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

- **Black History Month**: As Buzz Aldrin continues to celebrate Black History Month, our students continue to hear daily morning announcements and have been working hard to create their door projects during homeroom. Stay tuned for more exciting happenings that will take place over the month. Thank you to Ms. Zetta Cool and the Black History Month committee for coordinating these efforts for the Buzz Aldrin community.

- **NJHS Souper Bowl**: Thank you so much to everyone who donated to the National Junior Honor Society's "Souper Bowl" this past week! With your help, Buzz Aldrin was able to donate over 700 cans of food to Toni's Kitchen to help local families in need. We also won our friendly competition with Glenfield Middle School! Great job to all involved! Thank you to our NjHS advisors, Ms. Joseph and Ms. Megdanis for all your efforts in leading this wonderful initiative.

- **NAO Robot Visit**: Please see the attached flyer from Mr. Taylor regarding the MSU visit for some of our Buzz Aldrin students.

- **SATp & PTA Meeting**: Please mark your calendars! We will hold back-to-back SATp and PTA meetings on February 21st via Zoom at 6:30 pm. I will share the link next week. We will discuss current happenings, fundraising results, and share how the money will be spent! We will also discuss upcoming events and select a nominating committee so we can have a PTA board for the 2023-2024 school year. We need 3 - 5 people to serve on the committee.

- **Buzz Aldrin PTA Updates**:
  - Save the Date! February 21st will be our SATp and PTA meeting via Zoom!
  - NEED A NOMINATING COMMITTEE-- Urgent! We need people to step up for next year's board. BUT FIRST, WE NEED A NOMINATING COMMITTEE!!!! We have all the documents you need-- we just need 5 volunteers to help select our next group of leaders. Perfect job for "graduating" 8th grade parents! Please send an email to jen.escobar3@gmail.com to ask your questions or raise your hand. The
committee must be selected at the next PTA meeting (Feb. 21st) to keep us on track for PTA next year.
- Student sign up: https://signup.com/go/emSuMiP
- Parent volunteer sign up: https://signup.com/go/zAHgfvG
  - Basketball Fridays is canceled for next Friday, January 17th. It will resume for the following week.

- **Side Door Update:** Side Door is up and running for 2023! Please see the information below regarding Side Door. Below this email is the link for our Side Door online registration sheet which is up and running. The link will take parents/guardians and students to the Side Door website which has information regarding days when we are open, direct link to the online registration, as well as a donation link. Please note that students who have handed in a hard copy of the registration do not need to register online. Also, please feel free to ask with regards to any questions or concerns you may have regarding the updated website link. We look forward to serving your student's again in the upcoming months. Have a wonderful rest of your week.
  - Side Door Registration Link: https://www.unioncong.org/children-youth/side-door

**Next Week’s Schedule of Days**
- Monday, February 13th – A Day
- Tuesday, February 14th – B Day
- Wednesday, February 15th – C Day
- Thursday, February 16th – D Day
- Friday, February 17th – E Day

**Please mark your calendars:**
- Monday, February 20th – President’s Day, District Closed
- Tuesday, February 21st – SATp & PTA Meeting
- Thursday, February 23rd – Curriculum Thursday, Abbreviated Day Schedule

“The cost of liberty is less than the price of repression.”

— W.E.B DuBois

"Hate is too great a burden to bear. It injures the hater more than it injures the hated."

— Coretta Scott King