

<u>Director Report</u> <u>October 2016</u> "Relate. Connect. Understand"

"Micro" Moment:

New Micro Changes in Micro City!

The Peace Keepers are now putting up and taking down (and properly folding and storing) the American flag we received through the auction.

The Government (President and VP) are now in charge of morning announcements. They start the school day off by leading the Pledge of Allegiance, a daily affirmation, birthdays, and general announcements. This provides more of a face (or voice) for our leaders.

Students love taking ownership of these important school functions!

Enrollment Numbers (as of 10/15/16):

K - 20 4th - 22 1st - 19 5th - 23 2nd- 20 6th- 23 3rd - 22 Total : 149

(We have had a second grader move which we intend to fill from the waitlist)

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

MACS received an anonymous donation of \$10,000 through Fidelity Charitable. This is unrestricted individual contribution and meets the minimum set aside in that particular budget line. Thank you to our anonymous donor!

We have also received some more annual fund donations since the Board presentation at Open House now totaling \$4485 as of October 12th. The budget allocation for September/October collections was \$5000. So we are very close to meeting that goal! We just hope to receive that amount each of the next three fiscal quarters.

Amy is working with the local police on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as required by the Department of Education. Once it is complete, Amy and the Nashua Police Chief will sign off on it. A MOU is a general understanding of reporting procedures and requirements between the Police and schools. All public schools in NH are required to have this document. Amy has also asked them to come and do a threat assessment. This involves meeting to discuss response protocols in place, a structure walk through, a response presentation and drill viewing and feedback. It's always good to reflect on practices and have the appropriate agencies give feedback. Safety of staff and students is a top priority.

MACS now has an agreement with the Nashua YMCA for them to be an evacuation site for staff and students should the need arise. Amy will be organizing a practice drill before it gets too cold. Families will be informed prior to the drill occurring.

Soon families will receive their child's individual state assessment scores. These will be mailed home with an accompanying letter from administration on interpreting the results. We are still patiently waiting for the state wide release of our schools standings.

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MicroSociety Update:

Currently, business proposals came in and the new businesses have been announced! There will be a MicroCity Theater owned by 6th graders Brennan and Emily. Amazing Art will be owned by 4th graders Lillian and Shriya. New this year, will be three small entrepreneurships. First, 5th grader Lilly with Wonder Loom Land making loom bracelets, 5th grader Quinlan with The Refresher serving drinks and 5th grader Nataly with Pencils, Inc. where they sell decorated pencils. There will also be a newspaper/media and STEM center to round out the ventures. Agencies remain in tack with Government, Bank, Peacekeepers, Warehouse and the Post Office. The Job fair will be held next week and the MicroCity Marketplace hopes to open its doors on Nov 10th.

Friends of MACS Update:

Friends of MACS had its first major fundraising event, the Harvest Festival. Students and families enjoyed a beautiful day outside playing games, winning prizes, and eating goodies from the bake sale. Friends of MACS raised \$1770 for their efforts! Thank you Friends of MACS!

Next up is the annual book fair from October 31st through November 8th and an online Vendor Fair during November. Families will be able to view various goods and services through an online event where part of the purchase price will go back to MACS. This is great timing for holiday shopping! More details to follow.

Building Update:

Still working on the painting of hallway trim and ceiling tile replacements. Furniture for the almost completed classroom needs to be purchased.

Respectfully Submitted, Amy Bottomley, Director