

Good afternoon Hornet Families,

Dr. Rebecca Lee Crumpler made history in 1864 when she became the first Black woman to receive a medical degree in the United States, graduating from the New England Female Medical College. This pioneering achievement laid the foundation for future generations of Black women in medicine. However, progress has been slow. As of 2018, Black women represented only 2.8% of physicians in the United States, despite making up 6.4% of the total population. In 2020, Forbes magazine highlighted the voices of several Black female doctors, shedding light on their experiences and challenges in the medical field. Despite the challenges, many Black women continue to pursue careers in medicine, inspired by trailblazers like Dr. Crumpler.

ARMS is excited to report progress being made on Benchmark 2 in reading. Across each grade level, student proficiency increased on Benchmark 2 and that makes us very proud! In math and science, we experienced a slight decline and will continue working to increase proficiency in all three areas. The next Benchmark will be in April. Please be sure your child is at school, completing assignments, and studying at home each night to help us exceed our goals for proficiency this year.

We are gearing up for the Spring sports season at ARMS! Tryouts for baseball and soccer will be held this week until 5:30 each day. 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.

We are excited to celebrate with the following students who exceeded their weekly iReady goal in reading and math last week! In 6th grade, Jazmin P.B., Christian G., Boi T., and Jayden G.H. and in 7th grade, Euna P. and Geovany C.F.! Congratulations! We are so proud of your dedication at school and at home!

Also, we celebrate the following students who passed the most iReady lessons in their grade level. In 6th grade, Demanii S. passed 20 reading lessons; Cheenu V. and Leonneidys R.A. each passed 4 math lessons. In 7th grade, Nicole CR and Amah'Ja J. passed 8 reading lessons; Tania G.M. and Euna P passed 4 math lessons. Then in 8th grade, Jostin M.F. passed 16 reading lessons and Tamaj I. passed 5 math lessons! We are so proud of these iReady superstars! All students are encouraged to follow their example by practicing both reading and math on iReady for at least thirty minutes each per week. Students will receive Diagnostic Results reports this week from Academic Enrichment teachers.

As a reminder there is no school on Monday, February 17, which is a Teacher Workday. Take advantage of this time to rest, get caught up on missing assignments, increase iReady minutes and lessons passed, and prepare for another great 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