

Good afternoon Hornet Families,

We hope you are enjoying the long weekend! Tomorrow, there will be no school as we honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King's message was centered around justice, equality, and peace, which still ring necessary and true today. We hope that our families take time to commemorate the reason for the holiday and that we strive to live every day realizing Dr. King's vision.

Thank you for sending your children prepared for Benchmark 2 testing last week! We are looking forward to seeing growth between Benchmark 1 & Benchmark 2. If your child was absent last week, they will need to complete make-up testing. The Benchmarks reveal progress on grade level skills our students have learned this year and they give us predictions of future EOG achievement levels. Benchmark reports on student performance will be available and sent home soon. The final Benchmark of the year will be at the end of April.

On Monday and Tuesday, students will have their mid-year iReady math diagnostic. iReady diagnostics measure individual progress based on personal skill needs. Most students working on iReady are working on skills gaps which prevent them from being at grade level. Other students work in iReady to increase their depth of knowledge at and above grade level. All students are required to engage with iReady nightly at home; 30 minutes in reading and 30 minutes in math throughout the week.

Second quarter will end this Thursday. Please take time to visit PowerSchool to be sure your child's assignments are complete. We need every student focused on being successful, well-rested, engaged, and present every day.

Our basketball teams will play this Thursday at Cochrane at 5:30. All students must be accompanied by a parent throughout the game. Students who have had ISS or OSS in the past 30 days are ineligible. No bookbags are allowed.

Thursday will also be our make-up pictures picture day. All students who were absent or did not have a chance to purchase pictures will be able to do so this Thursday.

Our next School Improvement Team meeting will be on Monday, January 27 @ 4:30 in the school media center. Parents are encouraged to attend. Please save the date.

Friday, January 24, is a Teacher Workday. There will be no school for students. Rest up and prepare to start third quarter strong with assignment completion, excellent attendance, and tight focus on excelling!

We appreciate your continued support of Albemarle Road Middle School and we look forward to GLOWing UP by growing, leading, optimizing, and winning academically and socially each and every day!

Have a wonderful Sunday!