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**Principal’s Bulletin**  
**December 2nd, 2022**

**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 on HIB. They learned the definitions of harassment, intimidation, and bullying. They also learned about the importance of respecting others and the result of violations of the HIB policies. Additionally, they learned about how cyberbullying is another form of bullying. They were encouraged to practice and maintain respectful, meaningful, and thoughtful relationships with others. Finally, they learned about the importance of how to handle situations where a potential HIB may be involved, as well as how to report potential bullying incidents. Please see the conversation starters below:
  - What is the difference between an upstander and a bystander?
  - What is the difference between bullying and a conflict?
  - How do you plan on handling a situation if you witnessed or experienced bullying?

- **Yearbook Announcements:** Please see the attached Yearbook flyer for detailed information on how to purchase a yearbook. Additionally, there are specific instructions for 8th graders on how to submit their baby photos for the yearbook.

- **PTA’s Reflection Art Contest 2022-2023:** Last year, several Buzz students placed as finalists at the state level! We know our students are insightful and talented-- let's show the community what we can do! There are MULTIPLE categories in which students can participate, with the theme of "Show Your Voice".
  - Special Artist Division Guidelines ([en español](#))
  - Dance Choreography Guidelines ([en español](#))
  - Film Production Guidelines ([en español](#))
  - Literature Guidelines ([en español](#))
  - Music Composition Guidelines ([en español](#))
  - Photography Guidelines ([en español](#))
  - Visual Arts Guidelines ([en español](#))

Although the flyer says entries are due by December 1st, **we are extended the deadline to Monday, December 12** for Buzz students. A panel of judges will determine the top 3 entries in each category which will go to Montclair PTAC.
judges by January 9. State and national rounds follow. This is a great opportunity for students to express themselves in a variety of disciplines!

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences**: This week, we will follow abbreviated-day schedules on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for parent-teacher conferences. Please note that parent-teacher conferences are based on pre-scheduled appointments coordinated with specific teachers and house leaders.

- **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 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.

- **Pearl Harbor Day**: Each year on December 7th, Pearl Harbor Survivors, veterans, and visitors from all over the world come together to honor and remember the 2,403 service members and civilians who were killed during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. A further 1,178 people were injured in the attack, which permanently sank two U.S. Navy battleships (the USS Arizona and the USS Utah) and destroyed 188 aircraft. On Aug. 23, 1994, the United States Congress designated Dec. 7 as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

Next Week’s Schedule of Days
- Monday, December 5th – A Day
- Tuesday, December 6th – B Day
- Wednesday, December 7th – C Day
- Thursday, December 8th – D Day
- Friday, December 9th – E Day

Please mark your calendars:
- Wednesday, December 7th – Friday, December 9th – Abbreviated Day Schedule, Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Thursday, December 15th – Curriculum Thursday, Abbreviated Day Schedule
- Friday, December 23rd – Abbreviated Day Schedule
- Monday, December 27th – Monday, January 3rd – Winter Recess, Schools Closed

“Pearl Harbor Memorial Day is a reminder for every citizen to remember the brave souls of our country who lost their lives.”

— Unknown

“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”

— Jane Goodall