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

- Native American Heritage Month Advisory Information: This week, our students participated in an advisory in honor of Native American Heritage Month. During the advisory, students learned about the history of Native Americans in context of American History, traditions, cultural beliefs, and significant contributions made and inventions they created. Please see the conversation starters below:
  - What is one Native American cultural belief that you related to the most?
  - What is one invention or contribution they made that stood out the most to you?
  - What is something you learned that you didn’t know prior to the advisory?
  - How did the Indian Removal Act of 1830 affect the Native American population in the United States?

- 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. Please take some time to submit a nomination form for one of the fabulous educators at Buzz Aldrin. 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. We need your help and participation! 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 - 1 pm 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
    - 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!
Dr. Martin Luther Kind Oratorical Competition: Please see the attached flyer for the 25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical competition. This competition is open to all 7th and 8th grade males in Essex County. This is an opportunity for students to share their thoughts on today through the lens of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Project CS Girls: Please see the attachment for all female students interested in participating in Montclair Public Schools’ Project CS Girls club. This is a wonderful opportunity for young women to use science, technology, and collaboration to design solutions for today’s imminent social problems. The first meeting for interested students is on Tuesday, November 15th at 5 pm in Room 205.

SATp Meeting: On Wednesday, November 16th, we will hold Buzz Aldrin’s first School Action Team for Partnership (SATp) meeting of the school year at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held virtually prior to the PTA meeting. All staff and parents are welcome to attend, and I encourage you to attend to learn more about what we are doing as a school community. We are still actively looking for parent volunteers who want to serve on the SATp school committee. This committee is comprised of administration, teachers, parents, and students who collectively work together to improve Buzz Aldrin and work together towards our school’s goals. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please email me at mbjennings@montclair.k12.nj.us as soon as possible. Your attendance, help, and commitment are greatly appreciated. Please use the Zoom link below to attend Wednesday evening’s meeting.

PTA Meeting: On Wednesday, November 16th, we will hold Buzz Aldrin’s PTA meeting virtually at 7:30 pm. Please use the same link as the SATp meeting. We hope that you can make time to attend both meetings on Wednesday evening!

ADL Announcement: We are happy to announce Buzz Aldrin Middle School will adopt The Anti-Defamation League’s (ADL) nationally successful “No Place For Hate” Anti-Bias and Anti-Bullying program. This administration and staff are committed to making every student feel welcome and excited to come to school to learn in the safest and most inclusive environment possible. We feel the ADL program will help students and staff build a sustainable climate of respect and inclusiveness for all. If you are interested in helping with this, this will be discussed in further detail at our SATp meeting on Wednesday evening.
• **Anniversary of Kristallnacht:** Yesterday was the 84th anniversary of Kristallnacht, or "the Night of Broken Glass". On this date in 1938, mobs of German and Austrian citizens (inspired by Nazi propaganda and led by the Gestapo, or secret police) attacked, looted and burned Jewish shops and homes, destroyed 1,400 synagogues, killed 92 Jews and sent another 30,000 men and boys to concentration camps. A week later, all Jewish children were banned from attending public schools with their peers, and a month later, Jews were banned from most public places in Germany. The violence on Kristallnacht is widely considered the starting point for the Holocaust, in which Nazi Germany murdered 6 million Jewish men, women and children across Europe. More information can be found on the website of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

• **Veterans Day:** Every year, on November 11th, our nation observes Veterans Day. On Friday, this day serves as an opportunity for all Americans to honor those courageous men and women who have served or who currently serve in the US Armed forces. Thank you for your service!

### Next Week’s Schedule of Days
- Monday, November 14th – F Day
- Tuesday, November 15th – A Day
- Wednesday, November 16th – B Day
- Thursday, November 17th – C Day
- Friday, November 18th – D Day

### Please mark your calendars:
- Thursday, November 10th & Friday, November 11th – NJEA Convention, District Closed
- Tuesday, November 15th – Picture Day Retakes
- Wednesday, November 16th – SATp Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, November 16th – PTA Meeting @ 7:30 pm
- 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

“The willingness of America’s veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude.”

— Jeff Miller

“Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships.”

— Michael Jordan