

Hello Hornet Families,

Holiday Spirit Week, sponsored by the ARMS SGA, is this week! Monday, we wear our holiday PJs or flannel. Tuesday, we wear holiday accessories. Wednesday, wear your holiday lights. Thursday, dress like a holiday character or find a friend and dress as twins. Then, on Friday, wear your ugly holiday sweater. All students who wish to participate, may. Remember, slides (including bubble slides) are never appropriate for school.

As a reminder, I am asking for 100% attendance for the next week and a half. I am also asking that early dismissals be reserved for emergencies only. One of our goals is to improve attendance so that learning can happen, and we need your help to achieve that. Currently, we have a 39% chronic absenteeism rate, which far exceeds the goal of 10%.

Progress Reports will be ready to review in Power School on Wednesday. Please login with your child to review their grades for this quarter. We have about 4 weeks left in this quarter to meet our goal for every grade at C or above. Last week you received your child's Individual Student Report for ELA, Math, and 8th grade science. I hope you had a chance to review and reflect with your child on their performance and plan for continued success or growth. You can help increase your child's proficiency by designating a time, space, and requirement that students are studying nightly. Reading, practicing math, and studying science will help strengthen their skills.

Congratulations to Justus, the Southeast Learning Community Spelling Bee Champion! Justus competed against 15 other schools and emerged the winner! We are so proud of Justus! His next competition will be against winners from 8 other learning communities! Wish him luck!

Our basketball teams will play at McClintock on Monday and then against Northeast at home on Thursday. Games will begin at 5:00. Students planning to attend must go home on their regular mode of transportation and return with a parent who will accompany them throughout the game. No bags of any kind are allowed. Students who were assigned OSS or ISS within the past 30 days are not eligible to attend.

We have two Winter Concerts this week! Band will perform on Tuesday @ 6:00 and Dance will perform Thursday @ 6:00. Both performances will be in the multi-Purpose Room. Please come out to support our band musicians and our dancers as they showcase their talents!

Families, are you in search of a tutoring program for your child? ARMS offers tutoring on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3:45 – 5:30. Transportation and dinner are provided. Please access this [registration link](#) if you are interested or contact Ms. Rivers for more information at 980-343-6420.

Remember to follow us on ParentSquare, Instagram (@arms.ib.academy) and Facebook (Albemarle Road Middle Academy) for the latest updates!

Have a great Sunday!