



Director Report

March 2019

“Relate. Connect. Understand”

“Micro” Moment:

During a recent business meeting, the employees of the Micro City Library were brainstorming about ways to attract more citizens to visit the library. Yes, there were certain students who visited to check out books from time to time, but many citizens were drawn to visit businesses that had something “fun” to do. “What about a puppet show?” suggested one employee. The manager replied, “We’ve done lots of those before. We need to come up with something different!” After a few more suggestions were offered, one of the employees came up with an idea to have a scavenger hunt as a way for other citizens to come and experience a fun challenge and also learn more about the library at the same time. The students worked together to create questions such as “Where can I find a book about history?” and “How many books are in the Harry Potter series?”

They had a lot of fun working together to make the questions. This was another wonderful example of how Micro provides opportunities for students to collaborate, be creative, problem-solve, and hone a variety of other 21st century skills.

Enrollment Numbers (as of 3/5/18):

K - 18	3rd - 23	6th - 24
(2) 1st - 41	4th - 23	7th - 24
2nd - 22	5th - 24	8th - 15

Total: 214

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

All Admissions Nights have come to a close. We had full houses at all three! The public lottery was held in the MPR on Friday, March 8th at 1:15pm. Families of children who were accepted will be notified in the next week or two, followed by all other applicants with their waitlist order. This year we have a total of 134 applicants across all but the 8th grade. Best of luck to all our hopeful families. We wish we could accept each and everyone of you!

This spring, MACS is in the process of going through their five year charter renewal. The charter application is due on March 25th and the on-site visit will be held on April 9th. We will be looking for stakeholders to participate that day in on site interviews, including students, parents, staff and board members. Amy will be reaching out as the meeting date nears. Any stakeholder who wishes to submit comment to the Department of Education is encouraged to do so. Please send all correspondence directly to Jane Waterhouse, Charter School Administrator, at Jane.Waterhouse@doe.nh.gov.

Once again, on March 15th, all MACS staff will be going to Founders Academy for the Annual Charter School Best Practices conference. Charter school members from across the state come together to collaborate and share best practices in teaching. One of our staff members, Tess McMahon will be a workshop presenter this year as well.

We are excited to announce that MACS has been selected as a finalist for Non-Profit of the Year for the Chamber of Commerce Eminence Awards. There will be a ceremony held at the Nashua Country Club on March 21st where the winners will be announced.

Other News:

Preparation for the MACS Annual Talent Show is underway! Student auditions will be held shortly and acts will be selected in the music, dance and variety categories. The show will be held on April 5th at the Nashua Community College Auditorium. This is a widely attended and successful community event each year. Mark those calendars!

The Washington DC trip is finally here! 6th-8th grade students will be traveling on March 26-28th. For middle school students not attending the DC trip, staff are planning some fun educational day trips!

We will also have our last Artist in Resident during the week of March 26th. We welcome Nick Tocci who is trained in Opera. He will be meeting with students for classes and then working with out K and 1st grade students to develop a performance piece which will be at 1:20pm on March 29th in the MPR. Parents of K and 1 students are invited.

It is gearing up to be an exciting month!

MicroSociety Update:

Congratulations to our new Entrepreneurs! Some new businesses will be opening, including an escape room themed business and one based around STEM activities.

Micro Day is set for April 12th! This will be an all day event. Parents and community members are welcome. For those interested in attending, there will be a signup genius link so you can reserve a time slot. Visitors will be able to exchange US currency for Micro Bucks and visit student run ventures and agencies! This is the MicroCity citizens favorite day of the year!

MACS PTO Update:

MACS PTO 's is currently planning their signature event, a Family STEM Night held at Nashua South on May 10th. This event will include dinner, silent auction items and an interactive STEM event for children to participate in. Auction items include the coveted "teacher items" like Director and Coordinator for the day. The teacher donations are very popular with the students and the only way to win is by attending the event. This years auction items will also include front row seats to the 8th grade graduation ceremony and the directors parking spot for Micro Day! Costs and details for ticket purchase will be available soon.

If you are interested in donating silent auction items, please contact Mrs. Klayton at dklayton@macsnh.org. We could use the help percuring items! Mrs. Klayton can provide a list of need and what has already been secured. Donations will also count towards required yearly volunteer hours. As the signature event, the fundraising goal is \$5,000. The PTO could use your support in making it a success!

Respectfully Submitted,

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