



Buzz Aldrin Middle School
The STEM Magnet

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Principal's Bulletin
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Buzz Aldrin Mission Statement:

We believe that all students can learn, achieve, and grow, in a safe and secure environment.

- **Buzz Aldrin PTA Fundraiser! We want and need your support!** Please see the attached flyer for our annual big PTA fundraiser. Additionally, hard copies of the flyers were distributed to all students on Friday. Please ask your child for a copy! We appreciate all the support and generosity from our PTA board and our generous parents. We hope to see you there dressed in your best 80s gear!
- **Black History Month Advisory:** This week, our students participated in the Black History Month advisories. Students watched a film on the Children's March and engaged in meaningful discussion regarding the Civil Rights movement and the impact children had as changemakers during this period. Please see some conversation starters below.
 - *What is one thing that you learned from the video that you did not know before?*
 - *Why was the Children's March so significant in American History?*
 - *How has society changed since the time of the Children's March? What similarities still exist?*
- **Restorative Justice Parent Night:** Thank you to Ms. Zetta Cool and the parents who attended Thursday evening's RJ Circle Night. It was a great opportunity for parents to sit circle and experience what their children experience with RJ circles at school. Your presence was greatly appreciated!
- **Yearbook Purchasing:** Yearbooks are currently available for purchase and are on a first come first served basis. Please visit www.jostensyearbooks.com or call 1-877-767-5217 to order your copy! If you have any questions please contact our Yearbook Advisor, Ms. Eden: jmintz@montclair.k12.nj.us
- **NJHS Update:** This announcement is for 7th and 8th grade students who have been nominated for induction into the National Junior Honor Society. The community service log and two letters of recommendation are due by Wednesday, April 3rd. Late documents will not be accepted, so please be sure to upload all required documents into Google Classroom on time. NJHS students who complete the requirements by the deadline will receive an invitation to the

formal Induction Ceremony, which will be held on April 30th at 6 p.m. Please email Mrs. Megdanis (kmevdanis@montclair.k12.nj.us) if you have any questions.

- **Buzz Aldrin PTA Updates:**

- **Throwback 80s Party Spring Fundraiser: THROWBACK 80s SPRING FUNDRAISER:** Join Buzz parents and teachers for a totally awesome night of drinks, dinner and dancing to support our STEAM magnet. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year and our goal is to raise \$15,000. We need the support of our school community. March 22 from 7-10pm at St James Church Parish Hall, 581 Valley Road, Montclair. Featuring 80s tunes from DJ Cotter, Dinner & Drinks, and a Silent Auction. Adults only. 80s costumes encouraged! Tickets are \$125 and are on sale now until March 21. Tickets at the door will be \$150. All proceeds support the Buzz Aldrin School STEAM magnet and end of year festivities for all Buzz students.
 - Can't make the fundraiser but still want to contribute? ***Please make a donation or buy a ticket for a Buzz staff member for \$50!*** <https://buzzaldrinpta.memberhub.gives/throwback80sparty>
 - ***We would love some help!*** We are in need of silent auction item donations and volunteers to help run the event. Contact Jennifer Escobar or Lauren Moore at the Buzz PTA for all the details.
- **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Your board is happily serving you through the end of this school year, but there will be some positions available for next year. We need 3-5 people to serve on a nominating committee to source new leaders. We have the emails and documents you will need and this process can be done remotely. Without a board, the PTA cannot raise money, spend money, or provide things like Spooktacular, ASE programs, ice skating and movie nights, and graduation parties will not happen. Please contact Anneka Street at the Buzz PTA for more details and thank you!
- **FUNDS2ORGS FUNDRAISER:** We decided to extend our shoe collection until March. For every 5 pairs of shoes, your student will receive an hour of community service. Please drop off all shoes at the school office and either tie the shoes together or wrap them with a rubber band. This is a fundraiser for the PTA and also supports communities in developing countries.
- **FREE BUZZ ICE SKATING EVENT:** March 9th from 5:15 pm - 6:45 pm at Clary Anderson Arena. Sign up closes on 3/8! We are also looking for parent volunteers to help with check in at the event. <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1011829654068/true#/invitation>
- **Parent Volunteers needed:** The PTA is looking for parent volunteers for our ASE, Special Events and Fundraising committees. Contact PTA President, Jennifer Escobar at jen.escobar3@gmail.com if you are interested.

- **Set Design Painting & Prop Club - Mary Poppins Jr. - The Musical:** Our evening Set Design Painting/Prop Club (SDPP) sessions are in progress! We are accepting sign-ups and space is limited. Our beautiful rendering designs are in the process of being painted and brought to the stage. We will continue to make each of them come alive in color and 3D. Welcoming all families interested in joining us! All participants will receive community service hours. This is also a great way for parents to join us and their child as part of the Buzz Aldrin Musical Theatre Family! Break out your painting clothes and come join the fun! FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DATES & TO REGISTER your student for an email invite to our google classroom: Please email Karen-Ann Kaelin-Panico Theatrical Producing Director / Set Design Director kpanico@montclair.k12.nj.us. Thank you for supporting the BAMS Theater Department!
- **General Reminders:**
 - **8th Grade Behavior Contracts:** 8th grade behavior contracts were issued on Friday, March 1st. Please review the contracts with your child at home so you are aware about the requirements to participate in the end of the year trips/activities.
 - **Cell Phone Use:** Students are not permitted to use their cell phones throughout the school day. This is stated in the school's code of conduct. Consequences will be issued for those who violate this rule.
 - **Dress Appropriately for Weather:** Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the winter weather conditions, particularly outdoor recess.
 - **Attendance Information:** Student attendance and tardiness is an issue with some of students. Students with ten tardies will receive an afterschool detention will be issued. Additionally, attendance records affect your child's ability to attend/participate in end of the year events/field trips.
 - **Student Attire:** We continue to have serious concerns over students dressing appropriately for middle school, especially with footwear. Slides, Crocs, flip flops, and any shoes without a backing are not permitted, as they do not have a back to the shoes. Referrals will be issued for inappropriate footwear, as indicated in the Code of Conduct.
- **International Women's Day:** On March 8th, International Women's Day is celebrated around the world. On this day, the world acknowledges and celebrates the achievements of women worldwide in addition to promoting women's equality.

Next Week's Schedule of Days

- Monday, March 4th - B Day
- Tuesday, March 5th - C Day
- Wednesday, March 6th - D Day
- Thursday, March 7th - E Day

- Friday, March 8th – F Day

Please mark your calendars:

- Wednesday, March 20th & Thursday, March 21st – Abbreviated Day Schedule
- Friday, March 22nd – Dance Battle of the Classes @ 2:30 pm
- Friday, March 22nd – PTA 80s Night Fundraiser @ 7 pm
- Friday, March 29th – Good Friday, District Closed

“As women achieve power, the barriers will fall. As society sees what women can do, as women see what women can do, there will be more women out there doing things, and we’ll all be better off for it.”

– **Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

“You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it.”

– **Maya Angelou**

