



Director Report

January 2018

“Relate. Connect. Understand”

“Micro” Moment:

“As a young student new to MACS, Casey often had a hard time remembering to follow the Micro City laws. Week after week, he kept having to pay fines for offenses such as yelling and running in the halls, even after receiving ample warning from staff members and Peacekeepers. As a result, he didn’t have much money saved up once Marketplace opened in December. The motivation to have more to spend on products and services at Marketplace proved useful for Casey, though. Recently, he made a concerted effort to show self-control and follow the Micro City laws. When it was his day off for Marketplace this week, he looked in his wallet and said to his teacher with a big grin, “I didn’t have to pay any fines this week. Now I can use the money I earned to go have fun at Marketplace!””

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

K - 38	4th - 23
1st - 20	5th - 24
2nd- 20	6th- 23
3rd - 23	7th- 18
Total : 189	

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

Reminders:

The Winter Music Concert will be held in the MPR on Wednesday, Jan 17th from 1:00-1:45 PM for K-3rd grade from 1:45-2:30 PM for 4th-6th.

Admissions Open House will be held on Thursday, Jan 18 and Monday, Feb 5th from 6-7 pm in the MPR.

Live Geography Bee on Monday, Jan 29, 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:

Since we opened our doors, the MACS teaching staff has been utilizing Donors Choose, a teacher support page funded by outside contributors, to supplement the teaching materials used in their classrooms. To date we have had 9 teachers participate. And thanks to the 95

supporters we have received over \$8,500 in teaching materials! Thank you to the teachers and our donors for supporting the students of MACS and helping to further their learning!

We were recently awarded a Robotics Start-UP grant from The Robotics Education & Competition Foundation. It is valued at about \$500 dollars and will provide us with following materials to start a VEX IQ Challenge team:

- 1 x Super Kit ([228-2500](#))
- 1 x Competition Add-On Kit ([228-3600](#))
- 1 x Foundation Add-On Kit ([228-2531](#))

As part of the grant, we are required to register a team in 2 competitions over the year. Miss Fitzgerald, our computer teacher, is working on the logistics on how the program will run at MACS. We are excited to get this new venture started!

Currently, we are categorized as “funding recommended” by the approval committee for the Public School Infrastructure (PSI) fund. MACS stands to receive around \$20,000 specifically towards the use of lighting, security cameras and security film for windows around the school. The approved amount covers 80% of the \$25,000 budget for the project. T \$65,000 request for the Infrastructure grant for Life Safety to replace the parking lot was not approved stating parking lot replacements do not fall under the RSA.

Boston Billiards has sent notice that they have chosen MACS as the recipient of 7 more days in the upcoming year! 35% of the weeks proceeds will be donated to MACS! We have been assigned dates and it will run from February 5th through the 11th.

Please join me in welcoming Amy Flanagan to the MACS staff. Amy will be our new English Language Learner Teacher. Miss Flanagan has a BS in Education and Sociology from Salem State University with a concentration in Elementary Education and is currently working on a MAstors at Lesley University. She comes to us from the Chelmsford Public Schools. Welcome Amy!

MicroSociety Update:

Micro City Marketplace is in full swing! The businesses are keeping busy selling everything from homemade lip balms to squishy slime. The only student complaints is that there is not enough time off! Some are learning quickly that their paychecks don't last long and that saving for that “special item” may be the best route to go.

MACS PTO Update:

The MACS PTO Murder Mystery event is coming quickly! It will take place on Friday, February 2nd at the Nashua Country Club. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Tickets will now be \$60 per person through Jan 12th and \$75 through Jan 25th. NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR. We will also be holding a small silent auction and raffle during the event. Come join us for a fun filled evening!

Movie Night / Parents night out is on January 19th.

MACS PTO also made about \$400 off of pasta sales prior to the holiday vacation week.

Thanks MACS PTO!

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Bottomley
Director