# Albemarle Road Middle School



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# **Service Project**



The ARMS National Junior Honor Society and Student Council are heading a Book Swap in February. For every book you bring in, you can take one home! Any books left over will be donated to a local youth facility. IB students can contact Ms. Stormont or Ms. Perrin if they would like

## Family Members, We need your Support!

If you are interested in volunteering your time at ARMS, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Ms. Stephanie Bain, at <a href="mailto:Stephanie.bain@cms.k12.nc.us">Stephanie.bain@cms.k12.nc.us</a> or call 980-343-6420. The application is easy to complete and is entirely online at <a href="https://www.cmsvolunteers.com/">https://www.cmsvolunteers.com/</a>. If you applied last year, you do not need to reapply.

We need volunteers for: Media Center, Testing, Classrooms, Lunch Buddies, Mentors, and more!  $\ensuremath{\odot}$ 



A.R. is a school -wide focus! Read, Read, Read ©



#### **Important Dates:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays each month: service opportunities at ARMS 3:00-4:30pm --This month students can stay after on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>
  - 4/29/2011 Community and Service booklets due!

## What's going on this month?

### Global

#### This Edition...CTE, Spanish, Art, Boys PE & Orchestra!

CTE: We are reviewing for the final exams in all courses and finishing our section on multimedia in BCT.

Spanish: We will continue to work on improving our skills in Reading, Writing and Understanding (Listening). As our students begin to improve their vocabulary, a requirement for speaking only in Spanish will begin to be implemented. Art: we will be learning about sculpture and how

different cultures reflect their beliefs, history, and characteristics through the use of it. We will also be learning about the difference between Utilitarian versus aesthetics.

PE: the boys PE classes are working on lifetime sports, stressing the importance of developing a fitness level for their entire life.

Orchestra: Ms. Booth received a grant from Target to help pay for the chartered bus for the 8th grade orchestra to travel to Sparta, NC to present a concert at Sparta School on April 7. After the concert in Sparta, the 8th grade orchestra will travel to Boone where they will tour the music building at Appalachian State University, meet the composer of one of the pieces that they are playing, and watch a rehearsal of the ASU orchestra.

#### Sixth Grade

Math: we are planning to begin our percent unit the week of Jan.17. Following this unit we will start our longest and most crucial unit...probability. We need to stay focused and buckle down because time is ticking and that EOG is right around the corner! Language Arts: we will be re-looping 1st semester curriculum throughout many review sessions. The students will also be given an opportunity to take their 2nd semester AR Star test. Please encourage your student to continue reading to make quarterly goals. Poetry is in the air and will be the next unit of study. Social Studies: we will be covering the middle ages and the rise of Europe. IB students have a middle ages project due Feb. 2nd and after school tutoring will be every Monday and Tuesday. Science: we have currently

started our soil unit! Students will be involved in engaging activities dealing with weathering, soil formation and erosion. Students are getting introduced to the compost bin that was donated to our classroom by Donors Choose. They are becoming very excited about how the compost turns into soil and eagerly bring in items from their homes such as fruit/vegetable scraps. coffee grinds and egg shells on a daily basis! They are even more excited to know that our compost will help our vegetable garden tremendously in the spring. Ultimately, students will be able to take and use these skills at their own homes with their families and community.

### **Seventh Grade**

Math: we will be continuing to use ratios and proportions to solve for missing sides in shapes and for scaled drawings. Once finished with our similar figures unit, we will be moving to solving problems with percents! Language Arts: students are analyzing the purpose of an author through various editorials and how an author's bias impacts our choices. Social Studies: students will attend an assembly with David Johnson, author of Voices of Sudan, January 14th. Second semester students will be studying the Middle East and Asia. Science: we are studying the human body. As we move to the middle of the vear our students will be taking their first mid-term exam which will cover all

material from the beginning

students for the end of year

of the school year! This

mid-term is to prepare

formative.

### Eighth Grade

Algebra: we are writing equations of lines and Algebra will be getting into factoring polynomials and using systems of equations to solve problems.

Math 8: we are finishing up linear equations and slope this quarter and will soon apply our knowledge of linear functions in creating scatter plots!

Language Arts: we are writing our own editorials about some exciting and important topics. After completing our editorials we will hold several debates to argue our side. Next, we will begin our poetry unit and explore some of the most legendary poetry from the past and present. Social Studies: we are finishing up the American Revolution. Next we will begin to study the Constitution using the human ingenuity lens of the IB learner profile. The Constitution is one of the greatest documents ever written and hopefully the students will carry the knowledge of its background into active citizenship. Science: We are currently finishing up our chemistry unit. In the coming weeks your student will be learning about the risks and benefits of various chemicals and doing a research project on chemicals and disease. Our next big unit assessment covering all of chemistry will be in the beginning of February.