



## **Director Report**

**December 2018**

***“Relate. Connect. Understand”***

### **“Micro” Moment:**

*This school year, the Micro City Court wanted to expand its scope of services for citizens. Rather than just handling consequences for broken Micro City laws, they wanted to find a proactive approach to help students be their best in the school environment. What did the citizens need in order to make this happen? The court facilitator, school Guidance Counselor Mrs. Dagianis, mentioned that many students have been requesting lunch groups with her to work out struggles with their peers. Perhaps the court could work to support students in resolving conflicts?*

*As a result, the Micro City court has now expanded its goals to include peer mediation. As the court team members have been working through training to become certified peer mediators, they have grown increasingly passionate about presenting their newfound knowledge to their fellow citizens. Last week, they put together and practiced a presentation they would give to each venture and agency to make sure that all students felt welcome to seek out peer mediation. They named themselves the "Kindness Squad" and "Counselors in Training." Mrs. Dagianis said, "Training the students with my peer mediation student coaching manuals and watching them embody the responsibility and recognize the opportunity they had was priceless. They have really owned their positions and have verbalized their appreciation of their new perspective on the importance of social emotional support in school. Instead of only seeking out support they can now provide it in their own way to their peers and model it as role models for this agency. This is the most powerful way to make change!"*

### **Enrollment Numbers (as of 12/6/18):**

<b>K - 17</b>	<b>3rd - 23</b>	<b>6th - 24</b>
<b>(2) 1st - 41</b>	<b>4th - 23</b>	<b>7th - 24</b>
<b>2nd - 22</b>	<b>5th - 24</b>	<b>8th - 16</b>

**Total: 214**

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

Admissions Open House will be held on Thursday, January 17th at 4:30, Monday, February 4th at 6pm and Wednesday, February 20th at 4:30pm in the MPR. This is for parents of any student wishing to be part of the lottery for 2019-20 school year, including parents of siblings/staff/ and board.

Our before school Title Program began the week of December 3rd. This is an invitation only before school program to provide struggling learners with more opportunity for remediation of skills in an area of deficit. We invited about 25 students to the program, which will run twice a week for 30 minutes, giving students in need an additional hour of instruction a week.

Formal yearly observations will be underway after the new year. The administrative team will be conducting formal observations and evaluations of all staff over the months of January, February and March. Staff contracts will be reissued in the spring.

We had a few exciting assemblies recently. For our December Town Hall meeting we held our first ever National Geography Bee competition. Congratulations to 4th grader Divyesh Gaddam who was our school winner! He will be moving onto the next level and representing MACS. Best of luck!

On December 7th, IRobot came and did a special presentation. Representatives from the company came to share in IRobots excitement for the robotics industry and give students an inside look at what they do. The presentation was geared toward connecting students to the opportunities provided by a STEM education and occupation.

MACS has also received two new Title Grants this year. Title III which is for ELL students and materials and resources they may need. We were awarded \$1,216. Amy also serves as the fiscal agent in a cohort of 5 schools. In order for MACS to access these funds, they must be part of a cohort of schools that grant amounts equal more than \$10,000. Amy volunteering to be the fiscal agent ensures we receive funding.

Then, new this year is Title IVA used to help foster the well-rounded student. This year we are using the funds to address Social Emotional Learning (SEL”S) as part of our school goal. The grant is in the amount of \$10,000.

Amy has also been selected to serve on a Charter Renewal committee. This will give her a better idea of the renewal process before starting our own. The committee work will be done in the month of December.

**MicroSociety Update:**

*Micro City Marketplace officially opens the week of December 10th!*

At the next Town Hall meeting, the Fisher Cats will be visiting and presenting their yearly reading challenge to the students. For every 5 books read, they can earn 2 free tickets to a spring game!

Our Heartstrand is in full swing with the Court Officers rolling out their peer mediation program. ONe December 6th they visited all MicroCity citizens to let them know how they can help support them with any issue or conflict that may arise... free of judgement and in confidence! We are excited to see how the new "Kindness Squad" and their new initiative will make an impact on our citizens!

**MACS PTO Update:**

The MACS PTO held another community event at Launch during the December early release. The proceeds from the event will go directly to the school.

They also held Pizza and Movie Night/ Parents Night out event on December 1st where there were over 60 kids in attendance.

Thank you to the best PTO around!

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Bottomley  
Director