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

• **Joe’s Violin:** Today, Buzz Aldrin had the wonderful opportunity to view the documentary, called *Joe’s Violin*. *Joe’s Violin* is a documentary that captures the heartwarming story of Joseph Feingold and a special violin that he acquired during the Holocaust. In 2015, Joseph Feingold dropped off his 70-year-old violin to a local instrument drive that provides instruments to those in need. Afterwards, a young girl from a school in the Bronx received the violin and the documentary follows her journey and the connection she made with Joseph, creating a lifechanging experience that one would never forget. After the assembly, students had an opportunity to ask the documentary producers questions during a Q&A session. The questions were insightful and thoughtful. I was so proud of them!

• **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.

• **Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** Today, our students listened to a morning announcement celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Junior. Dr. King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. King entered Morehouse College as an early admission student in 1944 at age 15, graduated at age 19, and then earned his doctorate by age 25 from Boston University. He went on to become an outstanding Baptist preacher and the central figure of the civil rights movement as he used all his resources and influence to fight non-violently against all forms of hatred. On Monday, we honor Dr. King Jr. by holding a day of service, a chance to give back to others and learn the true meaning of serving others.

• **Yearbook Information:** Yearbooks are on a first come first served basis. To order your copy of the yearbook, please go to [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) or call 1-877-767-5217. Email our yearbook advisor, Mrs. Mintz at [Jmintz@montclair.k12.nj.us](mailto:Jmintz@montclair.k12.nj.us) with any questions.
• 8th grade families: Please see the attachment to purchase a Recognition Ad in the yearbook for your child.

• SATp & PTA Meeting: On Tuesday, January 17th, we will hold a joint virtual SATp and PTA meeting at 6:30 pm. We will discuss our 2021-2022 NJSLA test scores, provide SATp updates, as well as other PTA items. Please use the Zoom link below to attend.
  o Topic: SATp & PTA Meeting
  o Time: Jan 17, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
  o Meeting Link: https://mpsdnj.zoom.us/j/89008213198
    ▪ Meeting ID: 890 0821 3198
    ▪ Passcode: 995127

• Mr. Taylor’s Carnival Night: Please see the attached flyer for Carnival Night, held on Wednesday, January 18th from 6-8 pm.

• Winter Dance Concert: On Thursday, January 19th, we will hold our Winter Dance Concert at 7 pm. Tickets are $8 for adults, $5 for students, and $3 for children under 5 years old. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

• Buzz PTA Updates:
  o MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE ACTIVITIES—Monday! - The Buzz Aldrin PTA will be hosting MLK Day of Service at Buzz on Monday, January 16 from 10:00 am until 1:00 PM. Sign ups open through Monday morning. Honor Dr. King's legacy and commitment to service. https://signup.com/go/PZVtZez
  o JOINT SATp & PTA ADMINISTRATION MEETING TUESDAY 1/17 via Zoom 6:30 pm – Topics include:
    ▪ Buzz Aldrin test scores presentation
    ▪ Plans for the spring
    ▪ Casino Night plans
    ▪ Volunteer Needs
    ▪ Nominating Committee
  o BUZZ ALDRIN SCHOOL TOUR NIGHT ON JANUARY 25th from 6-8 pm - Buzz needs parent volunteers! Come greet people, represent your child's House, answer questions and generally be helpful. 8th graders will be leading the tours so don't worry if you don't know your way around. IEP parents and Spanish-speakers needed. https://signup.com/go/QCLXzxJ
  o After School Enrichment: Chess Club, Fitness Class, and Basketball – Register Now!
    ▪ CHESS CLASS & "CLUB" (THURSDAYS Jan 26-March 2) Chess instructor Steve Monteczuma will be returning to conduct chess classes for ALL LEVELS and oversee a chess club for experienced players. He will teach and reinforce students' knowledge of the rules, tactics, and strategies of chess and serve as our Chess Coach for our more experienced players. In addition to receiving chess
lessons, students will have opportunities to play with their peers and with Coach M. Classes will take place for six weeks from 2:15-3:30 pm (if it's an early dismissal day, classes will be 12:40-2; snow cancellations mean class is cancelled altogether). Spots are limited; register by clicking below. If you need financial assistance please contact the office.  

**BUZZ "BOOTCAMP" FITNESS CLASSES (WEDNESDAYS Feb 8-March 8)** Join fitness instructor "Miss E" for a fun body-weight fitness and strengthening class on Wednesdays after school, 2:15-3 pm in the gym. No equipment or no special clothing is required --- but please bring a TOWEL OR MAT!! Spots are limited. At the end of six weeks, we guarantee you'll be stronger and more flexible! Register below-- if you need financial assistance please contact the office. 

**PICKUP BASKETBALL (FRIDAYS Jan 20-March 10)** Come on Fridays 2:15-3:30 for loosely organized pickup games, shooting contests etc. All genders and abilities welcome. Respectful behavior is expected at all times, and sessions will be cancelled if we don’t have parent volunteers—if your child is playing, we expect you to volunteer.

- Student sign up: [https://signup.com/go/emSuMiP](https://signup.com/go/emSuMiP)
- Parent volunteer sign up: [https://signup.com/go/zAHgfvG](https://signup.com/go/zAHgfvG)

**Casino Night! February 3rd from 7 – 11 pm at the Montclair Art Museum! Advance ticket sales begin on January 18th!**

**Buzz PTA Calendar Updates:**

- January 16th – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, information and signups coming soon
- January 17th – Buzz Aldrin SATp & PTA Meeting at 6:30 pm
- January 20th – Buzz Basketball sessions start
- February 3rd – Casino Night (registration begins January 18th)

**Next Week’s Schedule of Days**

- Monday, January 16th – District Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Tuesday, January 17th – F Day
- Wednesday, January 18th – A Day
- Thursday, January 19th – B Day
- Friday, January 20th – C Day

**Please mark your calendars:**

- 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
- Wednesday, January 18th – STEM Carnival Night @ 6 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

“Foriveness is not an occasional act. It is a permanent attitude.”

— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”

— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.