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

- **Battle of the Classes**: Yesterday, our Buzz Aldrin dance students participated in a Battle of the Classes competition. Ms. Zetta Cool organized the event and was instrumental in ensuring everything ran successfully. The competition showcased a wide range of styles and choreography, with students choreographing their own dances and performing them in front of a live audience including staff, students, parents, and judges. The students delivered high-quality performances that showcased their growth and progress throughout the year, and it was evident that they had been well-prepared for the event. Thank you to Ms. Cool for ensuring yesterday’s competition was a resounding success. Congratulations to Ms. Cool, all of the dance performers, and our competition winners. Please see the results of the competition below:
  - 8th Grade Solo Spotlight Recipients: Ava Birriel, Primrose Kenny, Victoria Muller, Eva Vargas
  - Fan Favorite: Block 4CF Dance Stars “Walking on Air” choreographed by Audrey Rosendorf
  - Choreographer of the Year: Quinn Griffin
  - Best Group Chemistry: Block 3AD Dance Stars - "Roar and Flow" Choreographed by Wynne Brylka
  - Final Competition Winners:
    - 1st Place: Block 2CF Dance Stars - "Last One Standing" Choreographed by Primrose Kenny
    - 2nd Place: Block 4AD Dance Stars - "Playing With Fire" Choreographed by Sophie Knutzen
    - 3rd Place: Block 2AD Dance Stars - "Elements of the World" Choreographed by Victoria Muller

- **Science Olympiad Update**: On Thursday, our Science Olympiad students attended the competition in Edison, NJ. Stay tuned for more information, as we are still awaiting the competition results.

- **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

**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 at Brookdale Park on April 16 and enter the code [BUZZALDRIN] at check-out, 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 fun 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. 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/AAIMontclairColorRun

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

**8th Grade Parent Information:**
- Our 8th grade activities information went out to parents today following our 8th grade assembly. 8th graders received all the end of the year dates along with permission slips and graduation information.
- Please see the attached flyer for the 8th grade Parent Night on March 21st for all 8th graders attending Montclair High School.

**Saint Patrick’s Day:** I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Saint Patrick’s Day yesterday. Saint Patrick’s Day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland. Over time, the holiday has become a day in which the Irish culture and traditions are celebrated by various events such as parades, festivals, and by wearing green attire and shamrocks.

**Ramadan:** Ramadan begins on March 22nd and ends on April 20th. Ramadan is a holy month for Muslims around the world, who fast, pray, and reflect during this time. To those who honor Ramadan, Ramadan Mubarek, which means have a blessed Ramadan!
Next Week’s Schedule of Days

- Monday, March 20th – F Day
- Tuesday, March 21st – A Day
- Wednesday, March 22nd – B Day
- Thursday, March 23rd – C Day
- Friday, March 24th – D Day

Please mark your calendars:

- Thursday, March 23rd – Curriculum Thursday, Abbreviated Day Schedule
- Wednesday, March 29th – Abbreviated Day Schedule, Conferences
- Thursday, March 30th – Abbreviated Day Schedule, Conferences
- Mon, April 3rd – Friday, April 7th – Spring Break, District Closed
- Thursday, April 27th – Curriculum Thursday, Abbreviated Day Schedule

"Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement."

— Golda Meir

"No matter how difficult and painful it may be, nothing sounds as good to the soul as the truth."

— Martha Beck