



**Buzz Aldrin Middle School**  
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## **Principal's Bulletin**

### **April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

#### **Buzz Aldrin Mission Statement:**

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

- **Happy Spring Break:** I wish everyone a Happy Spring Break! I hope you all take some time to relax, unwind, and rejuvenate. We are almost there!
- **Yearbook Information:** Yearbooks are currently available for purchase and are on a first come first served basis. Please visit [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) or call 1-877-767-5217 to order your copy! If you have any questions please contact our Yearbook Advisor, Ms. Eden: [jmintz@montclair.k12.nj.us](mailto:jmintz@montclair.k12.nj.us)
- **Mary Poppins, Jr. Musical Production:** Please come out and support our Buzz Aldrin musical theater students at our spring productions held on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in supporting the performing arts at Buzz Aldrin! See the attached flyer for more information.
  - **Where:** Buzz Aldrin Middle School
  - **When:** Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> & Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm, Doors open @ 6:30 pm
  - **Admission:** Adults \$10, Students \$6, Children 6 years and under \$3  
If you have any additional questions, please contact Ms. Kaelin-Panico at [kpanico@montclair.k12.nj.us](mailto:kpanico@montclair.k12.nj.us).
- **Buzz Aldrin PTA Updates:**
  - **The 2024-2025 PTA Board needs YOU!** The Nominating Committee is working to source new leaders for the next PTA Board. We are looking for a new President and two co-Vice Presidents! These are extremely rewarding roles that can fit around your schedule: everyone on the current Board has full-time or part-time work, grad school, volunteering, and parenting responsibilities!

*"I love Buzz PTA because it is important work! There is no better way to learn about what is happening inside the school, to get to know the faculty, staff and fellow parents, and to get involved and make a difference in our children's day-to-day lives. Middle school is an important transition period between elementary and high school, but these three years go quick. Being a part of the Buzz PTA reminds me to be*

*present, here at Buzz, for our kids, right now!"* Mike K, Buzz PTA Secretary.

Without a Board, the PTA cannot provide things like Spooktacular, ASE programs, free ice skating events, and movie nights, graduation parties, and end of year festivities for ALL of our students. Please contact the Buzz PTA for all the details and thank you!

- **FUNDS2ORGS FUNDRAISER:** We are still collecting shoes through April when they will be collected! For every 5 pairs of shoes, your student will receive an hour of community service. Please drop off all shoes at the school office and either tie the shoes together or wrap them with a rubber band. This is a fundraiser for the PTA and also supports communities in developing countries.
- **Optional Parent Informational Session:** On April 17<sup>th</sup>, parents are invited to attend a presentation given by Mykee Fowlin, a motivational speaker who has spoken with students, staff, and families throughout the country. This parent presentation is open to all middle school families, and it will take place at Glenfield Middle School at 7 pm. If you are interested in attending, please complete the Google form to RSVP.
  - <https://forms.gle/JtfLnG7kWd5pwhDn7>
- **Information for YMCA Families:** Please see the attached flyer for more information about homework assistance to families who are members of the YMCA.
- **General Reminders:**
  - **Student Behavior Contracts:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade behavior contracts were issued on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade behavior contracts were issued on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Please review the contracts with your child at home so you are aware about the requirements to participate in the end of the year trips/activities.
  - **Cell Phone Use:** Students are not permitted to use their cell phones throughout the school day. This is stated in the school's code of conduct. Consequences will be issued for those who violate this rule.
  - **Dress Appropriately for Weather:** Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the winter weather conditions, particularly outdoor recess.
  - **Attendance Information:** Student attendance and tardiness is an issue with some of students. Students with ten tardies will receive an afterschool detention will be issued. Additionally, attendance records affect your child's ability to attend/participate in end of the year events/field trips.
  - **Student Attire:** We continue to have serious concerns over students dressing appropriately for middle school, especially with footwear. Slides, Crocs, flip flops, and any shoes without a backing are not permitted, as

they do not have a back to the shoes. Referrals will be issued for inappropriate footwear, as indicated in the Code of Conduct.

- **Eid al-Fitr:** Eid al-Fitr begins today and commences on April 10<sup>th</sup>. This holiday is also known as the ‘festival of breaking the fast’, which marks the end of Ramadan. This is a joyous holiday for Muslims around the world. It is a time for families and friends to come together and rejoice after fasting for Ramadan. Eid Mubarak to all those who celebrate! Wishing you and your family a blessed Eid filled with peace, joy, and happiness.

**Next Week’s Schedule of Days**

- Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – B Day
- Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – C Day
- Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – D Day
- Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – E Day
- Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – F Day

**Please mark your calendars:**

- Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break, Schools Closed
- Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> – Eid al-Fitr
- Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Buzz Aldrin Performance at BOE Meeting @ 7:30 pm
- Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – Mary Poppins Jr. Musical Production @ 7 pm

**“We must stand together united in solidarity against the targeting, demonization, and vilification of any group of people.”**

**- Linda Sarsour**

**“Everyone has a mountain to climb and autism has not been my mountain, it has been my opportunity for victory.”**

**— Rachel Barcellona**