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

- **Advisory Information:** This week, our students participated in an advisory surrounding stress. They learned the definition of stress, stressors, and healthy ways to handle and cope with stress. They also discussed various situations in which they felt stress, how they handled the stressful situation, and ways they can effectively manage stress in the future. They also participated in a visual imagery activity as one technique for reducing stress. Please see the conversation starters below:
  - What is the difference between stress and a stressor?
  - What are some situations or things that you find stressful?
  - How do you handle stressful situations?
  - What are some ways you could handle stressful situations in the future?

- **Panera Band Fundraiser:** We are happy to announce that the Buzz Aldrin Middle School Band is participating in a fundraiser with the Panera on Bloomfield Ave. in Montclair. The event will take place on Thursday, November 17th and will run from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm. BAMS Band will receive 20% of every order for all those who provide our flyer or enter the online code (FUND4U) at the time of purchase. Digital copies of the flyer will be accepted at the restaurant. Please know that this does not apply to DoorDash, Grubhub, or any other third-party delivery companies. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please reach out to Mr. Mandel at tmandel@montclair.k12.nj.us. We look forward to your support of the Buzz Aldrin Middle School Band! Please see the attached flyer for more information.

- **Governor’s Educator of the Year (GEOY) Nominations Needed:** We are seeking nominations for the 2022-2023 Governor’s Educator of the Year Award! Governor’s Educator of the Year (GEOY) nominations seek to celebrate one of our amazing teachers or educational service professionals. Please see the attached GEOY nomination form to nominate one of our amazing staff members. The criteria states that the winners of this award must not have earned the title of school Teacher of the Year or Educational Services Professional (ESP) of the Year in the past five years. Nominations should be emailed to me no later than 3 pm on Friday, November 11th. The most recent awardees are:
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Educational Services Professionals include the following: • Anti-Bullying Specialist • Athletic Trainer • Behavior Specialist • Child Study Team • Cooperative Education Coordinator/Hazardous Occupations • Educational Interpreter (Cued Speech, Transliteration, Oral Interpreting, Sign Language Interpreting) • Guidance / School Counselor • Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant • Library Media Specialist • Mathematics Specialist / Mathematics Coach • Nurse (Instructional & Non-instructional) • Occupational Therapist • Paraprofessional (Instructional only) • Physical Therapist • Psychologist • Reading Specialist / Reading Coach • Social Worker • Speech Language Specialist • Student Assistant Coordinator • Technology Coach

- **General Announcements:**
  - It is imperative that bottles brought to school are filled with water only. Students are not permitted to bring in other beverages to drink throughout the day other than water.

- **Thanksgiving Food Drive:** It’s time for our annual Thanksgiving basket drive! This is one of the staples of our building, and a chance for our community to come together and give back to others. Administration has identified 50 Buzz families that could use help making this year’s Thanksgiving a bountiful holiday celebration. Buzz Aldrin families and staff can contribute food and money to create food baskets with turkeys and all the fixings to create beautiful baskets for each family in need. Teachers and staff assemble the baskets and deliver them in person Thanksgiving Eve.
  - NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS can be dropped off on weekdays between the hours of 9 am - 1pm and 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm at the loading dock on Norwood Avenue. Or send the items in with your children to their homeroom teachers. No glass bottles please. FROZEN TURKEYS will be dropped off on Wednesday Nov. 23 ONLY by 10 am!!! SHOPPING LIST [https://signup.com/go/WKJUvvi](https://signup.com/go/WKJUvvi)
  - If you cannot shop for the needed items, please make a generous donation so that volunteers can fill in the gaps. Last year, Buzz families contributed $5000 toward this cause. This year, things are even more challenging due to inflation and an avian flu outbreak that sadly has decimated the turkey population. PLEASE GIVE AS GENEROUSLY AS YOU CAN!
• **Daylight Savings:** At 1:59 am on Sunday, November 6th please remember to set your clocks back an hour, which means you will gain an hour of sleep!

• **Election Day:** Schools will be closed on Tuesday, November 8th for Election Day. Staff will remain in the buildings for professional development.

**Next Week’s Schedule of Days**

- Monday, November 7th – D Day
- Tuesday, November 8th – Election Day, Schools Closed
- Wednesday, November 9th – E Day
- Thursday, November 10th – NJEA Convention, District Closed,
- Friday, November 11th – NJEA Convention, District Closed

**Please mark your calendars:**

- Tuesday, November 8th – Election Day, Schools Closed
- Thursday, November 10th & Friday, November 11th – NJEA Convention, District Closed
- Tuesday, November 15th – Picture Day Retakes
- Thursday, November 17th – Curriculum Thursday, Abbreviated Day Schedule
- Wednesday, November 23rd – Abbreviated Day Schedule
- Thurs, Nov 24th & Friday, Nov 25th – Thanksgiving Holiday, District Closed
- Monday, November 28th – Picture Day Retakes

“**Freedom makes a huge requirement of every being. With freedom comes responsibility.”**

— Eleanor Roosevelt

"**Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education.**"

— Franklin D. Roosevelt