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

- **Hispanic Heritage Month:** Today, our students participated in a second advisory to honor Hispanic Heritage Month. The students learned about the various Hispanic inventors, doctors, artists, and engineers who’ve contributed to advancements in both America and the world. Additionally, Senora Pichardo and the Spanish teachers created and will continue to read morning announcements throughout Hispanic Heritage Month for our students to hear. They also play various Spanish music for the students to listen to on their way to homeroom. Thank you for all your hard work! If you like some conversation starters to use with your child, please see some questions below:
  - What is the purpose of the stent and who invented the stent?
  - What is the name of one famous Hispanic or Latino artist you learned about today?
  - In your opinion, what was the most influential person you learned about from today’s advisory?

- **Buzz Aldrin’s First PTA Meeting:** We had our first PTA meeting of the school year on Tuesday, September 20th at 7 pm. Although the turnout was less than we had hoped, we discussed some wonderful ideas for how we can come together as a community and fundraise for our Buzz Aldrin students.

- **Buzz Aldrin Theater Club Announcement:** Buzz Aldrin is proud to announce our 2022-2023 Musical Production of Disney’s Frozen Jr. Join us, as we bring the magical land of Arendelle to life, onstage. This production features all of the memorable songs from the animated film, plus a few new songs written for the Broadway production. Frozen Jr. expands upon the emotional relationship and journey between siblings. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of solidity. With a large cast of beloved characters and filled with magic, adventure, life lessons and plenty of humor, Frozen Jr. is sure to thaw even the "coldest heart!” This production is exuding with catchy songs, show stopping lighting and amazing special effects. Never will both cast / crew and our audience have this much fun being part of this type of enchanted fairytale theater magic.
- **Disney’s Frozen Jr.** is for anyone who enjoys all aspects of theater. We are looking for ALL students who want to be a part of this musical to join us. We support students' involvement in other clubs/sports etc. and will accommodate schedules when possible.
- **Auditions:** Friday, October 7th @ dismissal
- **Production:** April 2023
- To join or for more information, please email Karen-Ann Kaelin-Panico, our Theater Director, with any questions. Please include your child’s name, grade, and house to be invited to our Google Classroom at kpanico@montclair.k12.nj.us

**Stage Crew Announcement:** Do you love theatre and productions, but would rather work behind the scenes? Our Stage Crew students learn about (and become responsible for) controlling the sound, lighting and sets backstage for all plays, assemblies, chorus, and band events in the auditorium. Our Stage Crew kids are the backbone of our productions! Returning members of our Stage Crew will be invited to regular “meet ups” soon. All new students that would like to join us, please email Mr. Buonocore or Mr. Reissig at dbuonocore@mpsdnj.us or freissig@montclair.k12.nj.us with your name/house/grade and you will be added to the Stage Crew Google Classroom where you will find more information regularly about our club!
  - Advisors: Mr. Buonocore & Mr. Reissig

**Buzz PTA Updates:**
- **OCTOBER 1st LATIN FUSION NIGHT-- ticket sales close WEDNESDAY 9/28**
  Latin Fusion Night is one week away! PLEASE come support your Buzz Aldrin PTA and join other parents, teachers and staff for drinks and empanadas. Latin music and a dance lesson provided for those who are interested. But dancing is NOT required.
  - TICKETS: https://buzzaldrinpta.memberhub.com/store/items/769722
  - VOLUNTEERS: https://signup.com/go/ShrVWfG

- **OCTOBER 21ST WINE & WHISKEY NIGHT**
  Join Buzz parents, caregivers and teachers at this relaxed backyard party. Your ticket includes tastings of wine and whiskeys, non-alcoholic beverages and food. Come meet your friends, make new ones, listen to some chill music and learn something about wine and/or spirits. Montclair (address provided to ticket holders).
  - TICKETS: https://buzzaldrinpta.memberhub.com/store/items/780877

- **AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT coming soon-- and a request for help!**
  Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey about after school interests. We will definitely be offering classes in chess, financial literacy, CPR and basketball. We are also exploring art classes and fitness classes of some type. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TEACHING OR CO-TEACHING CLASSES IN YOGA, BODYWEIGHT EXERCISES OR SOME OTHER FITNESS DISCIPLINE, please email ptapres@buzzaldrinpta.org.
O Courtesy note: SIDE DOOR OPENS FRIDAY, SEPT 30th from 2:15 - 5 PM

Side Door is a FREE program at Union Congregational Church (176 Cooper Avenue) that welcomes middle school students after school on many Fridays. Kids engage in a variety of mostly outdoor activities, including basketball, 4-square, crafts and board games. There are also special and holiday events (not religious). Pizza, water and snacks are sold for a nominal fee. Volunteers from MHS, MSU and the community serve as mentors and chaperones. Ellos tienen voluntarios de habla hispana!

- You can pre-register at www.unioncong.org/children-youth/side-door or your child can simply go on Friday-- a form will be emailed to you. Questions-- email sidedoor@unioncong.org

O UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10/1 Latin Fusion Night 6-8 pm
- 10/18 PTA Meeting 7 pm and Discussion about "Tips for Middle School Success" (IN PERSON ONLY!)
- 10/21 Wine and Whiskey Night 7:30 pm (registration coming soon)
- 10/28 Spooktacular Dance (details coming soon)

Q QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, IDEAS? We want to hear from you!
Email ptapres@buzzaldrinpta.org

- Message from the School Nurse:
  - Students who are 11 years of age prior to the start of school are required to submit proof of State mandated immunizations.
  - Proof of a Tdap and Menactra (meningitis) must be submitted to the school nurse.
  - Failure to provide the required documentation will lead to an exclusion from school.
  - Please contact our school nurse, Ms. Eva McGorry with any questions or if you need assistance with this matter. Her direct line is 973-509-4221 and her email address is emcgorry@montclair.k12.nj.us.

- Rosh Hashanah is a two-day Jewish celebration of the New Year which literally translates to “head of the year” in Hebrew. It is the first of the Jewish High Holy Days. Rosh Hashanah observances include special foods, traditions and mitzvahs, or commandments, and celebrations can vary from family to family. Many people attend services at a temple or synagogue, where a special service is held with messages of hope and atonement in the new year. To all those who celebrate Rosh Hashanah, “shanah tovah umtukah,” which means “May you have a good and sweet new year.”

Next Week’s Schedule of Days

- Monday, September 26th – Rosh Hashanah, District Closed
- Tuesday, September 27th – Rosh Hashanah, District Closed
- Wednesday, September 28th – C Day
- Thursday, September 29th – D Day
- Friday, September 30th – E Day

Please mark your calendars:
- Monday, September 26th & Tuesday, September 27th – District Closed
- Saturday, October 1st – Latin Fusion Night @ 6 pm
- Wednesday, October 5th – Yom Kippur, District Closed
- Monday, October 10th – Schools Closed, Professional Development Day
- Tuesday, October 18th – PTA Meeting @ Buzz Aldrin - 7 pm

“Forgetfulness is the only way to reverse the irreversible flow of history.”

— Hannah Arendt

“You are perfectly cast in your life. I can’t imagine anyone but you in the role. Go play.”

— Lin-Manuel Miranda