



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

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**Principal's Bulletin**  
**April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Buzz Aldrin Mission Statement:**

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

- On Thursday, our students listened to a morning announcement honoring Yom HaShoah, also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day. This day is one in which the world honors and remembers the millions of Jewish victims, survivors, and heroes from the Holocaust.
- **Earth Day Advisory:** Today, our students participated in an advisory celebrating Earth Day. Students engaged in thoughtful discussions regarding the importance of taking care of our earth/environment, preventing pollution, and brainstorming ways to become more environmentally friendly.
  - **Discussion Questions for Families:**
    - Why is it important to not only celebrate Earth Day, but to take care of our earth?
    - What industries have a significant impact on our earth and its resources?
    - Why is it important for us to be environmentally friendly?
    - What are some ways society can become more environmentally friendly? As a family? Individually?
- **Clean Up Montclair:** On Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, please join us for Clean Up Montclair. This is a day dedicated to beautifying Upper Montclair. The event is from 9 am to 12 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Mayor, William Hurlock at [whurlock@montclairnjusa.org](mailto:whurlock@montclairnjusa.org) or at (973) 509-4931.
- **MFEE Update:** On Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, the MFEE is hosting ShowUS Montclair. Please consider attending tomorrow evening at 7 pm at Lackawanna Plaza. There will be several performances from our very own talent at Buzz Aldrin and in Montclair. You are in for a real treat as the Montclair administrators perform a lip sync performance to ABBA. Purchase tickets for [MFEE's ShowUS Montclair!](#) Can't attend? You can still donate in their honor and cheer them on, so they win the People's Choice Award. The act that raises the most money wins! Please see the attached flyer if you want a good laugh!

- **Heritage Month Information:** Beginning on May 1<sup>st</sup>, Buzz Aldrin celebrates Asian American Pacific Islander Month and Jewish American Heritage Month. The month of May is when Buzz Aldrin will celebrate the culture, contributions, and achievement of Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Jewish Americans.
  - Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AAPI Heritage Month) is an annual celebration that recognizes the historical and cultural contributions of individuals and groups of Asian and Pacific Islander descent to the United States. The AAPI umbrella term includes cultures from the entire Asian continent—including East, Southeast and South Asia—and the Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia.
  - During May, Jewish American Heritage Month recognizes the contributions American Jews have made, and continue to make, to the history, culture and society of this country. The origins of the month began in 1980 with the establishment of Jewish American Week.
  
- **Spring Musical Production:** We are excited to announce the opening of our Spring Musical production of The Little Mermaid Jr. Please join us to support the performing arts at Buzz! We wish all of our performers the best of luck this week!
  - When: Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> & Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm
    - Doors open at 6:30 pm
  - Where: Buzz Aldrin Middle School Auditorium
  - Details: Adult Tickets \$10.00, Student Tickets \$6.00, Children 6 years and under \$3.00
  
- **NJHS Update:** The NJHS Induction Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, during school hours. This ceremony is for current NJHS students only. These students have already been notified through Google Classroom and can confirm their status via Google Classroom. We will be recording the ceremony for families to view afterwards. The video presentation will be posted on Google Classroom. Please email the NJHS advisors, Kate Megdanis (kmegdanis@mpsdnj.us) and Christin Perillo (cperillo@mpsdnj.us), if you have any questions.
  
- **Yearbook Update:** Yearbooks are nearly sold out and are on a first come first served basis. To order your copy of the yearbook please go to [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) or call 1-877-7675217. Email or yearbook advisor Mrs. Mintz at [Jmintz@montclair.k12.nj.us](mailto:Jmintz@montclair.k12.nj.us) with any questions.
  
- **Career Day Planning:** We still need 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>
- Please see Mr. Taylor's attached STEM Bulletin.
  - **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 SE PAC:** 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.
  - **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.
  - On Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Eid-al-Fitr, known as the day of feasting. This day is celebrated by Muslims all over the world to celebrate the end of fasting for the month of Ramadan. Eid is a reward to the Muslims who spent the month of Ramadan fasting and in worship. Eid Mubarak to all those who celebrate!
  - On Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate Cinco De Mayo, which celebrates the Mexican Army's victory over France during the French and Mexican War of 1862. Cinco de Mayo is celebrated in the United States to honor the Mexican culture and heritage.

**Next Week's Schedule of Days**

- Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – District Closed, Eid-Al-Fitr
- Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – E Day
- Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – F Day
- Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – A Day
- Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – B Day

**Please mark your calendars:**

- 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
- Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – NJSLA Testing

**“Mistakes are acceptable if they’re the result of moving forward.”**

- **Andrew Yang**

**“Whenever feeling downcast, each person should vitally remember, ‘For my sake, the entire world was created.’”**

- **Baal Shem Tov**