



## **Director Report**

**November 2016**

***"Relate. Connect. Understand"***

### **"Micro" Moment:**

*During the second week of November, the Micro City Peacekeepers were asked to host a Veteran's Day assembly for the school. They prepared a skit on the meaning of Veteran's Day, presented facts and posters about the various military branches, and led the citizens of Micro City in a patriotic song. It was a lovely gesture of appreciation for those who have served our country. One of the most memorable moments during that assembly, though, was when one particular fifth grade boy acted as Master of Ceremonies. This particular 5th grader is new to MACS this year, and he was recently hired as a peacekeeper. In the past, he has suffered from severe anxiety, and the thought of speaking in front of an audience had been out of the question. This year, however, he has had a real confidence boost at MACS. The experiences of interviewing for Micro City jobs and exercising "Voice and Choice" in our Micro environment have helped build his self-esteem enough for him to overcome his anxiety and participate in his first public speaking experience!*

### **Enrollment Numbers (as of 11/15/16):**

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| K - 20   | 4th - 22    |
| 1st - 20 | 5th - 23    |
| 2nd- 21  | 6th- 23     |
| 3rd - 22 | Total : 151 |

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

MACS Annual Fund drive is still ongoing. At this time, we have collected \$5,235.00 to date. This is a quarter of the way to our goal of \$20,000. So we are on target for the first quarter!

Amy completed her risk/threat assessment with the Nashua Police Department. Staff received training on active shooter response protocols from police during a teacher meeting. All staff and students participated in an evacuation drill to the Nashua YMCA with the assistance of the Nashua Police who provided guidance and feedback during and after the drill. In the case of a real emergency evacuation, parents should report to Academy of Science and Design as this

will be our designated reunification site. The students and staff did a wonderful job and the police were impressed with all our policies and procedures. Well done!

In December, we will be holding the first ever MACS Geography Bee! Students will participate in a preliminary Geography test, specific to their grade level and parents can pledge per question correct. Then, based on test results, the top scoring 4th-6th graders will participate in a live Geography Bee on December 15th at 1:30 pm. Prizes and incentives are available to all who participate! More details will be sent home shortly.

This month we are participating in Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need. Classes will sponsor and gather donations towards the baskets that will be delivered prior to the holiday. In December, we will be holding a school wide food drive to donate to the Nashua Soup Kitchen.

We received another donation through Fidelity Charitable by a Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence in the amount of \$2500. Thank you for your generous contribution!

Amy has been working to find a bookkeeper and we are happy to announce that MACS has contracted with Gerlach Accounting, LLC of Amherst, NH to provide the school with administrative support. The firm's start date is November 16, 2016.

Based on the Boards last meeting, a letter has been sent to Commissioner Barry requesting 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 agenda during the December meeting. If approved, MACS would be allowed up to a total of 40 Kindergarteners. Programming and lottery changes will need to be considered by the board before the Admissions Open Houses starting in January.

The Department of Education released the 2015-16 SBAC and NECAP results. Amy has now completed the MACS Annual Report, which includes statistical data that compares us to other New Hampshire schools, such as special education and 504 population (%), daily average attendance (%) and SBAC and NECAP results. The MACS administration and staff are extremely pleased with the results of our first year of state testing. Despite being new, we outperformed the state average, the nashua school district and some other fellow charter schools. This is a testament to our unique MicroSociety programming, excellent teachers and hard working students. Please join me in congratulating them on an outstanding performance in our first year!

**MicroSociety Update:**

On Tuesday, December 20th at 2:45-3:30pm, MicroCity would like to open their doors to legislators and other elected officials to come visit marketplace and see the students in action. Invitations will be available soon for distribution.

100% of MicroCity citizens are now employed. Ventures are now conducting job training and the Marketplace is scheduled to open November 29th.

We are also excited to announce our new community partnership with Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union! They will be at MACS twice a month to mentor the bank and accept deposits for student bank accounts. They came to our November Town Meeting to introduce themselves to the students and offer incentives each month for students who make a deposit. Thank you to Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union for supporting the students of MACS!

**Friends of MACS Update:**

Friends of MACS have held a few fundraisers this month. There has been an online shopping event and bowling at Leda Lanes. A percentage of the proceed from sales will go back to the school. We have also been selling Dunkin Donut, McDonald's and Breathe NH coupon books. A portion of sales will go back to MACS with these programs as well.

The Annual Book Fair just wrapped up. We earned about \$1200 in scholastic dollars to be used towards materials and supplies through Scholastic. Thank you to all who participated!

Stay tuned for the next Friends of MACS newsletter!

**Building Update:**

The new room is complete. We had some tiles that cracked, but they are been replaced. Next we will wax and music and art can move in within a week or two. Trim on hallway doors are almost done being painted and ceiling tiles will soon be replaced.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Bottomley, Director