



PUMA BLAST

WEEK OF OCTOBER 19TH



SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Short Pump Middle School PTSA. Come in to the Chipotle at **11728 W Broad St** in Richmond on **Monday, October 19th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Short Pump Middle School PTSA.

NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code HX7XLJV before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.

Attention 8th Grade Students

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Applications

Parents of 8th grade students who are eligible to apply to Maggie L. Walker Governor's school should have received a SchoolMessenger notification on Thursday, October 14th.

[Please click here for more information](#)

If your 8th grader did not receive a notification but would like to be considered as an applicant due to special circumstances. Please provide a letter of explanation to the Educational Specialist for Gifted Programs, Henrico County Public Schools, by November 4, 2020.



— The Mech Tech Dragons

FREE VIRTUAL STEM EVENT

Hosted by the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Robotics Team

WHEN: Saturday, **October 24th**, 2020

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Through **Zoom**

WHO: Grades 5-8

(featuring numerous STEM presenters!)

Including Presentations From:

- MIT- Graduated Mechanical Aeronautical Engineer
- Young Scientists LLC
- MLWGS Alumni
- FIRST Robotics Team 422: Mech-Tech Dragons

Click here for information and to register:

[Free Virtual Stem Event October 24, sponsored by the Mech Tech Dragons](#)

Want to help create a post for SPMS social media?
Use [this form](#) to submit!

Here are some of the hashtags we will be using:

- **#MotivatingPumas**--Posts/quotes to motivate Pumas
- **#MaintenanceMonday**--Pictures of C&M doing work around school
- **#MadScientistMonday**--Student/teacher results from experiments in science classes
- **#MusicMoments**--Video/pictures of students playing instruments
- **#TuesdayTreats**--Pictures of your lunch
- **#PumaCreations**--Showcase artwork from teachers/students
- **#WellnessWednesday**--Students/teachers staying active or practicing mindfulness



LET'S GO TO THE

GALÁPAGOS

IN SUMMER OF 2022!

Come to a Virtual Interest Meeting to hear all about this opportunity!

Thursday, October 22nd at 6:00 PM

RSVP here to be on the list to get the meeting link:
<http://bit.ly/2H2f8wn>



EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

LITTLE BY LITTLE WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

The Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

DONT HAVE THE BOX TOPS APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:



HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



BUY
BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



SCAN
YOUR RECEIPT

Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



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Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

HCPS will continue free school meals for all students through the end of the 2020-21 school year!

- Free meals are available to any child 18 or younger at all HCPS school locations and identified bus stops.
- Parents and guardians can pick up meals at any HCPS location regardless of where their student is enrolled.
- No student name or ID is needed to receive meals.

Distribution of free meals will take place at all schools.

- Monday through Thursday (Friday meals are distributed on Thursdays)
- 7:00 am – 9:00 am- Hot breakfasts (when available) and cold lunches
- 11:30 am – 1:30 pm- Hot lunches as well as cold breakfasts for the next day.

[Click here for more information](#)

HCPS Online Services

If you need assistance or information about HCPS online services, including PowerSchool and Schoology, please visit our online services homepage.

<https://henricoschools.us/online-services/>

Please find [attached a short video](#) that explains more about the site.

8th Grade Families



All 8th grade students will be attending a virtual Mission Tomorrow field trip on November 12th 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

More information coming soon!



The SPMS library is OPEN and ready to serve our students and community by providing opportunities to READ, EXPLORE, LEARN, and SHARE. Our Virtual Library Learning Commons provides book check-out, book recommendations, book club and more. Students can participate in extra-curricular activities that provide the opportunity for exploring, learning and sharing through our 3d design club, maker challenges and more.

Check out the Virtual Library Learning Commons by visiting <https://shortpumpms.henricoschools.us/> and clicking on the library icon.

Attention 6th grade Families

Beginning Monday, October 5, 2020 the Henrico County International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program application will be available in the Short Pump Middle School Counseling Course in Schoology.

Current 6th grade students and families who are interested should click on the folder entitled “6th Grade Resources”. Once there, look for the “IB Application 7 2021-2022” folder. This folder contains information on the program, the application timeline, and the student application!

Applications are due November 6, 2020.

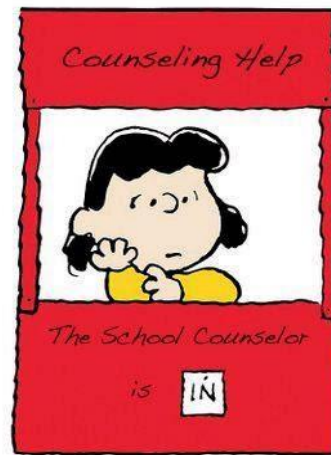
Counselor's Corner

6th Grade Counselor: Kellyn Gitomer

7th Grade Counselor: Jentae Mayo

8th Grade Counselor: Heather Sharpe

Check out the [SPMS Counseling Website](#)
and our [Bitmoji Counseling Suite!](#)



Events:

Ongoing: New Crew Chat and Chew- Lunches with our New Pumas

October 13-20: Thriving in Uncharted Waters Lessons in Health and PE classes

October 15: [Governor's School](#) Applications Available (more information to come)

October 23-31: [Red Ribbon Week](#)

October 28: [CodeRVA](#) Open House (Virtual 7:00 p.m.)

October 30: [Mix it Up Day](#)

November 2-6: Virtual College and Career Awareness Days

November 6: College Paraphernalia Day

November 6: Moody IB Applications Due (Available on Schoology October 5)

November 9: Informational session for students and parents at MLWGS (6:30-9:00 pm)

November 16: [Specialty Center](#) Applications Available



CHAT AND CHEW!

CALLING ALL NEW PUMAS:

**KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR SCHOOLING
INBOX!**

MORE INFO COMING SOON!

SPMS SCHOOL COUNSELING

Current 8th grade students will have the opportunity to try out for JV programs at their zoned high school

Future Deep Run students can try out for the following sports this school year:

Girls Basketball - Winter Season
December 7th – February 20th

Football - Fall Season
February 4th – May 1st

Boys Soccer - Spring Season
April 12th – June 26th

Girls Tennis - Spring Season
April 12th – June 26th

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for all of the required forms which must be submitted to the Deep Run Athletic Director, Michael Kidd (mjkidd@henrico.k12.va.us), before you are able to try out for a team later in the year.

Did you miss yearbook pickup?

Don't forget to swing by school and pick it up!

Monday – Friday between
8:00 am – 4:30 pm

If you did not purchase a yearbook but would like one simply stop by the main office with \$25 cash or check.

SAVE THE DATE!

- Chipotle Spirit Night
Monday 10/19 5pm - 9pm
- Student Holiday Election Day
Tuesday 11/3
- 8th grade only: Mission
Tomorrow virtual field trip
Thursday 11/12
10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Student Holiday-Diwali
Last day of Quarter One
Friday 11/13
- Thanksgiving Holiday
Wednesday 11/25 – Friday 11/27
- Winter Break
Monday 12/21 – Friday 1/1