Hello Hornet Families,

Happy Presidents Day tomorrow! Monday, February 19 is the President's Day holiday and there will be no school. We will see all students back on Tuesday, February 20.

The ARMS Black History Month Program coming this Thursday and will be packed with performances! Mark your calendars and let us celebrate together! Refreshments will be provided.

All 6th grade scholars, families, and guardians are invited to our Annual ARMS Innovations Symposium. There is no fee to attend or for this grade level participation. Join us on Friday, February 23 for an exciting day full of scholar presentations, as we continue to influence ingenuity and progress through the subject groups of Language and Literature, Individuals and Societies, and Sciences. Event questions can be sent to the attention of Mrs. Sam, the ARMS IB MYP/Magnet Coordinator, or by calling 980-343-6420. We look forward to sharing our innovations through design thinking with you!

Baseball & soccer tryouts will begin on February 20 and track tryouts begin February 27. Registration details can be found at dragonflymax.co

I am asking for 100% attendance and that early dismissals be reserved for emergencies only. The only exception is if your child is sick or contagious. All students need to be in school, on time, all day on every school day.

Pre-Registration for students attending Independence High School will occur on Tuesday (20th) and Thursday (22nd). Registration cards will be sent home for parent signatures and are to be returned to the counselor by Wednesday, March 6th. Please contact 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor Ms. James with any questions or concerns.

Also rising 9th-grade students and families, you are invited to join Independence High on Thursday, February 22nd from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm to learn about all the opportunities available to you as an Independence student. You will meet the staff and students and learn about specialized academic programs - such as Cambridge, Advanced Placement, and CTE Pathways. You will receive information about registration, athletics, and MORE! Welcome future Patriots!

Charlotte Teacher Early College has available seats for the 2024-25 school year! Families of rising freshmen who did not enter the magnet lottery can now request to secure a seat at CTEC. Families can visit <a href="https://cmschoice.org">https://cmschoice.org</a> and click the Schools with Space link for additional information. Your child may benefit from an Early College experience! Have you delivered your donation to Clothes Bin on ARMS campus! Items you are not using any more, including clothing, under garments, handbags footwear, accessories, and linens, please don't throw them away! Every pound of items goes to support Albemarle Road Middle! Thank you in advance for your donations.

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

Let's have a great week, Hornets!