



## Buzz Aldrin Middle School

### The STEM Magnet

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## Principal's Bulletin

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Buzz Aldrin Mission Statement:

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

- **District Multilingual Learners (ML) Workshop:** Montclair Public Schools is happy to announce that it will be hosting an **Open Forum for ESL Parents of Multilingual Learners (ML), Monday, December 4, 6:30-8 PM at Charles H. Bullock School**. Topics will include an ESL program overview, an introduction of our Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee and ESL Outreach Team, Genesis Parent Portal tutorial, supports for students/guardians and more. Small break-out groups and a Q&A session will also take place. Please see [flyer in multiple languages and register](#) to attend. We look forward to meeting our ESL families and wish to provide a welcoming place where we can work together to support our multilingual learners.
- **Attendance Information:** Student attendance and tardiness is an issue with some of students. Effective as of Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, student attendance has been closely monitored, as there are quite a few students who are chronically late. This is not only disruptive for the student who is late, but also to the class as well. Parents—we appreciate your help and support in ensuring you're your children get to school on time each day. Students with ten tardies will receive an afterschool detention will be issued.
- **Important Information Regarding 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. This presents a serious safety issue. As a school, we have been lenient, but we can no longer allow this. Recently, students have fallen in the stairwell and outside, and several of these students were not wearing the required footwear. Additionally, this is a safety requirement for when we conduct safety drills. Moving forward, referrals will be issued for inappropriate footwear, as indicated in the Code of Conduct.

- **Buzz Aldrin PTA Updates:**

- **Chess Classes - new dates just added for December!**

- Mondays: 12/4, 12/11 & 12/18, 2:15-3:45 p.m
- .Wednesdays: 12/6\* (early dismissal, 12:45-2:15 p.m.), 12/13, & 12/20, 2:15-3:45 p.m.
- Eligibility: All grades and skill levels
- Tuition: Students may register for either the Monday or Wednesday 3-day session at \$75, or both sessions at \$150.
- Please reserve your child's spot today on MemberHub:  
<https://buzzaldrinpta.memberhub.com/store>

- **NEW Buzz Merch** is available now just in time for the holidays! We have t-shirts, long sleeve jerseys, hoodies, flannel PJs & jogger pants in lots of different colors and sizes. Order before December 6th to ensure delivery before winter break! Ship to your home or to school:

<https://academyapparelnj.tuosystems.com/.../buzz-winter-2023>

- **Funds2Orgs Fundraiser:** it's time to clear out your closets! The PTA is collecting your gently worn, used, or new shoes to send to developing countries. This is also a fundraiser for the PTA. We start collecting now through mid-January. Please drop off all shoes at the school office and either tie the shoes together or wrap them with a rubber band.

[https://funds2orgs.com/?gclid=CjOKCQjw4vKpBhCZARIsAOKHoWRnu8p8zWIPLER7CKQpjXQzxxkgyWjRsF8tteyBxtZO\\_vTO4W3cKi6saAnrTEALw\\_wcB](https://funds2orgs.com/?gclid=CjOKCQjw4vKpBhCZARIsAOKHoWRnu8p8zWIPLER7CKQpjXQzxxkgyWjRsF8tteyBxtZO_vTO4W3cKi6saAnrTEALw_wcB)

- **Ice Skating at Clary Anderson: Save the date for our popular ice skating events!** December 30th 1:15pm - 2:45pm and March 9th 5:15pm - 6:45pm. FREE for Buzz students! Sign up coming next week!
- **Parent Volunteers needed!** The PTA is looking for parent volunteers for our Special Events and Fundraising committees. Contact PTA President, Jennifer Escobar at [jen.escobar3@gmail.com](mailto:jen.escobar3@gmail.com) if you are interested.

- **Happy Hanukkah!** Hanukkah begins sundown on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and ends at nightfall on December 15<sup>th</sup>. "Hanukkah" means dedication in Hebrew, and the Jewish holiday, also known as The Festival of Lights, represents joy. It's punctuated by an eight-night display of dancing flames atop candles held in intricate menorahs, conveying warmth, comfort, and a miracle. I wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah to all those who celebrate!

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

- Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> - C Day
- Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> - D Day
- Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - E Day
- Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> - F Day
- Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - A Day

**Please mark your calendars:**

- Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – Abbreviated Day Schedule
- Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Abbreviated Day Schedule
- Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – PTA Cookie Exchange
- Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Abbreviated Day Schedule
- Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup> – Winter Break, District Closed

**“You have to believe in yourself when no one else does.”**

**– Serena Williams**

**“It does not matter how slowly you go, as long as you do not stop.”**

**– Confucius**