puma teachers! Please consider nominating one (or more) for the prestigious R.E.B. award!

Click on [THIS](#) link for more information and to nominate an exceptional teacher!



The Sports Authority

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

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.

High School Online Health/PE

Interested in ONLINE Health and PE this summer? Act fast! Don't delay! There are limited slots available. Please check out [THIS LINK](#) for more information.

Box Tops Collection

Thank you to everyone who has sent box tops into the library. We appreciate your support. It's not too late for your student to earn a lunch in the library or lunch outside pass. We will be giving out passes again at the end of the month so keep cutting out those boxtops. Students will receive a lunch pass for turning in 25 or more boxtops. Make sure your student's name and grade is written on the bag. Details for a new box top collection drive/contest will come out in April. Again, thank you for your support of the library, Pumas!



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)

High School Transitions

If you/ your child was absent or did not receive the information from the Deep Run counselors, our school counseling has extra handouts. Please feel free to stop by/ have them stop by school counseling and pick up the handout. Please visit the following [THIS](#) link and [THIS](#) one for more information and important dates!

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!

Great Kindness Challenge

WE WANT YOU to participate in the SPMS Great Kindness Challenge! Let your kind spirit soar by participating in an animal shelter supply drive to support the Richmond SPCA! Donations accepted in School Counseling through 2/22. More info is on Schoology.



Library News and Notes

-Next Book Club Meeting: February 27 @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!!!

