

Good afternoon Hornet Families,

Welcome to February - the month of Love, American Heart Awareness, and Black History Month! This week we celebrate Mark E. Dean who is one of the top engineering minds at the International Business Machines (IBM) Corporation. He made his first mark in the industry in the early 1980s, when he and a colleague developed a system that allowed computers to communicate with printers and other devices. Every time you print something, you can thank Mark Dean ([Kids National Geographic](#)).

Families, did you know you can change the language of our ParentSquare notifications? All you have to do is open the app, click the triple bars near the upper left, click on Account, then click on Preferences. There, you will see the option to change the language of your notifications.

At ARMS, we are celebrating the start of third quarter and next Sunday's BIG Game through spirit week! We will post the full week's schedule. We kick off tomorrow wearing headbands like Mahomes and Hurts wear during games.

Congratulations to Ms. Samantha Norris, 7th grade ELA teacher and the ARMS 2025 Teacher of the Year! We are so proud to have Ms. Norris represent us. This is a well-deserved honor for Ms. Norris and for our school.

This week is National School Counseling Week! We are fortunate to have two amazing school counselors, Ms. James & Ms. Miller! They take such great care of our students through individual services, intervention, scheduling and registration, the works! Thank you, Ms. James & Ms. Miller, for all you do for our school!

CMS is working towards gradually refreshing chromebooks across the district beginning in February. To get a refreshed device, students must complete the Device Care Course in Canvas. Students can access the course today on their Canvas Dashboard. It should only take about 15 minutes.

On Monday, our basketball teams will play at home against Kennedy and then on Thursday, we will play away against McClintock. Games begin at 5:00. 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.

Families, we have noticed that many students arrive at school and are in class sleepy and tired. A few students attempt to sleep in class. We want to encourage you to establish a consistent bedtime for your child (10:00 is late enough) and to eliminate the use of technology after 9:00. These two steps may help with students feeling sleepy and tired during the school day.

Please drive safely and observe the stop signs in Idlewild Farms (the neighborhood behind the school). On Thursday, the Sherriff came to remind us to keep our speed under the limit and come to a full stop at the signs. He will begin issuing \$241 tickets this week and specifically wanted us to know he will not issue warning tickets. Let's slow down in the neighborhood and come to a complete stop at the stop signs.

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!