Hello Hornet Families,

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Black History Month Program last Thursday! We had amazing performances from our students as well as high schools and colleges! It was an awesome treat!

SGA is sponsoring our Black History Spirit Week this week! On Monday, we are wearing Red, Black, and Green in honor of the Pan African Flag. On Tuesday, we are dressing to impress as our future selves with our HBCU swag! Wednesday, we are wearing our favorite Black History t-shirts and on Thursday, we are flashing back 90s Hip Hop t-shirts. Then on Friday, there will be a total Black Out as we wear all black to celebrate Black excellence. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Thank you to our families who came for our 6th Grade Innovation Symposium last week! The hard work of our students and teachers was obvious and students learned so much about innovation across multiple content areas.

Track tryouts will begin on February 27. Registration details can be found at dragonflymax.com

On Tuesday, the ARMS Band will have a Music Performance Adjudication Preview concert @ 6:00pm. Please come out and show your support as they prepare for competition!

Students will bring home their Individual Benchmark Student Reports on Wednesday. These reports will allow you to see how your child is progressing in ELA, Math, and 8th grade science. We are asking students to commit to three ways of improving their performance before the next Benchmark, which begin on March 22. Students will also bring home progress reports on Wednesday.

As a reminder, 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. According to district data, almost 50% of our students are chronically absent. This far exceeds the goal and you can help us fix it. Please be advised that students who have excessive absences and are recommended for retention may be held back in their current grade for next school year.

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!

See you Monday, Hornets!