

Good afternoon Hornet Families,

Today, millions are eagerly anticipating Super Bowl LIX, a rematch between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles. This game marks another milestone for Black quarterbacks in the NFL, as Jalen Hurts and Patrick Mahomes face off for the second time in Super Bowl history. In 2023, Hurts and Mahomes made history as the first Black quarterbacks to compete against each other in a Super Bowl. Now, they are set to repeat this feat, showcasing the progress made since Willie Thrower became the first African American quarterback in the modern NFL era, playing for the Chicago Bears in 1953. At the start of the 2024 season, nearly half of the league's starting quarterbacks were Black, the highest number in NFL history. As you watch the game, remember the progress represented on the field. Whether you are cheering for the Chiefs or the Eagles, this Super Bowl is a testament to the talent and determination of these athletes and those who paved the way before them. Enjoy the game!

We are gearing up for the Spring sports season at ARMS! Tryouts for track, baseball, and soccer are coming soon! If interested, be sure your child has at least a 2.0 GPA (Cs and better), has a current physical, and has all the info uploaded in Dragonfly. Be on the lookout for more details.

This Thursday, ARMS will host the Love & Basketball Tournament. The cost is \$5 per student and it is free to students who earned all As on their second quarter report card! The tournament will take place during school for all who are interested in playing or attending.

Van C and Boi T in sixth grade, Euna P in seventh grade, and Erik AG in eighth grade are commended for exceeding expectations in both iReady reading and math! Their dedication to meeting—and surpassing—the required iReady minutes and lessons is so appreciated. All students are encouraged to follow their example by practicing both reading and math on iReady for at least thirty minutes each per week.

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