

Hornet Families,

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our 7th Annual IB Campus Beautification on Saturday! Your commitment is a labor of love, and we appreciate you! Our campus is much improved because of you!

Last week, I told you we had 64 students with perfect attendance for the month of September. That was an error! We had over 200 students with perfect attendance for the month of September, representing about 20% of our total population! We need our students at school daily unless they are sick and feverish. Please help us by sending your child to school on time every day. The next incentive will be a field trip to Ikea. Someone once said, "The most valuable gift you can give your child is a good education. And the most important way to do that is by being involved and engaged in their learning." We appreciate all you are doing and encourage you to do more, focus more by staying on top of grades in PowerSchool, requiring nightly study time (iReady will always be available), and talking with your child about what they are learning in class.

This week in Capturing Kids Hearts, we will continue to focus on growing strong with empowering and ownership of self-management. The goal is that students become strong managers of themselves. Last week, there were several conflicts around the school. Most of those conflicts initiated on social media and cell phones. Cell phones and social media challenge students' capacity to self-manage. It is of utmost importance that our students learn to self-manage even when faced with conflict and negativity. You can help us by observing your child's social media accounts, limiting late night access to cell phones and social media, and setting boundaries with social media use in general. If students are successful becoming strong self-managers, we will greatly increase student engagement and academic performance, and our students will be better prepared for young adulthood.

All students may participate in this week's Pajama Jammy Jam! Students who contribute \$3 may wear pajamas on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week. All funds will be collected through homeroom teachers.

This Monday, our volleyball team will compete at Cochrane and our football team will play at MLK on Wednesday. All games begin at 5:00pm. Students must have a parent accompany them throughout the game and may not have had ISS or OSS in the past 30 days. No bookbags are allowed.

On Wednesday, we will kick off Benchmark season with the administration of the math benchmark. We will begin testing at 8:30, in first block. Please be sure your child arrives at school on time every day, and especially this Wednesday. ELA and science benchmarks will happen next week.

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

Enjoy your Sunday!