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

- **Open Mic Assembly**: This week, the Buzz Aldrin students attended a schoolwide assembly to expose and encourage students to participate in our school’s Open Mic club. We saw various poets and performers present their work. Some students also had an opportunity to practice their beatboxing skills on stage. We hope that this assembly motivates our students to find their voices and join our Open Mic club. Thank you to Mr. Luke Fess for coordinating the club and this week’s assembly.

- **PTA Updates:**
  - **ANNOUNCING-- 2nd Buzz Family Ice Skating Party-- March 26th 4:30-6:15 pm** - Our second ice skating party will take place at Clary Anderson on Saturday March 26th at 4:30. Buzz students, siblings, parents and caregivers, teachers and staff are all invited. No friends or neighbors please.
    - Register here to participate-- it’s Free!!!
      [https://signup.com/go/VFHVbCu](https://signup.com/go/VFHVbCu)
  - **REGISTER FOR THE COLOR RUN!** Enjoy a memorable morning of fitness, cultural immersion, and fun with your family while supporting our school! When you [sign up for AAPI Montclair’s Color Run](https://www.montclair.k12.nj.us) at Brookdale Park on April 16 and enter the code [BUZZALDRIN] at checkout, 10% of your race fees will be donated to our school. This event combines two joyous festivals. Holi is popularly known as the “Festival of Colors" and the "Festival of Spring." On Holi, entire towns are bathed in vivid colors as people play Holi by splashing colored powder and water. Songkran in Thai means "to move" or "change place." Thai believe that water is purifying; it cleanses one of any bad luck from the past year, and blesses one with good fortune and happiness for the year ahead. On Songkran, people celebrate by engaging in water play. Runners and walkers will enjoy a closed course inside Brookdale Park and be splashed with colored powder and water (optional). Choose between the 5k (8:30am) or 1-mile fun run (9:30am). Fees are $30 for the 5k and $25 for the 1-mile fund run before March 20 ($35 for 5k and $30 for 1-mile run after that date) and include a race t-shirt and online registration closes
April 6. (Note: confidential fee waivers available; please email wendy.wong@aapimontclair.org for the code.) Hope to see you there!

- **Event**
  - **URL:** [https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Montclair/AAPIMontclairColorRun](https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Montclair/AAPIMontclairColorRun)

- **Code to enter at checkout:**
  - School: Buzz Aldrin Middle School
  - Code: BUZZALDRIN

  o **Reflections Art Contest Winners:** Congratulations to the following Buzz Aldrin students for winning the PTA reflections contest; Kiefer Bernard, Isabella Hayes, Basil Bentham, and Nicholas Krukovsky. We are so proud of all of you!

- **Marking Period 3 Interim Grades:** On Monday, March 13th, Marking Period 3 interim grades will be viewable to parents after 4 pm.

**Next Week’s Schedule of Days**

- Monday, March 13th – B Day
- Tuesday, March 14th – C Day
- Wednesday, March 15th – D Day
- Thursday, March 16th – E Day
- Friday, March 17th – F Day

**Please mark your calendars:**

  o Thursday, March 23rd – Curriculum Thursday, Abbreviated Day Schedule
  o Wednesday, March 29th – Abbreviated Day Schedule, Conferences
  o Thursday, March 30th – Abbreviated Day Schedule, Conferences

“Accentuate the positive, not the negative. It sounds so trite, but a lot of people will pick out something to complain about, rather than say, ‘Hey, that was great!’ It’s not hard to find great stuff if you look.”

— Betty White

“If you were born with the weakness to fall, you were born with the strength to rise.”

— Rupi Kaur