



Director Report

August 2017

“Relate. Connect. Understand”

“Micro” Moment:

At summer camp this summer during the one-site review from the DOE a parent stated that their child didn't want to go to “summer school” but after day one, couldn't wait to go back! Hands on learning can be fun!

Enrollment Numbers (as of 8/14/17):

K - 38	4th - 22
1st - 20	5th - 24
2nd- 21	6th- 23
3rd - 23	7th- 23
Total : 194 (2 over regular enrollment)	

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

Amy, Susannah and Bill have been working hard to get the school ready for its opening. Unpacking, checking in new materials and orders, receiving new student records, updating databases and ensuring all is ready for the staff workshop days. Board members are invited to a staff luncheon on Tuesday, September 5th from 12:00pm - 1:00pm to help wish new and returning staff a successful school year.

Title I summer camp started on August 7th. Students who qualified have been in the building to receive extra instruction in the areas of ELA and Math... coupled with a dose of fun!

The DOE was in on August 14th to do an on-site review of Title I funding. The representative came and interviewed parents, administration, teachers and observed the program. The visit went very well. Amy is happy to announce that the Title funding will be increasing next year to over \$20,000 and will be looking into additional ways to use the funds to support below grade level learners.

Our new computer teacher, Brittany Firtzgerald, has been in to set up staff and student computers. Including prepping our two new mobile laptop carts! We still need to purchase 20

plus laptops with the funding received through the Lowe's Toolbox grant (\$5,000) so we have laptops in classrooms this fall.

We are planning a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on August 31st at 6pm followed by a Volunteer/Club Night for all families . This is an opportunity for families to hear about volunteer needs/opportunities and background check information/requirements. Students who attend can learn about the upcoming club offers and register for them. We are excited to celebrate our new successes and accomplishments at the ceremony.

MicroSociety Update:

Susannah will be meeting with new staff on August 31st to train them on the fundamentals of Micro. This is a whole day dedicated to just new staff so they can have time to get any questions or concerns answered before students arrive.

Building Update:

The construction is done and the occupancy permits have arrived! Thank you to LaPorte Construction for making the process run smoothly and on time!

Also around the building, lockers have been installed and we anticipate the new classroom projectors going up in a week or two. All classrooms have been painted and floors have been waxed with the exception of the Kindergarten rooms and first grade. We anticipate those rooms to be completed in the next week or two.

We were unable to install data poles in the new science lab. There was not going to be enough room for desks as the poles were permanent fixtures mounted from floor to ceiling. There will be power outlets installed in the ceiling that can be pulled down for microscopes, etc. We anticipate that being completed in the next few weeks.

The driveway will be power washed and prepped starting the 14th. This will be followed by crack sealing and patchwork. The driveway repairs will be completed in time for the first day of school.

The staff have started to slowly come back and unpack or help move their classrooms. It's nice to see the building starting to get busy again!

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Bottomley, Director

Amendment as of 8/29/17:

Tony Bonjorno resigned from his position on 8/17/19. He accepted a full time music position at the Derryfield School. We will miss Tony and wish him only the best of luck!

New Hires:

We are pleased to announce that Yuri Jaynes will be our new Teaching Assistant/Paraeducator. Mrs. Jaynes is a NH certified elementary educator with a vast experience in education ranging from working in special ed at the Cotting School to a position as a year long position as a teacher in a 3rd grade classroom in the Nashua School District. She has a degree in elementary education from Keene State College.

Also joining us, is our new hire for the music position, Nicole Calautti. Nicole graduated from Hofstra University in New York with a degree in music education. She holds a NY teaching license where she completed her student teaching in a variety of grade levels. She has moved back home to NH and will start the process to obtain her NH certification.

Welcome Yuri and Nicole!