



Director Report

March 2018

“Relate. Connect. Understand”

“Micro” Moment:

As part of our school-wide math goal this year, our Micro facilitators are making sure that students are keeping up with not only their business financial data but also their personal bank account registers. A few weeks ago, one of the second graders went online to check her bank account and make sure all of that information matched her personal ledger. She noticed that the bank hadn't accounted for all of her deposits. She couldn't believe it and immediately began digging through her wallet to pull out her bank receipts. She found that three transactions were missing from the online account -- two deposits and a withdrawal. At first, she was angry and frustrated that she had less money in her account than she was supposed to. She talked over ways to solve the problem and decided that the best approach was to go and talk to the bank manager on her next day off to inform them of the problem and have it corrected. Thankfully since she had kept her receipts, she was able to prove her claim and resolve the situation with the bank. The Micro model is teaching our students financial responsibility as well as giving them strategies for self-advocating, even as young as second grade!

Enrollment Numbers (as of 3/09//18):

K - 39	4th - 23
1st - 20	5th - 24
2nd- 21	6th- 23
3rd - 23	7th- 17
Total : 190	

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

Amy and Susannah are wrapping up the annual staff observations and evaluations. They should be completed by the end of the month.

A big thank you to Boston Billiards who recently awarded MACS with a check worth over \$22,000 from the charitable gaming program. We are very excited and thankful for their continued support and awarding us this opportunity!

Snow day update: Despite the multiple snow days under our belt this year and based on the required 990 middle school instructional hours or 945 elementary school hours per the DOE,, we still stand to exceed the required hours. This means we are still on track to end this year on June 13th.

Susannah recently participated in a panel discussion on non traditional education with the Chamber of Commerce. Other panelists included the Directors from World Academy and Gate City. There were many thoughtful questions and it was nice to see our unique program be so well received by members of the Nashua business community.

On March 9th we held our public lottery. We had 118 applications for various openings in K-8th grade for the 2018-19 school year. Official acceptance letters will go out in the next couple of weeks followed by letters to families with their waitlist order sometime in April. Admissions from this point forward will be on a first come first served basis for waitlist order.

On March 16th, 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. It's a fun and educational day for all involved.

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 29th where the winners will be announced.

MACS has also been nominated and selected as a finalist for the Enterprise Bank Celebration of Excellence in the categories of Non- Profit of the Year and Amy Bottomley for Educator of the Year. The winners will be announced later this spring and MACS will be recognized as a member of the Celebration of Excellence Class of 2018 at a reception held on April 4th in Westford.

Congratulations to all stakeholders on these amazing recognitions!

MicroSociety Update:

Our all day Micro Day will be held on April 18th. Parents and interested stakeholders will be sent a signup genius link so they can reserve a time slot. Visitors will be able to exchange US currency for Micro Bucks and visit student run ventures and agencies! We hope to see everyone attend. The students are excited and already making special plans.

Friends of MACS Update:

Friends of MACS are planning the next months event which will consist of a Family Dance held at the Nashua PAL gymnasium for students and their families in K-3rd grade. Students in 4th-7th will be back on the MACS Campus for a "Spring Fling" dance chaperoned by the

teachers. The school dance is popular each year and kids are looking forward to the night with their friends.

Next up will be the 2nd Annual MACS talent show! The tentative date is May 11th and it will be held off site at the Boys and Girls Club in Milford at the Amato Center. More details will be forthcoming.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Bottomley, Director