Hello Hornet Families,

April is Arab American Heritage Month! Here is a quote from Anthony Blinken, our Secretary of State, on the importance of recognizing diversity: "Diversity and inclusion make our diplomatic team stronger, smarter, more creative, more innovative. We're operating in a diverse world, and America's diversity is a source of strength that few countries can match." To our Hornets of Arabian decent, we salute you and appreciate the value that you add to our school.

On Tuesday, we will celebrate students who earned the most growth on their MAP tests and those who met the College & Career Threshold for their grade levels! Congratulations!

Our soccer teams will play away on Monday against Whitewater and on Wednesday at Mint Hill. Then on Thursday, our track team will compete at McClintock. 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.

We wish our Administrative Professionals a Happy National Administrative Professionals Day on Wednesday! Thank you to Ms. Aubourg, Ms. Lucero, Ms. Ray, and Ms. Torres for all you do to make our school exceptional! We appreciate you!

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in our annual Career Fair this Friday! Students have already made their selections and we look forward to the amazing professionals who will give them a glimpse into their respective careers. If your child has been practicing Beable, they likely already have an idea of several well-fitting careers to which they may aspire. Talk with them about those careers.

The next incentive for our Hornets will be on May 22. All students who miss no more than 2 days between April 22 and May 17 will be eligible. As a reminder, I am still asking for 100% attendance and that early dismissals be reserved for emergencies only.

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 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!