



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 29

Sixth Grade Field Trip to Frontier Culture Museum
Soccer @ SPMS; Tennis @ Quioccasin, 4:45PM

April 30

Spring Pictures through PE classes

May 1

Spring Pictures through PE classes; Meet in the Middle @ Collegiate; Book Club meets @ 11:00AM
Baseball, Softball, Soccer @ SPMS; Tennis, Track @ Pocahontas, 4:45PM

May 2

Girls STEM Club meet @ 3:15PM

May 3

Puma Fest, 4:30-9:30PM @ SPMS

Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



On Tuesday, SPMS' PTSA sponsored our second annual Cultural Fair. We had a great turnout with food from all over the world, cultural book displays by students and displays from bbg books, along with performances of dances and music, and pictured, a folktale story teller. Thanks to everyone who participated.

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.

Looking to the Future

- May 6: Teacher Appreciation Week!
- May 8: Talent Show Rehearsal 3:30PM
- May 9: [Gelati Celesti Spirit Night \(5-9PM\)](#); Talent Show @ 7PM
- May 14: SOL Testing Begins

Annual Puma Fest

When: THIS Friday, May 3rd, from 4:30-9:30PM
Where: @ SPMS

What is it? It's the SPMS version of a carnival! Fun for the whole community! There will be a dodgeball tournament, inflatables will be onsite, a cupcake walk, video games, pie a teacher, food, and so much more! There is an entrance fee, and tickets for games will be available. Proceeds will go to charity. We are excited for this event, and hope you will join us!

Spirit Week May 6-10!

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Health and PE teachers will post information on their HW boards related to the benefits of exercise and physical fitness. We will also have a **Spirit Week May 6th - 10th**. The themes for each day are:

- Monday** - Student athlete day - Wear your SPMS team jersey/spirit wear. If you play on a sports team, dance team etc. outside of SPMS wear your apparel for that team.
- Tuesday**: - College sports day - Wear your favorite college sports team apparel.
- Wednesday**: - Football/Soccer day - Wear your favorite football or soccer team apparel.
- Thursday**: - Baseball/Softball day - Wear your favorite baseball or softball team apparel.
- Friday**: - Sports team hat day - Wear your favorite sports team hat or sports themed hat.

The Sports Authority

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

<https://tinyurl.com/spmssportsupdates>



Spring Plant Sale

It's that time of year to get your garden ready for the summer!

Support Henrico County Public Schools by purchasing your plants from the ACE Center at Hermitage High School! Check out the list of herbs, fruits, vegetables, annuals, and perennials [HERE!](#)



Deep Run Color Guard

Eighth grade students,

Are you interested in joining Deep Run's marching band or color guard? This is an exciting way to immediately be a part of a meaningful activity for Deep Run. Flyers are available in the main office or by clicking [HERE!](#)

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

Deep Run HS Marching Band

All interested rising 8th & 9th graders are invited to join DRHS for the pre-season opportunity to experience the Deep Run Marching Band & Color Guard first hand. Click [HERE](#) for more info!



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 9th Gelati Celesti 5:00-9:00PM \(11805 W Broad\)](#)

[Monday, June 3d, Rudino's Spirit Night, 5-9PM](#)

Keep It Safe, Pumas!

For the month of May, there will 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!



Field Trips!

6th Grade: April 29th to Frontier Museum

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

-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!!!

