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

- **Science Olympiad Update:** The results are in! The Science Olympiad Tournament returned to in-person competition this year! Starting in October, the team spent many hours and built machines, studied for tests, conducted experiments and did well enough as a team at the Northern NJ Regional Tournament to qualify for the State Tournament. Last Thursday, the Buzz Aldrin Science Olympiad Team traveled to Middlesex County College to compete against the top 27 STEM schools in NJ. With a team of all 6th and 7th graders, we finished 22nd overall as a team and had some notable placings for individual events bringing home three medals! In Meteorology, Anya Amin & Izzy Jordan finished 10th in the state. In Wheeled Vehicle, Claire Washington & Lucia Estela finished 8th in the state. In Forestry, Anya Amin & Amelia Huey finished 8th in the state. In Solar System, Anya Amin & Izzy Jordan finished 3rd in the state, earning a medal. In Bridge, Jasper Lee & Kemi Adeyeye finished 3rd in the state, earning a medal. In Flight, Jasper Lee & Izzy Jordan finished 3rd in the state, earning a medal. Thank you to Jeffrey Lawton (coach), Stephanie Drozd and Diana Chicaleski (assistant coaches) for all their dedication and assistance this year! We wouldn’t be such a great team without such wonderful students and staff members leading the way. Congratulations to all of our participants and medal recipients. We are so proud of you!

- **Black Lives Matter Design Award:** Congratulations to Lucia Estela, who submitted her artwork for the district’s t-shirt design competition for the Black Lives Matter Week of Respect. Lucia’s design won out of dozens of students who submitted their artwork. We are so proud of you Lucia!

- **8th Grade Parent Update:** Many of our 8th grade families attended the Parent Night at Montclair High School on Tuesday evening. For those who were unable to attend, please see the attached PDF of the presentation.

- **Mural Painting Update:** The Montclair Emergency Medical Services approached Buzz Aldrin Middle School in the fall asking if the Mural Painting students could create two murals to go over the doorways in their newly renovated headquarters lobby on Walnut Street. Two classes of first semester
Mural Painting students voted on the designs, and created the designs which were recently installed. One of the selected murals is a Montclair landscape designed by 8th grade artist, Vivian James. Come out to see the murals on Sunday May 7th, from 11-4pm as the EMS celebrates its 70th Anniversary with a birthday party at the Walnut Street Fair. The event is sponsored by the Junior League Montclair-Newark and will feature food trucks, retail vendors, as well as arts/craft vendors, and will stretch from Grove Street to Forest Street. Mark your calendar to celebrate with the EMS, check out the murals, and enjoy a fun Montclair afternoon!

- **Montclair Public Schools Calendar Revision**: Please note that the district is closed on Friday, April 21st for Eid al-Fitr. We were made aware of this on Tuesday. We are working with our staff members to rearrange previously scheduled events to accommodate this calendar change. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

**Next Week’s Schedule of Days**
- Monday, March 27th – E Day
- Tuesday, March 28th – F Day
- Wednesday, March 29th – A Day
- Thursday, March 30th – B Day
- Friday, March 31st – C Day

**Please mark your calendars:**
- Wednesday, March 29th – Abbreviated Day Schedule, Conferences
- Thursday, March 30th – Abbreviated Day Schedule, Conferences
- Mon, April 3rd – Friday, April 7th – Spring Break, District Closed
- Friday, April 21st – Eid Al-Fitr, District Closed
- Thursday, April 27th – Curriculum Thursday, Abbreviated Day Schedule

"Many receive advice, only the wise profit from it."

— Harper Lee

"Owning our story can be hard but not nearly as difficult as spending our lives running from it."

— Brene Brown