



# 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

**May 6**  
Teacher Appreciation Week!  
National Physical Fitness and Sports Week! (see this Puma Blast for the daily spirit dress-up days)  
Baseball, softball, soccer @ SPMS; tennis @ Tuckahoe, 4:45PM

**May 7**  
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**May 8**  
Talent Show Rehearsal 3:30PM  
Baseball, softball, soccer @ Quioccasin; tennis, track @ SPMS, 4:45PM

**May 9**  
Baseball, Soccer @ Rolfe, 4:45PM  
Gelati Celesti Spirit Night (5-9PM); Talent Show @ 7PM

## Looking to the Future

May 13: Rollback schedule starts for SOL Testing  
May 14: SOL Testing Starts: Block 1 SOLs/Exams/HATs  
May 15: Block 3 SOLs/Exams/HATs  
May 16: Block 5 SOLs/Exams/HATs  
May 17: Block 7 SOLs/Exams/HATs

## SOL Schedule

Please click [HERE](#) for a full schedule of SOLs, exams, and HATS, and what classes your child will have each day, starting May 13<sup>th</sup>.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade RISE & Dance

8th grade RISE will be held on Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00 PM in the Deep Run High School gymnasium (Both boy's and girls should dress nice). The 8th grade dance will be held on June 7th from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at SPMS. More information about both of these events will be sent home closer to the date of the event. Short Pump Middle School dress code does apply.

## The Sports Authority

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

## Mr. McAuley's Selfie of the Week



Our Fifth Annual Puma Fest was a great success. We grossed over \$2,400 in sales for charity! One of our biggest draws was our 'pie-a-teacher' booth, pictured here. Thanks to everyone who came out to support this event!

## 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](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.

## 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.



## All-Star Pumas

Congratulations to our Advanced Band and Jazz Band. Both groups received superior ratings for their performances at Busch Gardens. In addition, Advanced Band received 2nd place and the Jazz Band received 1st place in their divisions.

Individual awards were given to Christopher Wright, Cary Raderer and Jackson Haught for solos they had in our songs.

Chorus did an awesome job at the Busch Gardens competition last week. All three groups got Superior scores. Girls Select Chorus got first place in their division and tied for first place Grand Champion over all 15 Middle School chorus groups. Great job, chorus!

Way to go SPMS Orchestra Students! All three orchestras earned SUPERIOR scores for their performance at Busch Gardens. All three groups also earned 1st place in their division!!

The combined intermediate & advanced orchestra took home the GRAND CHAMPION award, given to the orchestra who scores the highest out of all the groups who performed!

In addition, an outstanding achievement award was given to Charlotte Mooney, for her viola solo!

**Well done SPMS Music Department!**

## Note from the Clinic

If your child has medication at the clinic, make sure to pick them up by the end of the school year! Any meds left after the last day of school must be destroyed. Please pick them up the last week of school.

## Deep Run HS Marching Band

All interested rising 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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

## Sports Physicals

Physicals to play sports next school year must be dated AFTER May 1st in order to be valid.

## Substance Abuse Can Affect Anyone



## SPMS Teaches Students to be #LifeReady

The 10th annual Henrico 21 #LifeReady Learning Exhibition will take place May 22 from 5:30-7:00 PM at Glen Allen High School, and everyone is invited. Learn more about Henrico Schools innovative learning by visiting student representatives, teachers, librarians and administrators from all Henrico schools as they share what their schools have done to prepare our students to be #LifeReady learners.

## Library News and Notes

-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!!!

