



Director Report

January 2019

“Relate. Connect. Understand”

“Micro” Moment:

“Several years ago, Greg started here at MACS as a “math reluctant” student. He didn't even like to hear the word, and he was often discouraged with the introduction of any new math concept. Micro provided Greg with the opportunity to shine in other areas, though, ones that accentuated his strengths, such as art and creativity. However, this year Micro went on to inspire Greg to strive for more. As he saw many of his peers take on management roles, Greg decided that he wanted that type of responsibility for himself. He wanted to embrace an opportunity where he could have an impact. During Management 101, Greg began to embrace the concepts of financial management, and was able to rewrite his script of himself as a math student. After passing the financial management course, he was offered the position of financial manager of Micro University. In this role, he has risen to the occasion and has demonstrated excellent leadership skills, cultivating within the venture an atmosphere that fosters an inclusive environment for all of its employees. Without Micro as a motivator, Greg may not have found the internal drive to persevere through his perceived math challenges. Micro allowed him to prove to himself that anything is possible if you work hard enough for it.”

Enrollment Numbers (as of 1/7/18):

K - 18	3rd - 23	6th - 24
(2) 1st - 40+	4th - 23	7th - 24
2nd - 22	5th - 24	8th - 15

Total: 213

+ First grade position will be filled by Feb.

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

Reminders:

Our first Admissions Open House will be held on Wednesday, Jan 17 T 4:30PM in the MPR. There will be two more Admissions Open Houses February 4th at 6pm and February 20th at 4:30pm.

The 2nd Annual Scripps Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, Jan 22nd, 2:00-3:30pm in the MPR.- This is an invitation only event as we can only fit the students and the finalists parents in the MPR.

Other News:

Jewel Hurt, a James Madison University student and MicroSociety Inc intern, will be visiting the school on Friday, January 11th to conduct research for a study. The purpose of this study is to assess the civic engagement attitudes and behaviors of fourth and fifth grade students who attend a MicroSociety school. This study will contribute to the researcher's completion of her senior thesis.

On January 16th, representatives from Lawrence Academy will be visiting MACS to observe students in action. They are interested in the Micro concept and are excited to come by and learn more straight from our Citizens!

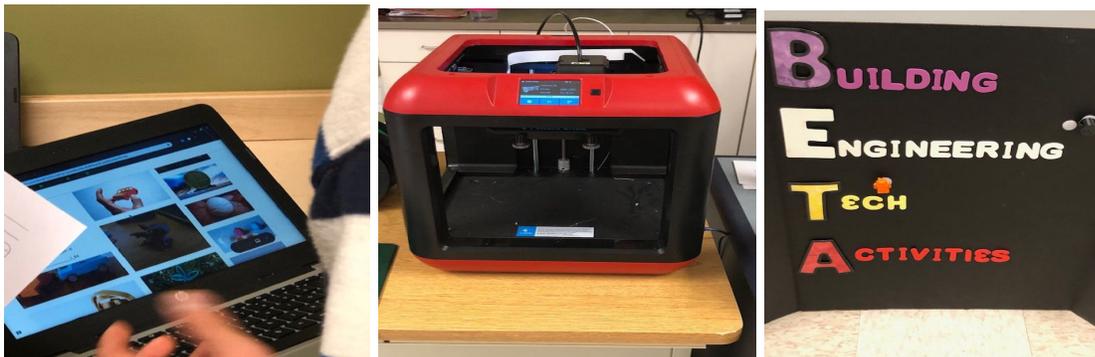
Amy recently visited Gate City Charter School as part of an onsite re-evaluation team. It was a great experience getting to see a neighboring charter! Amy also hopes to gain insight on the renewal process as MACS is up for its five year renewal this spring. The MACS administration and school team will start the application process this winter.

MACS Administration will start formal observations and evaluations this month. All staff receive a yearly performance evaluation no later than the end of March. Amy will also be working on the FY20 budget with the finance committee, also to be completed for consideration at the March Board meeting.

MicroSociety Update:

Micro City Marketplace is in full swing!

We are excited to introduce a new venture this year.... BETA (Building, Engineering, Tech and Activities). Students can visit BETA and opt to take a mini coding class, participate in a STEM activity or choose their own item to code and print with our new 3D printer!



MACS PTO Update:

MACS PTO is starting to plan the Winter Dance. This will be similar to last year and will consist of two events. K-4th will participate in a family event off site while 5-8 will have the options of a middle school dance at the school. This year's theme is "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Bottomley
Director