

Hello Hornet Families,

This week we take the final two benchmark tests of the quarter. Eighth grade science will take their benchmark on Monday and all students will have their ELA benchmark on Tuesday. Benchmark testing is a chance for students to show what they have learned during the quarter and allows teachers to examine individual performance and plan for intervention. Please be sure your child is at school on time every day.

iReady is up and running and we need your child logging in nightly to practice essential ELA and math skills. Each child has their own pathway and iReady is set up to fill gaps in learning at whatever level your child needs it. In Academic Enrichment, students have their own set of earbuds that remain at school to be used with iReady. However, students do not have earbuds for use in core classes. You can help us by sending standard earbuds or headsets **with wires** for use during core class.

As a reminder, there is no staff supervision at the school before 8:00am. If you drop your child off before 8:00, there will be no supervision while your child waits outside until the school building opens.

Families, do you have your own painting business? If so, please reply to this message with a picture of your business card. The school has a one-time paint job we need completed.

This week in Capturing Kids Hearts, we will focus on sharing Good Things and continue affirming one another. All of our classes have created personalized Social Contracts, which are created to shape the culture of our classrooms. When students are successful at becoming strong self-managers, we will increase student engagement and academic performance, and our students will be better prepared for young adulthood.

This Monday, our volleyball team will compete at home against James Martin and our football team will play at home against Kennedy on Tuesday. 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.

Wednesday is an Early Release Day. All ARMS students will be dismissed on their regular mode of transportation at 12:30. This is a great time to complete missing assignments or get some iReady practice. Also on Wednesday, our IB Cadre will sponsor a Rock the Vote event where our students participate in a mock presidential election as a demonstration of their investment in the larger community. We also encourage you to rock your vote during early voting or on election day.

The Annual Fall Festival is happening Friday from 6:00 – 8:00 at the school. The cost is \$5 for entry and \$3 to enter the scariest Haunted Media Center ever! See our social media and ParentSquare for further details.

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!