



Buzz Aldrin Middle School
The STEM Magnet

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Principal's Bulletin
June 10th, 2022

Buzz Aldrin Mission Statement:

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

- **Spring Band & Chorus Concert:** The arts are electric at Buzz Aldrin! I am so proud of our amazing band and chorus performers who performed in a sold-out auditorium. They did a fabulous job singing and playing instruments on Thursday evening. Even with the last-minute change to Glenfield's auditorium, our students, teachers, and parents handled the change in stride. Congratulations to our soloist performers: Ezra Fedderson, Amelia Behnan, Ingrid Keathley, Selena Roy, Emily Aronson, Nahum Tamrat, and Kasjan Wilson. You did a phenomenal job yesterday evening. Special thank you to Ms. Meghan Magnus and Mr. Taylor Mandel for leading our students in a fantastic performance!
- **Love Quilt Project:** We had a wonderful assembly today on the Love Quilt Project. During the assembly, the students learned about the project, its significance, and the value of giving back to others. The Love Quilt Project involves students designing and creating small fabric squares that inspire students and send messages of love and encouragement to underprivileged children in foster care in both South Africa and around the world. Half of our students created their squares today, and they were beautiful and inspiring! Thank you to Ms. Gretchen Finnerty and Ms. Dagmara Wilson for bringing this wonderful opportunity to our Buzz Aldrin students.
 - Please see the link below to watch the video that was shared with the students today:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1URVJxkW6Pzf70Ud6fp5RifGqkZLnJE7E/view?usp=sharing>
- **Math Final Exams:** Math final exams will be administered on Monday, June 13 (BDF-day) and Tuesday, June 14 (ACE-day) during math classes. Students have received study guides and have been preparing during class. Please remind your child to review his/her/their study guide to prepare for their final exam. Also, please remind your child to arrive to school on time.
- **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 or call 1-877-7675217. Email or yearbook advisor Mrs. Mintz at Jmintz@montclair.k12.nj.us with any questions.

- If you would like to donate a copy of the yearbook please visit: https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1057013/Buz-z-Aldrin-Middle-School/2022-Yearbook/20210825133119407147/CATALOG_SHOP/
- Fill out the "Student information" as follows:
 - Student's First Name: Yearbook donation
 - Student's Last Name: Yearbook donation
 - Grade: Other
- **MEA Juneteenth Book Giveaway:** In honor of Juneteenth, the Montclair Education Association invites the Montclair community to their first "I See Me" Book Giveaway. The 8:46 Project will provide FREE books that give voice to marginalized experiences that will engage readers of different ages, races, ethnicities, and backgrounds. There will be raffles, snacks, drinks, and much more. Please join us on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 1:00 PM at Nishuane School to grab your next powerful summer read! Please see the attached flyer for more information.
 - Questions? Email: 846project@meanj.org
- Please see Mr. Taylor's attached STEM Bulletin.
- **Message for 8th grade families attending MHS:** Due to a scheduling conflict, we had to change our dates for when physicals are provided. Free athletic physicals will be offered at the fieldhouse at the Aubrey Lewis Sports Complex on the following dates: These will be the only dates we offer free athletic physicals for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - Monday, June 13th - 5 pm - 8 pm
 - Tuesday, June 14th - 5 pm - 8 pm
- **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. This behavior is unacceptable.
 - In response to the complaints we've received from local businesses, the security aides have traveled throughout town to assist and help monitor students. We are doing this as a support to these businesses.
 - It is the responsibility of each parent to speak with your child about his/her/their behavior at public establishments. The Montclair Police Department has been contacted as well to provide additional assistance.

Next Week's Schedule of Days

- Monday, June 13th - F Day
- Tuesday, June 14th - A Day
- Wednesday, June 15th - B Day

- Thursday, June 16th – C Day
- Friday, June 17th – Juneteenth, District Closed

Please mark your calendars:

- Monday, June 13th & Tuesday, June 14th – Math Final Exams
- Friday, June 17th – Juneteenth, District Closed
- Monday, June 20th – 8th Grade Awards Assembly (Students Only)
- Monday, June 20th – Board of Education Meeting @ 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, June 23rd – 8th Grade Graduation @ 9 am – Woodman Field

“It takes no compromise to give people their rights...it takes no money to respect the individual. It takes no political deal to give people freedom. It takes no survey to remove repression.”

- Harvey Milk

“Some people think they are in community, but they are only in proximity. True community requires commitment and openness. It is a willingness to extend yourself to encounter and know the other.”

- David Spangler