



**Buzz Aldrin Middle School**  
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**Principal's Bulletin**  
**July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

**Buzz Aldrin Mission Statement:**  
**We believe that all students can learn, achieve, and grow, in a safe and secure environment.**

**Principal's Message:**

Dear Buzz Aldrin Families,

We made it! Although we had a challenging school year, we truly believe our students are pushing forward and are moving in the right direction. The COVID-19 pandemic obviously hit us hard, but because of the awesome strength and resiliency of our staff and students, we were able to succeed. We certainly thank the entire Buzz Aldrin community for working together to support our children this school year.

Despite the challenges, we were able to enjoy all in-person activities such as the school musical production, student assemblies, band & chorus performances, the dance show, and graduation. Thank you to all the staff members and Buzz Aldrin community members who have assisted in each of these activities. Many people do not realize the time and efforts that go into planning these large-scale events. Please know that you are appreciated. Regrettably, our 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip had to be cancelled due to inclement weather, but the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders enjoyed amazing end of the year grade-level field trips. All of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities were spectacular. There was no better feeling than watching all their smiling faces celebrate three years of hard work and the end of their time at Buzz Aldrin.

My sincerest appreciation goes out to our PTA Executive Board. Thank you for planning all of the staff-parent gatherings, fundraisers, and for supporting our school trips and activities. It has been both a pleasure and an honor working with such a kind, thoughtful, and hardworking group of people.

I wish all staff and students a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break and the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends. To the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and families, I wish you all the best during your high school years and beyond. For the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and families, I am looking forward to seeing your refreshed and invigorated faces this upcoming school year. Both Ms. Gandhi and I are very thankful for all your support.

Warm regards,  
**Major B. Jennings**

**Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade General Scheduling Information:**

- Thank you to everyone who has submitted your elective and world language requests. Both Ms. Gandhi and I are in the process of getting through all the emails and resetting Genesis if requests were prematurely submitted. If you do not put in elective requests for your child, he/she/they will be assigned electives by the scheduling team.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Families:** Reimbursement checks will be mailed to each student's house beginning after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend.

**6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Families:** Current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will keep their district-issued Chromebooks over the summer.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families:** Please see the attached bulletin from MHS regarding freshmen orientation.

**Have a wonderful summer! See you in September 2022!**

**“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”**

**~ Ralph Waldo Emerson**