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

- **AAPI Assembly:** In honor of AAPI month, our students were able to listen to readings and view depictions of scenarios from Marina Budhos’ novel, *We Are All We Have*. The Luna Stage group did an excellent job of bringing the novel to life! Afterwards, our students were able to ask the actors, actresses, and author questions during a Q&A session. Thank you to Linda Kow, Amy Bethards, and AAPI Montclair for coordinating a wonderful assembly for our students yesterday.

- **No Place for Hate Update:** I am proud to announce Buzz Aldrin’s completion of the ADL’s No Place for Hate (NPFH) program for the 2022-2023 school year. Yesterday morning, Buzz’s NPFH committee members traveled to NYU’s Skirball Center to receive our No Place for Hate banner. Not only did we receive our banner with all the participating schools in the New York/New Jersey area, but we were also recognized for our outstanding work this year. Out of the 239 tri-state schools participating in NPFH, Buzz Aldrin was one of three schools selected by the ADL to showcase our work as a model for other schools. This is a tremendous accomplishment, and I am so proud of our committee for all their hard work this year. Thank you to our No Place for Hate student committee members, our NPFH staff members, and our parent volunteers for all your hard work. A special thank you goes to NPFH coordinator, Atara Bernheim, and our parent volunteers Gail Lambie and Linda Kow for volunteering to lead this important work.

- **7th Grade Fundraiser Update:** Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful student community, we are pleased to announce that we have raised a total of $1500.00 to donate to New Alternatives for Children (NAC)! The organization has decided to use the donation in one of three ways, and they have given our students an opportunity to choose how. The seventh-grade students have decided that our donation will go towards summer field trips for the children at New Alternatives, which include museums, baseball games, roller skating arenas, mini golf courses, and amusement parks. Our donation to this organization will help provide the NAC children with incredibly memorable and positive experiences. The seventh-grade teachers, Ms. Kinnas, Ms.
Bernheim, Ms. McDonald, and Ms. Orlando would like to thank our students and families once again for both their kindness and their meaningful action.

- **General Spring Updates:** Please see the general reminders and announcements below and review this information with your child.
  - All grades will have their behavior contracts by the end of this week. These contracts relay the requirements for students to participate in end of the year activities/field trips. Attendance, grades, and behavior are three critical components.
  - We’ve recently had many students who are consistently late to school. It is important that your child arrives to school on time.
  - Please remind your child to bring a water bottle to school. We have water refilling stations available for all staff and students.
  - Please remind your child to dress appropriately for school, including all school activities such as physical education and recess. Pajama pants, slides, and clogs are not appropriate school attire. Additionally, please ensure that you are checking the messaging written on the clothing your child wears to school, and that it is middle school appropriate. Please review Page 4 of the Student Planner with your child so he/she/they understands the dress code in more detail.

- **Yearbook Information:** Yearbooks are almost sold out! If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook, please visit [www.jostensyearbook.com](http://www.jostensyearbook.com) or call 1-877-767-5217. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

- **Spring Concerts:** On Wednesday, May 31st, we will hold our Spring Band & Chorus Concert at 7 pm. On Thursday, June 8th, we will have our Spring Dance Concert. Tickets are $8 for adults, $5 for students, and $3 for children under 5 years old. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Ticket sales proceeds are used to provide our students with scholarships, assist with instrument rentals and repairs, and to assist with costume purchases.

- **TREP$ Marketplace:** The TREP$ Marketplace is a fun and exciting culmination for the club members and all their hard work. This is their shining moment to take all of what they have learned and apply it to operating their own business! The Marketplace provides an opportunity for the kids to make it all real. They will pitch the products that will be available for sale with their own unique advertising strategies, showing off what they have worked hard to create. This is their chance to be a true entrepreneur in every sense of the word. The doors are open to the entire Montclair community. Please join us on Thursday, June 1 from 6-8 pm in the BAMS gymnasium to show our entrepreneurs that they have our support!

- **Weston Award Recipients:** Congratulations to Judy Weston award recipients, Diana Chicaleski, Peter Lentini, and Lora Orta. We are so proud of all of you for what you do for our students each and every day. There will be an awards ceremony on June 1st from 6 – 7:30 pm on June 1st at the MHS Atrium.
• **Memorial Day Weekend:** I wish everyone a wonderful Memorial Day weekend!

**Next Week’s Schedule of Days**
- Monday, May 29th – District Closed
- Tuesday, May 30th – A Day
- Wednesday, May 31st – B Day
- Thursday, June 1st – C Day
- Friday, June 2nd – D Day

**Please mark your calendars:**
- Friday, May 26th - Memorial Day, District Closed
- Monday, May 29th - Memorial Day, District Closed
- Wednesday, May 31st - Band & Chorus Concert @ 7 pm
- Thursday, June 1st - Trep$ Marketplace, 6-8 pm
- Thursday, June 8th - Dance Concert @ 7 pm

“**You don’t get better if you win all the time. You look at yourself more when you lose.**”
— Jeremy Lin

“**Thou shalt not be a victim, thou shalt not be a perpetrator, but above all, thou shalt not be a bystander.**”
— Yehuda Bauer