Buzz Aldrin Mission Statement:
We believe that all students can learn, achieve, and grow, in a safe and secure environment.

- Happy New Year to all the Buzz Aldrin community! I hope you all had a wonderful winter break, filled with relaxation and quality time spent with your families. Please be advised that Marking Period 2 Interim Grades are available in Genesis.

- **Reflections Art Contest:** Congratulations to the following Buzz Aldrin students who’ve been selected to represent our school in the next round of the Reflections Art contest. We are proud of each of you and wish you the best of luck in the next round.
  - Basil Bentham - Film Production
  - Kiefer Bernard - Musical Composition
  - Isabelle Hayes - Visual Arts
  - Nicholas Krukovsky - Literature
  - Charlotte Wurmser - Photography

- **Buzz Aldrin Science Olympiad Update:** On Thursday, the Buzz Aldrin Science Olympiad Team traveled to NJIT to compete against the top STEM schools in Northern, New Jersey. The team finished in 7th place overall, and several members had notable placings for their individual events. Team members include Anya Amin, Amelia Huey, Isabel Jordan, Nola Kim, Gabrielle Theodore-Allusson, Tej Bakaya, Lucia Estela, Claire Jasey, Leila Williams, Michael Kowal, Adekemi Adeyeye, Amy Zhang, Jasper Lee, and Claire Washington. The team photographers include Samantha Leftwich and Ella Kurhajec. Please join me in congratulating the following students for their notable placements:
  - In Anatomy & Physiology - Adekemi Adeyeye and Amelia Huey finished in 7th place
  - In Can't Judge a Powder - Claire Jasey and Tej Bakaya finished in 7th place
  - In Crime Busters - Claire Jasey and Amy Zhang finished in 4th place
  - In Meteorology - Anya Amin and Michael Kowal finished in 3rd place
  - In Solar System - Isabel Jordan and Anya Amin finished in 1st place
By placing 7th in the competition, this should qualify our team for the state tournament in March. We couldn’t be prouder of the determination and the dedication the team members have shown in preparation for Thursday’s competition. A special thank you goes to the team coach, Mr. Jeff Lawton for leading the team and Ms. Stephanie Drozd for her assistance during the competition.

• **Montclair’s 2023 Black History Month Poster Competition:** The Montclair Black Coalition (MBC) has launched their 2023 Black History Month Poster competition. This competition provides students with an opportunity to dive deep into Black History and share what they’ve learned with the community. Please see the attached flyer and information and encourage your child to participate. The deadline for submissions is January 20th.

• **Buzz PTA Updates:** Please mark your calendars!
  - January 16th – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, information and signups coming soon
  - January 17th – Buzz Aldrin PTA Meeting at 7 pm
  - January 20th – Buzz Basketball sessions start (information and signups coming soon)
  - February 3rd – Casino Night (details, and signups coming soon)

**Next Week’s Schedule of Days**
- Monday, January 9th – A Day
- Tuesday, January 10th – B Day
- Wednesday, January 11th – C Day
- Thursday, January 12th – D Day
- Friday, January 13th – E Day

**Please mark your calendars:**
- Friday, January 6th – Marking Period 2 Interims Available to Parents @ 4 pm
- Monday, January 16th – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day – District Closed
- Tuesday, January 17th – Buzz Aldrin SATp Meeting @ 6 pm and PTA Meeting @ 7 pm
- Thursday, January 19th – Winter Dance Concert @ 7 pm
- Monday, January 23rd – Buzz Aldrin Presents at BOE Meeting @ 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, January 24th – Winter Chorus and Band Concert @ 7 pm
- Wednesday, January 25th – Buzz Aldrin Middle School Tours from 6 - 8 pm
- Thursday, January 26th – Curriculum Thursday, Abbreviated Day Schedule

“Start each day with a positive thought and a grateful heart.”

— Roy T. Bennett

“Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.”

— William Shakespeare