



**Buzz Aldrin Middle School**  
**The STEM Magnet**

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**Principal's Bulletin**  
**April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Buzz Aldrin Mission Statement:**

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

- Thank you to our wonderful PTA, parent volunteers, peer mentors, NJHS students, and our amazing staff members who assisted with the Buzz Aldrin Middle School Tour night. It was a tremendous success! The feedback was positive and we were happy to open our doors to our elementary school families. Special thanks to Stephanie Drozd and Jamie Scala for organizing the tours. Your support and hard work are greatly appreciated!
- **Career Day Planning:** We would love for any parents and community volunteers to participate in Buzz Aldrin's Annual STEAM Career Day! Career Day is an opportunity for community members to inform our students about various professions by sharing personal knowledge and experiences so our students can learn more about the characteristics, skills, and talents required in different occupations. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Dan Taylor at [dtaylor@montclair.k12.nj.us](mailto:dtaylor@montclair.k12.nj.us). Please see the details below.
  - **Date:** Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>
  - **Where:** Virtual presentations given to students via Zoom
  - **Additional Information:** Please see the attached STEM bulletin.
  - **Sign Up:** If you are interested in participating, please complete the Google form: <https://forms.gle/Nd2jxopeVLMzyUvL6>
- **Montclair High School Information for 8<sup>th</sup> graders & families:**
  - Montclair High School will host an Athletic Night on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Message from SEPAC:** On Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a Montclair Disability Pride Parade held from 2 to 4 pm. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

- **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.
  
- Today marks the first day of Passover. Passover is a Jewish holiday that celebrates the Exodus, when Israelites were liberated from slavery in Egypt. Passover is an eight-day holiday honored on the first day through a *seder*, celebrated with families and friends. Chag Pesach Sameach to all those who celebrate!
  
- Today also marks Good Friday, the Friday before Easter Sunday. This holiday is observed by Christians around the world. Good Friday is a somber holiday that commemorates the execution of Jesus Christ. Following Good Friday, is Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday is a Christian celebration that honors Christ's resurrection. Happy Easter to all those who celebrate!
  
- I wish all of our staff, students, and families and wonderful Spring break!

### **Next Week's Schedule of Days**

- Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – F Day
- Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – A Day
- Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – B Day
- Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – C Day
- Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – D Day

**Please mark your calendars:**

- Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – District Closed, Good Friday
- Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – District Closed, Spring Recess
- Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Thursday, Abbreviated Day Schedule
- Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – District Closed, Eid al-Fitr
- Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – PTA Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> & Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Little Mermaid School Production @ 7 pm

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

- **Jane Goodall**

**“When you focus on the good, the good gets better.”**

- **Abraham Hicks**