



Buzz Aldrin Middle School
The STEM Magnet

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Principal's Bulletin
March 25th, 2022

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* last week. Homerooms worked collectively 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 200 backpacks for this program. We are so proud of the Buzz Aldrin students and community for taking part in this initiative. Thank you to everyone who participated. It was truly amazing to see everyone working together to promote positivity throughout the community. This year's winner of the 2022 Battle of the Backpacks, with a total of 496 points, is Homeroom 202. A big shout out goes to Homerooms 114 and 23, who had 462 points and 467 points, respectively, for coming in second and third place. Thank you again to Ms. Kobliska and Ms. Kosuda for leading this wonderful schoolwide initiative.
- **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 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.
- **Message from Side Door:** Hey everybody! Side Door will be OPEN this Friday and masks are optional. There will be a ton of stuff to do outside plus things to do inside 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!
- **Transition to Middle School Forum:** On Tuesday, March 29th, the Montclair PTA Council (PTAC) will host a Transition to Middle School form at 7 pm. The forum will be held at Glenfield Middle School. All questions must be submitted in advance via the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/WAPphxK1cuw5CKsaA>

- **Montclair High School Information for 8th graders & families:**
 - On Monday, April 4th, Montclair High School will host an information meeting for all rising 8th graders at the Montclair High School auditorium. At this meeting, students and families will have a chance to learn about the high school from the administrators and more. Please see the attached flyer.
 - Montclair High School will host an Athletic Night on Tuesday, May 24th at 6 pm in the Montclair High School auditorium. All of our high school sports teams will be represented at this event. The event is intended for rising 9th graders through seniors who are interested in participating in athletics for the 2022-2023 school year. Parents/caregivers will be able to speak with our coaches and gather information about what they can expect when they get to the high school.

- **Middle School Girls Volleyball Clinic Grades: 5-8**
 - **Fee:** \$85
 - When: Thursday Nights from March 31, 2022 - May 26, 2022
 - Where: MHS Main Gym 7:00PM - 8:30PM
 - ****Registration will close once the capacity of 85 is reached. (SPACE IS LIMITED) ****
 - Register online at <https://www.leaguelineup.com/forms.asp?url=mountiesmiddleschoolclinic>
 - ***The link above is for registration Only! Payment can be made separately via PayPal or Zelle to mhsgvballboosters@gmail.com. Please include name(s) of participant in online payment. Alternate payments (checks/cash) will be accepted on the first night of the clinic.**
 - **Program Description:** The 8-week clinic features basic instruction for those who are new to the game and advanced training for those with previous experience. The clinic will be run by the Montclair High School Volleyball Coaches. **Masks are optional but strongly recommended! Appropriate athletic attire and knee pads required!**
 - For more information contact Coach Pam Reilly at preilly@montclair.k12.nj.us

- **Message from SEPAC:**
 - On Monday, March 28th, SEPAC will host a meeting at 7 pm which focuses on summer camp options and will feature a presentation from Harbor Haven Summer Camp. Time will also be given for members to share suggestions about camps that have been successful for their children. The Zoom info is as follows:
 - 3/28, 7:00 pm - SEPAC General Meeting
 - Topic: SEPAC Camp Fair 2022
 - Time: Mar 28, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
 - Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83929317433?pwd=bXZkR3ErTjKxN1NwQnNMTnhzaE9BUT09>

Meeting ID: 839 2931 7433

Passcode: 663177

- On April 1st at 6:30 pm: SEPAC will host the West Orange Summer Camp fair. Please see the attached flyer for more info.
- On Sunday, May 1st, there will be a Montclair Disability Parade held from 2 to 4 pm. Please see the attached flyer for more information.
- Please see Mr. Taylor's attached STEM Bulletin.
- **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.
- **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.

Next Week's Schedule of Days

- Monday, March 28th – D Day
- Tuesday, March 29th – E Day
- Wednesday, March 30th – F Day
- Thursday, March 31st – A Day
- Friday, April 1st – B Day

Please mark your calendars:

- Wednesday, March 30th - Parent Teacher Conferences (Prescheduled)
- Thursday, March 31st - Parent Teacher Conferences (Prescheduled)
- Tuesday, April 5th - PTA Intro to MHS Meeting @ 7 pm
- Wednesday, April 6th - Board of Education Meeting @ 7:30 pm

“There is no charm equal to tenderness of heart.”

- **Jane Austen**

“The greatest danger to our future is apathy.”

- **Jane Goodall**