



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 25

Day 2 Schedule

March 27

Book Club meeting in the library @ 10:55AM
Holocaust Survivor Guest Speaker for Seventh Grade during Puma Den

March 29

Half Day-Monday schedule

Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



It was wonderful to see so many students interested in playing spring sports. Over 200 students participated in tryouts on Tuesday. Pictured are student athletes awaiting their coach. The first day of practice is very exciting for students. A special 'Way-to-Go' shout out for those trying out their first time, as the first step is always the hardest. Whether you make the team or not, hold your head high and be proud of yourself for trying something new. Go Pumas!

Looking to the Future

April 8: Day 2 Schedule

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

April 11: Girls STEM Club meets @ 3:15PM

April 12: Reading NWEA through Puma Den

April 15: STEAM Night @ Science Museum of Richmond from 6-9PM

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.

Spring Break

Our last day of classes before break is Friday, 3/29 (half day). All of us at Short Pump hope you and your family enjoy this time away from school. Whether you have a trip planned or you will be staying local, please take time to relax, unplug, and recharge.

Keep It Safe, Pumas!

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

- Lockdown Drill
- Fire Drill

Denim 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!!

Seventh Grade Field Trip

Seventh grade field trip permission forms to Washington D.C. went home Friday, March 22nd. Money and permission forms are due by Friday, April 12th to Puma Den teachers. This is a firm deadline.

The Sports Authority

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

<https://tinyurl.com/spmssportsupdates>

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!

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! 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 to bring food [HERE!](#)

An Invitation...

Senator Mark Warner invites middle school and high school students, their parents, and school counselors to Academy Day 2019. Attendees will be provided a comprehensive overview of the United States service academies and their admission processes.

April 27, 2019, from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Doors open at 9:30 a.m; program begins at 10:00AM

Location:

The Paramount Theater

215 East Main Street

Charlottesville, VA 22902 Register [here](#).



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:

[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.

Social Media Parent Discussion

On Wednesday, April 10, from 6-8PM at Deep Run HS, there will be a community discussion on social media and how it can affect your child's future.

Click [HERE](#) to see more information about this social media forum.



Field Trips!

6th Grade: April 29th to Frontier Museum

7th Grade: April 25th to Washington, DC

8th Grade: June 13th 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!!!

