



## **Director Report**

**May 2017**

***“Relate. Connect. Understand”***

### **“Micro” Moment:**

*There was a student who was struggling in his position at the Newspaper. He had been encouraged to look for a different position within Micro City that might better suit his needs. At one of our weekly staff Micro Meetings, the teachers were at wits end trying to help him find his niche. After much back and forth, our guidance counselor came up with a brilliant plan. She knew he loved to draw, so she suggested having him draw a bi-weekly cartoon about the HEART strand to feature the various character traits that Micro City has been focusing on this year. She hired him to work with the Peacekeepers and Court, and the outcome exceeded everyone’s expectations! We had never seen this student work so hard and be so invested in something! He published his first edition, “Helpfulness,” just in time to sell on Micro Day, and has been going strong ever since.*

### **Enrollment Numbers (as of 5/15/17):**

K - 19	4th - 21
1st - 19	5th - 22
2nd- 21	6th- 21
3rd - 20	Total : 143

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

Amy and staff have been conducting interviews to fill vacant positions at MACS. Amy is pleased to announce the following new staff hires joining our team in the fall!

Ashley Preston- Kindergarten teacher: Ashley is currently a Kindergarten teacher at the Fred C. Church Underhill School in Hooksett. She comes with a BA in Elementary Education from Keene State College and is certified with the State of NH in the area of elementary education (K-8). Prior to being a Kindergarten teacher, Ashley worked as a paraprofessional and Title I interventionist. Welcome, Ashley!

Danielle Latta- 6/7th Middle School Math and Science teacher: Danielle has been teaching for many years, most recently as a 7th and 8th grade math and science teacher at Notre Dame Academy and she was previously tenured at the Franco American School in Lowell, MA.

Danielle holds an elementary certification in both MA and NH, along with an Alt in Math and Science middle school in NH. She has a BS from the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point and a MAT from Boston University and a MEd from UMass Lowell. We are excited to have Danielle join our new middle school team!

Brittany Fitzgerald - Computer Teacher/Integration Specialist: Brittany has a BS in Childhood Studies from Plymouth state and recently received her MEd in Technology from SNHU. She also holds a NH certification in Elementary Ed K-8. She has been a 6th grade teacher since 2011 at St. Joseph School in Haverhill, MA where she started a K-6th grade Robotics Club. She interned at Sandown North School in Sandown, NH as a Technology teacher and is excited to work in collaboration with MACS staff to strengthen and grow our program. Welcome, Brittany!

At the time of this board report, we are currently finishing up the hiring process for PE/Art/ Administrative Assistant and a possible para position.

We have many exciting end of the year events coming up as we wrap up our second year.

Museum of Science Field Trip (1, 2, 4, 6)

Bensons Park Field Trip (K and 1)

Spring Concert- June 7th 9:30am grades 4-6th and 1pm for Grades K-3.

Choice Specials Class Performance- (for parents whose children participated only) Aladdin's Lump on June 6th- 2pm.

Field Day- June 9th - whole school event

Last Day of School - June 14th (noon dismissal)

### **MicroSociety Update:**

Market Place is winding down for the year. Agencies and Ventures will be reflecting on the year, analyzing their performance and what improvements can be considered moving into a new school year in the fall.

Teachers will be doing their own self-reflections on Micro, followed by a formal written feedback provided by Susannah Williams.

### **Friends of MACS Update:**

The talent show will be held at Elm Street Middle School on May 19th at 7pm. It is shaping up to be a fun community event!

Friends of MACS will also be selling Chunkies movie tickets. Tickets are \$5 a piece and good for mid-week entrance to a movie. Proceeds from ticket sales will go back to MACS!

On May 25th there will be a Cause Night held at Chic Fil' A. A percentage of sales that evening will be donated to the school. Drive through or dine in counts!

**Building Update:**

Amy has started spending the last of the Federal Start Up funding that needs to be used by June. Of the \$73K she has ordered and purchased the following to date:

Folding chairs and dolly

Classroom rug for K Room

Combo desks for 6-8th.

Teacher desks

Bulletin Boards

Book shelves (classrooms and future library)

Projectors

Document Cameras

2 lap top carts ( one paid for by the C4C initiative)

26 chromebooks (more to come based on Lowe's grant)

6 teacher laptops

More items to come!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Bottomley, Director