



## **Director Report**

**December 2016**

***“Relate. Connect. Understand”***

### **“Micro” Moment:**

*Micro City Marketplace officially opened on November 29! There are quite a few new ventures operating this year: the STEM Center which features math- and science-based activities, Amazing Art which offers a weekly art/craft activity, the Micro City Theater which puts on plays, three student-run small businesses which sell items such as drinks, decorated pencils, and loom bracelets, and the Underwater Aquarium which is the Kindergarten venture featuring ocean-themed games, puzzles, and crafts. There is also a publishing venture this year - the Micro Times printed their first newspaper issue, which sold like hotcakes!*

*Students are learning lots of valuable Micro skills. Managers have learned the importance of keeping bank account ledgers when looking for lost checks. Speedy students are remembering to slow down after getting ticketed for running in the halls. Others, especially students who were enrolled at MACS last year, are remembering not to spend all of their money at marketplace but to save some for tax time! We are all very excited to continue to experience the marketplace in action.*

### **Enrollment Numbers (as of 12/9/16):**

K - 20	4th - 22
1st - 20	5th - 23
2nd- 21	6th- 23
3rd - 21	Total : 150

### **Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:**

We just got underway with the first MACS Geography Bee. Students have participated in a preliminary Geography test, specific to their grade level. Based on test results, the top 3 scorers in each grade will participate in a live Geography Bee on December 15th at 1:30 pm. The students really enjoyed themselves and in some cases we had to have a tiebreaker! Prizes and incentives are available for winners and top pledge collectors. We are looking forward to the final results this week.

This month we are participating in a canned food drive to benefit the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter. Miss Walchak's second grade class is in charge of the drive. Thank you to all our second graders and their efforts to help those in our community.

Commissioner Barry made a visit to MACS on November 28th. She was able to tour the school, visit with some students and spend time with administration. MACS recently requested consideration for an increase in Kindergarten students starting in the the 2017-18 school year. As a result, we will be on the NH State Board of Education's consent agenda during the December 12th meeting. If approved, MACS would be allowed up to a total of 40 Kindergarteners. Commissioner Barry was supportive of our request and will recommend it to the State Board of Education. Programming and lottery changes will need to be considered by the board before the Admissions Open Houses starting in January.

After the Department of Education released the 2015-16 SBAC and NECAP results. MACS was recently recognized in the Nashua Telegraph for it's outstanding first year performance on state assessments. The staff is thrilled to be recognized for all the hard work and dedication that goes into running a MicroSociety themed school.

Starting in January, the administrative team will be conducting formal observations and evaluations of staff. New this year to the evaluation process is the addition of a "5- minute walk-through." This is a short, informal evaluation tool that gives teachers immediate feedback on what is seen in the classroom.

On December 20th at 10:00am is the 4-6th grade Winter Concert and on December 21st at 1:00 pm there will be Winter Concert for K-3rd. Students have been working hard with our music teacher, Mr. Bonjorno, and are excited to show off what they have learned!

Amy will be heading to the DOE on December 13th for the Charter Alliance Meeting. There are only 4 leader meetings this year.

On the December early release day, staff had a second training done with Lexia. Trainers from Lexia came to show the staff some more in depth and useful ways to use the data.

**MicroSociety Update:**

On December 19th at 2:00pm, MicroCity would like to open their doors to legislators and other elected officials and/or special guests to come visit marketplace and see the students in action. Invitations have been distributed and we ask that interested parties please RSVP by calling the main office at 603-595-7877.

Our new community partnership with Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union has been going well. They continue to visit twice a month to mentor the bank and accept deposits for student bank accounts. MACS continues to look for more opportunities for community partnerships like Jeanne D'Arc's!

**Friends of MACS Update:**

Friends of MACS next fundraising event will be a Pizza and Movie Night on January 20th. Details will be coming after the vacation week.

Friends of MACS send in monthly “treats” for staff to enjoy. Recently, we had some scrumptious baked goods land in the teachers room. Thanks Friends of MACS!

We hope families have enjoyed the Friends of MACS newsletter! They plan to be published monthly.

**Building Update:**

The new room is complete and being utilized daily. It now houses, Art, Music, Guidance and is our Peacekeepers home base.

The roof issues continue- the upper roof is leaking in the computer lab. The warranty company will be called. There is still a leak in the mechanical room where the upper and lower roof seams meet. The facility committee will be looking into this.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Bottomley, Director