

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.

- **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. Please use the Zoom link below to attend Tuesday’s meeting.
  - **Topic: SATp & PTA Meeting Link**
  - **Time:** Feb 21, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time
  - **Meeting Link:** https://mpsdnj.zoom.us/j/82600266052
  - **Meeting ID:** 826 0026 6052
  - **Passcode:** 761634

- **Buzz Aldrin PTA Updates:**
  - **REMINDER: SATp/PTA Meeting next week-- Tuesday Feb 21st at 6:30** - We will discuss the results of Casino Night, plans for the rest of the year and hold an election for our Nominating Committee. **THIS IS A VOTING MEETING SO PLEASE ATTEND!** We already have several people who have expressed interest in serving on the nominating Committee, but we need a couple more! These are the folks who recommend the next PTA leaders, so this is a very important job... that will end in June! Please email jen.escobar2@gmail.com if you have questions, or just speak up at the meeting.
  
  - **AFTERSCHOOL CLASSES**
    - (1) The fitness class on Wednesdays is running and those kids are working HARD. One parent said her kids was "dripping sweat" when
she picked him up and he LOVED it! There are still spaces available at a reduced rate for the remaining four weeks. [Link](https://buzzaldrinpta.memberhub.com/store/items/819871)

- (2) Chess Club runs for two more weeks but your student can still come and play. All welcome! [Link](https://buzzaldrinpta.memberhub.com/store/items/828055)
- (3) Basketball is still running on Fridays but we only have a few kids signed up for future dates. **We will cancel any dates that have fewer than 10 kids so please talk to your children about their interest and sign them up at least 3 days in advance.** [Link](https://signup.com/go/emSuMiP)

**G&T Referral Information:** This information applies to families of students in Grades K-7. The referral window for gifted and talented services for students currently in grades K-7 will be open from **Monday, February 13th (opens at 8:00 am) until Friday, February 27th (closes at 4:00 pm).** We have a [Family Identification Information Video](#) for your reference and the Referral Form in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) linked here and available on our website. The district Comprehensive Plan and more information can be found on our [district website](#). Thank you!

**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 not 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:** [Link](https://www.unioncong.org/children-youth/side-door)

- I wish everyone a wonderful Presidents’ Day weekend. Schools are closed on Monday!

**Next Week's Schedule of Days**

- Monday, February 20th – Presidents’ Day, District Closed
- Tuesday, February 21st – F Day
- Wednesday, February 22nd – A Day
- Thursday, February 23rd – B Day
- Friday, February 24th – Zero Day

Please mark your calendars:

- Monday, February 20th – President’s Day, District Closed
- Tuesday, February 21st – SATp & PTA Meeting @ 6:30 pm
“Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly.”

—Langston Hughes

“What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight; it’s the size of the fight in the dog.”

— Dwight D. Eisenhower