## Hello Hornet Families,

Women's History Spirit Week kicks off this Monday in honor of women's contributions to our lives, the community, and the world. On Monday, We Are Barbie- wear pink! On Tuesday, Rock our Crown, Queen- wear your tiaras and crowns to celebrate! Wednesday is Wonder Woman- wear the gear of your favorite woman icon! Thursday is the Dainty Day of Pearlswear denim and pearls and all the cowgirls.

Our Pre-Break IXL Leaderboard Challenge ends today at @ 8:00pm. I am excited to find out who our winners will be! The Spring Break IXL Challenge will begin Friday, March 29 @ 8:00am and go through Sunday, April 7 @ 8:00pm. Students who master the most skills will earn treats! Be sure to schedule time day during the break for your child to work on IXL reading and math. Vocabulary skills practice, equations, ratios and proportions, and functions are all needed areas of practice.

Our soccer teams will play at home this week against Mint Hill on Monday and at Northridge on Wednesday. Then on Thursday, our track team will compete at MLK Middle School. Games begin at 5:00. Students must go home on their regular mode of transportation and return with a parent who will accompany them throughout the course of the match. Students with ISS or OSS assignments within the past 30 days are ineligible to attend. No bags are allowed.

Third round benchmarks continue this week. The Math Benchmark will be on Tuesday and the ELA Benchmark will be on Wednesday. All students must be in attendance for testing because studies show students perform best when tested during the general testing session.

I am still asking for 100% attendance and that early dismissals be reserved for emergencies only. All students need to be in school, on time, all day on every school day. As a reminder, 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.

Third Quarter ends this Thursday and there is no school on Friday, March 29 in observance of a teacher workday. Friday also begins Spring Break through April 5. Students will return to school on Monday, April 8. Again, there will be school this week, Monday – Thursday, and Friday will begin Spring Break.

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

See you Monday, Hornets!