Principal’s Bulletin
October 14th, 2022

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

- **Start Strong Testing:** We held our Start Strong testing this week in the areas of Mathematics, Language Arts, and Science 6. Overall, testing went well. Thank you to all the teachers for a successful week of testing. Thank you to all of our teachers for your assistance!

- **General Announcements:**
  - Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school every day. It is imperative that the bottles brought to school are filled with water. Students are not permitted to bring in other beverages to drink throughout the day other than water.

- **PTA Announcement:** There is a PTA meeting on Tuesday, October 18th at 7 pm. Please join us in person to hear how we can ensure success in middle school.

- **Message from Buzz PTA:**
  - Please join MemberHub if you want stay informed on a timely basis about events and classes outside of school. To join, click here: [https://buzzaldrinpta.memberhub.com/join/98c0dd](https://buzzaldrinpta.memberhub.com/join/98c0dd)
  - **MONDAY 10/17 IS THE DEADLINE TO BUY WINE & WHISKEY NIGHT TICKETS.** Come alone, bring a spouse or significant other, bring a friend--this will be a fun and relaxing backyard wine-and-whiskey tasting. Adults only of course. $50 includes food, drink and of course the tastings. The friendship is free! Remember, the income from events like these allows us to fund events for students. [https://buzzaldrinpta.memberhub.com/store/items/780877](https://buzzaldrinpta.memberhub.com/store/items/780877)
  - **TUESDAY NIGHT IS “MIDDLE SCHOOL SUCCESS” DISCUSSION OCT. 18TH 7 pm.** Hear from BAMS administrators, teachers and counselors about ways to help your child be more successful (and happier) in middle school. This meeting is FOR PARENTS ONLY. Please join us IN PERSON for open discussion.
  - **SPOOKTACULAR-- PLEASE REGISTER YOUR KIDS SOON!**
    - 6TH GRADE STUDENTS- 6-7:15 pm
      [https://signup.com/go/AxhzMnx](https://signup.com/go/AxhzMnx)
7TH AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS- 7:30-9 pm
https://signup.com/go/yTVnHAA

- PARENT VOLUNTEERS and NEEDED DONATIONS-- WE NEED HELP! If you are a Costco shopper and could pick us some small water bottles for the kids that would be much appreciated. We also need people to help decorate the gym (mostly taping things up).
https://signup.com/go/yLoCGSt

- ASE REGISTRATION OPENS 4 pm MONDAY! PLAN NOW!
All classes cost $125/session. Scholarships are available for students who need a little help with the fees-- just contact the main office ASAP. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. We are waiting to open registration to give everyone a chance to talk with their children and make decisions. Spots are very limited.

- STREET ART 101 (enrollment limited to 12)
   TUESDAYS 2:15-3:15 (November 1, 8, 15, 29, Dec. 6, Dec 13.)
   No, we are not encouraging your children to deface property, although some of the art world’s most famous artists did get their start on the streets. From the New York pop graffiti of Keith Haring and Jean Michel Basquiat to contemporary artists Banksy and Shepard Fairey, artists have often created work that exists on building walls and gallery walls alike. In this program, Street Art budding artists will learn about street artists from all corners of the world; create their own works influenced by these artists using markers, stencils, and spray paint; design their own graffiti tag or symbol. All materials will be provided. The instructor will be Vera Sheps Scholl, a Buzz parent, creative professional and passionate teacher of Street Art.

- FINANCIAL LITERACY (enrollment limited to 25)
   WEDNESDAYS 2:15-3:15 (November 2, 9, 16, 30; Dec 7, Dec 14)
   This highly interactive class will be taught by finance professionals and review basic principles of financial literacy, from saving to investing in the stock market. There will be discussions about financial tools, including budgets, and the pro's and con's of financial instruments such as credit cards. The instructors will be Rick Muller (Chief Financial Officer), Emil Truesdale (Fund Accountant), and Charles Yance (Operations Analyst), all of Skye Global, a private investment firm.

- CHESS (enrollment limited to 20)
   THURSDAYS 2:15-3:15 (November 3**, 17, Dec 1, 8, 15, 22)
   In life, as in chess, forethought wins. Whether you're new to the game of chess or highly experienced--- the rules, strategies, tactics, sportsmanship, and problem-solving will all be covered. The instructor can teach you how to play and/or show you a few new tricks. Practice chess sets provided during class and some will be available for purchase if desired. The instructor will be Steve Moctezuma, a certified United States Chess Federation (USCF) chess tournament director who has been teaching chess to Montclair students for many years. (** The first class on November 3rd will be 90 minutes long.)

- 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.

- Spring Production Announcement: CONGRATULATIONS to the cast of DISNEY’S❄ FROZEN JR. - We are so proud of you all! The hallways are buzzing, and the stage is filled with amazing talent in all grade levels! Thank you for sharing your thespians with us as we begin the rehearsal process! Every student who is part of the cast must now be part of our google classroom, check their email and listen to in school announcements for club details. Stay tuned for information regarding our Set Painting Club sign-ups next month. Please email Karen-Ann Kaelin-Panico ~ Theatrical Producing Director with any questions. kpanico@montclair.k12.nj.us

UPCOMING EVENTS
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)

Next Week’s Schedule of Days
- Monday, October 17th – B Day
- Tuesday, October 18th – C Day
- Wednesday, October 19th – D Day
- Thursday, October 20th – E Day
- Friday, October 21st – F Day

Please mark your calendars:
- Tuesday, October 18th – PTA Meeting @ Buzz Aldrin - 7 pm
- Tuesday, October 18th – Interims Open to Parents @ 4 pm
- Thursday, October 20th – Curriculum Thursday, Abbreviated Day Schedule
- Friday, October 21st – PTA Event
- Monday, October 24th – Diwali, District Closed
- Friday, October 28th – PTA Halloween Dance

“Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don’t matter, and those who matter don’t mind.”

– Bernard M. Baruch

“If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.”

– Mark Twain