



Director Report

February 2020

“Relate. Connect. Understand”

“Micro” Moment:

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

As a young student new to MACS, Casey often forgot 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 student Peacekeepers and staff members. As a result, he didn’t have much money saved up once Marketplace opened. 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 2/7/20):

K - 18	3rd - 23	6th - 23
1st - 38	4th - 24	7th - 24
2nd - 44	5th - 24	8th - 23

Total: 241

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

Our first two Admissions Open Houses were well attended. The last will be held on February 13th at 4:30 pm in the MPR. The Public lottery will be held at 10 am on March 6th in the MPR.

The 2nd Annual Scripps Spelling Bee was on Jan 23rd. Congratulations to our school champion, Zia! She will be representing us at the state level and wish her the best of luck on the next round of competition!

Next, we held our 2nd Annual National Geographic Geography Bee. Congratulations to all the finalists and to our two time champion, Divyesh! We wish him luck on the State GeoBee qualifying test and hope you make it to the next round of competition!

Other News:

MACS Administration is in the midst of formal observations and evaluations and will be wrapped up in the process sometime in March. They are also planning for upcoming staff development days. This month, staff will be visited by the Nashua PD for a School Violence and Safety training. During the second half of the day a representative from Mainstay will be here to go over cybersecurity and new safety protocols.

MACS is proud to announce that they have been invited to present to the selection committee for the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards Program which recognize New Hampshire schools and individuals who meet high standards of excellence. The criteria used in selecting outstanding schools is developed by the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards Board of Directors and applied by selection committees composed of experienced New Hampshire educators and community leaders. The committees study school applications and assess schools through on-site visitations. The selection committees determine if schools deserve recognition as schools of excellence, and the winners are announced at the annual New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards Celebration. Mrs. Bottomley, Mrs. Williams and Miss Hurt will be presenting the to selection committee on February 18th at SNHU.

Since Labor Day is late this year, we have had many requests for the 2020-21 school calendar. Amy will be presenting it to the Board of Trustees for a vote this month. Once approved, it will be available on the parent page of our website.

MicroSociety Update:

Micro City Marketplace has been open and businesses are understanding profitability. Our pop-up business will be closing in the next few weeks so other students have an opportunity to propose business plans for consideration. Once the businesses are selected, a mini-job fair will most likely occur along with some job shifting. This gives students an opportunity to try something else if they so desire.

Next, students will be planning for the Micro Day sometime in April. Their favorite day of the year! Stay tuned for a confirmed date soon.

MACS PTO Update:

MACS PTO 's Winter Dances were held on Friday, February 7th. The middle school had a Valentine's themed dance at the school, while the K-4th grade students and their families went to an off site location for a family dance! Thank you to dance chair, Natasha Bairamova, and all the PTO volunteers for making it another successful community event! They exceed their goal of raising \$2000! Thank you to everyone for coming out and supporting the MACS PTO.

Next up will be the PTO signature event, Casino Night on April 3rd at the Nashua Country Club. This is an adult only event that includes games played for prizes and a silent and live auction. Please be on the lookout for communication from the PTO on how you can assist in making this night a success.

The MACS Annual Talent show is tentatively set for March 27th at the Notre Dame Academy Auditorium in Tyngsborough, MA. This is a widely attended and successful community event each year. We look forward to seeing what the students have planned. Keep an eye out for details coming soon!

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Bottomley
Director