

Good afternoon Hornet Families,

March 1 kicked off Women's History Month and we are excited to recognize Claudette Colvin who, now 85 years old, is a remarkable pioneer of the American Civil Rights Movement and whose courage and determination deserve celebration. On this day in history in 1955 at the age of 15, Colvin boldly refused to give up her seat on the bus in Montgomery, Alabama. This was nine months before Rosa Parks' more famous act of defiance. Claudette Colvin's brave stand against segregation led to her arrest and ultimately made her one of the key plaintiffs in the landmark case *Browder v. Gayle*, which ruled bus segregation unconstitutional. Despite being overlooked for many years, Colvin's actions were instrumental in sparking the Montgomery Bus Boycott and advancing the civil rights movement. Montgomery declared today, March 2, as Claudette Colvin Day in 2017. Colvin's unwavering spirit and commitment to justice at such a young age serve as an inspiring example of the power of individual action in the face of systemic oppression.

This week, our 6th graders will get new chromebooks if they have completed their Device Care Course on Canvas, submitted their old device in good condition, and submitted the charger for their old device. Please be sure your child is ready to get their new device this week during Social Studies classes.

The weather is beginning to fluctuate, with some days being really warm and other days being colder. Please be sure your child is dressed in layers as we move into Spring. Also remember ARMS follows a dress code which outlines expectations for the length of shorts, skirts, and shirts. Shorts and skirts must be no more than six inches above the knee and shirts must at least meet the waistband comfortably.

We want to wish a Happy National School Social Worker Week to Mr. Axtmann, our School Social Worker! We are so grateful for the ways he supports and advises our families as well as his tenacity with increasing student attendance. Thank you, Mr. Axtmann, for the impact you make in our school, on families, and in classes every day.

Today, we celebrate Ayzre Mixon, Ivette Campos Gonzalez, Jayden Gomez Hernandez, Jonathan Hernandez Ulloa, Naidelyn Torres Barrientos, Aniyah Thompson, Cinthia Valle Medina, Euna Perez, and Jose Romero for achieving the goal of 2 lessons per week and a minimum of 40 minutes each, in both reading and math iReady! This is amazing work and we are so proud of these students! We also acknowledge Leonneidys Rodriguez Alfonso, Farridullah Ghani Zada, and Steel Smith for having the most lessons passed for the week in 6th grade math and ELA; Evalene Medal and Euna Perez have the most lessons passed for the week in 7th grade math and ELA, and Brenda Ruiz-Cifuentes and Denys Pisarzhevskiyi for having the most lessons passed for the week in 8th grade math and ELA! Shout outs to these students for keeping their feet on the gas with iReady lessons.

Our first Soccer and Baseball games will take place this Wednesday at ARMS against MLK. The games will begin at 5:00. All students must be accompanied by a parent throughout the game and no bookbags are allowed. Students with ISS or OSS in the past 30 days are ineligible.

Progress Reports are coming out on Wednesday! This marks the half-way mark for the third quarter. I need you to double check your child's grades from now throughout the remainder of the year. Students must have completed assignments and be in regular attendance to maintain good grades.

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!

