



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.

- **Start with Hello Update:** The Start with Hello students led *See Something, Say Something* this past week. All homerooms worked together to earn points for the Battle of the Backpacks competition. With this, they collected food for Toni's Kitchen's Healthy Backpack Project, wrote letters to community workers and dressed according to the daily themes. The students collected enough food to pack up over 100 backpacks for this program so far but there is still time to bring in donations too. Monday, March 21st, will be the last day to bring in these food donations as well as letters of gratitude. It has been truly amazing to see everyone working together to promote positivity throughout the community. On behalf of the staff, we are grateful for the letters and kind words we received from our students. Thank you to Ms. Kobliska, Ms. Kosuda, and the Start with Hello students for leading this initiative.
- **Women's History Month Update:** The Language Arts department has been presenting student-generated quotes from contemporary females throughout the month of March. On March 4, during a homeroom advisory, students collaborated in their respective homerooms to find a quote, music lyrics, poem, or an excerpt from a female voice illustrating the themes of activism, empowerment, and/or compassion/empathy. Each homeroom submitted a quote, which is being presented to the school during the daily morning announcements throughout the month.
- **Important Information for Parents:**
 - Please speak with your child about his/her/their behavior both in school and uptown. Several local businesses located near the school have reached out urging parents to speak with their children about their conduct and behavior.
 - We are instilling behavior contracts for all three grade levels. Students must maintain appropriate behavior in school to be able to attend field trips/school events.
 - Please visit the district website for the updated COVID-19 guidelines. It is located on the homepage under COVID-19 School Year 2021-2022.

- **NJHS Update:** This is a reminder that each student's community service hours and two letters of recommendation are due by Monday, April 11th. Late documents cannot be accepted so please be sure to upload all required documents into Google Classroom on time. Please email Ms. Perillo or Mrs. Megdanis if you have any questions.
- **MFEE Update:** MFEE is gearing up for its next big community event: [ShowUS Montclair](#). In 2018, we hosted a **ShowDOWN**, a talent show with a competitive twist. In 2020, we decided to **ShowUP**, bringing us together virtually for a much-needed night of talent, laughter, and togetherness. And now in 2022, it's time to **ShowUS** all the talent that's been hiding right in our midst. On April 30th, we will be inviting the whole town to gather outside at Lackawanna Plaza for a fun evening filled with talented performers and storytellers.
- **District Devices:** We are no longer issuing loaner Chromebooks to students. Students will be responsible for bringing their own charged devices to school. Chromebooks are the only items we are accepting for parent drop-offs. Additionally, we are not accepting parent drop-offs for any items other than Chromebooks.
- **Nothing Bundt Cake Fundraiser:** Last week, students received envelopes and order forms for our Nothing Bundt Cake Fundraiser! These delicious cakes come in 6 different flavors and 2 sizes - "Bundtlet" and "8 Inch Cake". All orders and money are due on Friday, March 25th to the purple collection box located in the main office. Funds from this fundraiser will be used to offset the cost of end of the year grade-level trips. Bundts will be delivered to Buzz on Wednesday, April 13th - right before spring break! Pick-up for the cakes will be between 2pm and 7pm. We are requesting all students participate so we are able to plan the end of the year events for our students. We are excited for this tasty fundraiser and appreciate your support!
- **PTA Update:**
 - **21-Day Racial Equity Challenge:** Please see the attached document from the PTA's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. They are beginning a 21-day Racial Equity Challenge that began on March 1st. Students and families are still able to sign up and participate.
 - *It's not too late to join the program-- you can catch up at your leisure.*
 - (1) To join (you and/or your student) click here: <https://signup.com/go/zQuiROL> (and then join the private Facebook group)
 - (2) To join the private Facebook group (where the content will be posted) (note: this is a new link!) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/250905587214343/?ref=share>
 - (3) Don't use Facebook? Don't worry, we'll also send you an email with links to the weekly content after you sign up!

- **Message from Side Door:** Hey everybody! Side Door will be OPEN this Friday and masks will be optional. There will be a ton of stuff to do outside plus plenty to do if you'd rather be inside. In addition to all the free food, we'll be selling snacks and pizza. Come have fun with your friends this Friday at Side Door!
- I wish everyone a happy first day of spring on Sunday, March 20th!

Next Week's Schedule of Days

- Monday, March 21st - E Day
- Tuesday, March 22nd - F Day
- Wednesday, March 23rd - A Day
- Thursday, March 24th - B Day
- Friday, March 25th - C Day

Please mark your calendars:

- Monday, March 21st - Board of Education Meeting @ 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 30th - Parent Teacher Conferences (Prescheduled)
- Thursday, March 31st - Parent Teacher Conferences (Prescheduled)

“Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.”

- **Eleanor Roosevelt**

“The success of every woman should be the inspiration to another. We should raise each other up. Make sure you're very courageous: be strong, be extremely kind, and above all be humble.”

- **Serena Williams**