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

- I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday, surrounded with friends and family.
- **Thanksgiving Baskets:** Our hearts are filled with so much joy, as a result of the efforts put forth by our wonderful PTA and the generous donations of food and money raised for our Thanksgiving Basket drive. Due to all of your efforts, we successfully made and provided 50 Buzz Aldrin families with Thanksgiving baskets, complete with turkey and all the sides you could imagine. We cannot thank Ms. Jacqueline Brower enough for working tirelessly to ensure each basket was made with love and care. We are so appreciative of all the staff members and PTA members who helped make this initiative such a success. Thank you to the following students who assisted with organizing all the donations: Samaa Qadi, Lucia Estela, Charlie McDermott, Sabrina Clark, Anna Rutledge, Amelia Huey, Claire Washington, Ilija Jakimoski, Naimh Payne, Emily Aronson, and Mia Wallace.

- **Robotics Team Update:** The Buzz Aldrin Robotics team competed in a regional tournament at Clifton High School on Saturday, November 19th. Each year, the competition has a different theme. This year’s theme was energy conservation, storage, and transport. The students worked extremely hard with coding their robots, researching, and presenting their innovation project. Their innovation project included an idea to extract lithium from the ocean to prevent further damage to the earth's surface from mineral extraction. They presented this idea along with 3D printed prototypes to the judges. They were awarded the "Breakthrough Award" for their presentation and were announced as one of the 11 teams who advanced to the state competition. Only the top 25% of the 44 teams qualified to compete in the State Competition, and Buzz Aldrin’s team was one of them. We're so proud of our Robotics team members and the advisors for all your hard work and dedication! Congratulations to Theo Mital, Naomi Amin, Alexander Desmond-Stein, Collin Brooks, David Lee, Felix Cotter, Maxwell Bellack, Oliver Ro, Tristan Kouri-Hertle, Finn Heneghan, Oliver Portelli, Ilija Jakimoski, Ms. Sandra Egan, and Mr. Timothy White!
• **Marking Period 1 Grades & Honor Roll Certificates:** Marking Period 1 Report Card grades and Honor Roll certificates are viewable in Genesis. Please check your Genesis account to access this information.

• **Picture Day Retakes:** Our Picture Day Retakes will be held on Monday, November 28th. Please note that every student must have their picture taken to have their picture in the yearbook. This includes students who are not purchasing school photos this year.

• **SEPAC Information:** The next Montclair SEPAC meeting will be on Monday, November 28th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. This meeting is a parent/caregiver support meeting and will offer a supportive space for discussion. The Zoom info is:
  - Join Zoom Meeting
    https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516528903?pwd=MjRtR2N2NEFZL042bHZ3Q2UydzBEdz09
  - Meeting ID: 825 1652 8903
  - Passcode: 433387

• **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.

**Next Week’s Schedule of Days**

- Monday, November 28th – B Day
- Tuesday, November 29th – C Day
- Wednesday, November 30th – D Day
- Thursday, December 1st – E Day
- Friday, December 2nd – F Day

**Please mark your calendars:**

- Thurs, Nov 24th & Friday, Nov 25th – Thanksgiving Holiday, District Closed
- Monday, November 28th – Picture Day Retakes
- Wednesday, December 7th – Friday, December 9th – Abbreviated Day Schedule, Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Thursday, December 15th – Curriculum Thursday, Abbreviated Day Schedule

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

— John F. Kennedy

“When eating fruit, remember the one who planted the tree.”

— Vietnamese Proverb