



Buzz Aldrin Middle School
The STEM Magnet

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Principal's Bulletin
December 23rd, 2023

Buzz Aldrin Mission Statement:

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

- **Zero Day:** On Friday, our students had the most amazing Zero Day experience to end 2023! Students participated in door decorating festivities, an advisory, trivia and games, and a STEM challenge activity. The day was action packed and filled with so many fun, team-building experiences. Hats off to Ms. Drozd and Ms. Scala for putting in all the time and effort to ensure our students had a wonderful day filled with so much excitement. We are grateful for you! Thank you to the staff for all your efforts in ensuring the day went smoothly.
- **Trep\$ Marketplace:** The TREP\$ Marketplace was a huge success! Thank you to all our young Buzz Aldrin entrepreneurs for sharing your business ventures with the community. The turnout was unbelievable! Many thanks to all those who came out to support our students. Thank you to Mr. Montesano for running this club and coordinating Trep\$.
- **PTA Cookie Banquet:** Many thanks to the parents who donated cookies for our PTA cookie exchange. The staff was appreciative for the sweet treats just in time before winter break. Thank you to our PTA executive board for coordinating this event!
- **Set Design Painting & Prop Club - Mary Poppins Jr. ~ The Musical**
Our evening Set Design Painting / Prop Club sessions are quickly approaching. We are now accepting sign-ups and space is limited. Semester 1 is coming to an end soon after we return from break! Ms. Rodriguez and our Set Design elective class will be ready to pass our beautiful rendering designs to the stage. We will begin to make each of them come alive in color and 3D beginning in February 2024. 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!

- **STEM Challenges Carnival Night:** The students of the STEM Challenges elective have been working hard on their table-top carnival-style games of chance and skill. We cordially invite you to challenge yourself with these student-made games and to enjoy their creative genius! All games will be free to play, and the game designers will be on hand to referee and monitor games, as well as answer any question you may have about their games and their development process. Carnival Game Night will take place on Tuesday, January 23, in the BAMS gym promptly between 6-8 pm. If the weather does not cooperate, the postponement date is set for Thursday, February 8. We will keep you posted if this is necessary. Please come and join us! We look forward to seeing you at the BAMS Carnival! If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Dan Taylor at dtaylor@montclair.k12.nj.us.
- **Buzz Aldrin PTA Updates:**
 - **Buzz Family Ice Skating at Clary Anderson: Saturday December 30th 1:15pm - 2:45pm** FREE for Buzz students! Sign up for December skating here: <https://signup.com/go/ftNeXaS> We also need volunteers for check in and general supervision.
 - **Funds2Orgs Fundraiser:** it's time to clear out your closets! The PTA is collecting your gently worn, used, or new shoes to send to developing countries. This is also a fundraiser for the PTA. We start collecting now through mid-January. Please drop off all shoes at the school office and either tie the shoes together or wrap with a rubber band. https://funds2orgs.com/?gclid=CjOKCQjw4vKpBhCZARIsAOKHoWRnu8p8zWIPLER7CKQpjXQzxkgyWjRsF8tteyBxtZO_vTO4W3cKi6saAnrTEALw_wcB
 - **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.
 - **Next PTA Meeting:** 7 pm on January 16th at Buzz Aldrin Middle School
- **Christmas Wishes:** Merry Christmas to all those who celebrate! I hope you enjoy a wonderful Christmas holiday with close friends and family.
- **Happy New Year:** As we close out 2023, I wish you all a wonderful New Year and look forward to 2024! Happy New Year! We will see you in 2024!

Next Week's Schedule of Days

- Monday, January 1st - District Closed
- Tuesday, January 2nd - E Day
- Wednesday, January 3rd - F Day
- Thursday, January 4th - A Day
- Friday, January 5th - B Day

Please mark your calendars:

- Monday, December 25th – January 1st – Winter Break, District Closed
- Tuesday, January 2nd – District Reopens
- Monday, January 15th – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, District Closed
- Tuesday, January 16th – PTA Meeting @ 7 pm

“The magic of new beginnings is truly the most powerful of them all.”

— **Josiyah Martin**

“To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.”

— **Winston Churchill**