



Director Report

October 2020

“Relate. Connect. Understand”

“Micro” Moment:

The middle school students have been busy learning all about their personalities in preparation for the first LevelUp Team Challenge. The Carl Jung Typology Test provided the students with a firm understanding of who they are, how they learn and communicate. When all the test results were compiled, they were fascinated to find out that the MACS personality profiles closely mimicked the United States averages! The only exception was the judging/perceiving category in which more MACS students reported to be organized, prepared, and comfortable following most rules as compared to a US national sample. Connections were made and the students attributed these skills to MicroSociety at MACS and how they have learned to behave in school!

Enrollment Numbers (as of 10/1/20):

K - 20	5th - 24
1st - 21	6th- 25
2nd- 42	7th- 19
3rd - 46	8th- 19
4th - 24	
Total : 240	

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

Each year, students in grades 3 through 8 participate in the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS). Due to the pandemic, the testing cycle for last spring was put on hold. The testing window will now be open in the month of October to complete a shorter version of last year's assessments. Students in grades 4-8 will be taking the interim assessments the week of **October 19-23** with the remote students taking it online and the hybrid students will take the assessment on the days they regularly attend school. Students taking the interim assessment will be tested on material that was taught in the previous year (ie: 4th grade will take the 3rd grade interim assessment). This assessment will give classroom teachers more information on what was lost academically, if anything, during our time of remote learning last spring. The results will also provide their teachers with information that will help drive instructional planning.

Parent Teacher Conferences will now be held later than originally planned. This month teachers will be sending out electronic sign ups for the week of **November 18th**. Staff needed more time

to accurately assess student progress before meeting with parents. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

The Annual School Walk A Thon will take place on October 18th! Students will be building up their stamina in PE classes for the 2 mile walk (less for K and 1). Students will be mailing out donation envelopes to solicit sponsors for their efforts! This is the largest school based fundraiser of the year, run by the students and separate from PTO. Let's support the kids in their fundraising efforts!

MicroSociety Update:

Campaigning 101 has been in full swing and elections will be on October 9th.

Management 101 academy classes have begun and students are writing business proposals. Classes will be brainstorming business ideas, including "virtual" proposals. We can not wait to see where their creativity leads.

Our middle school has begun their new revamped program called Level Up. Their first "challenge" will begin in October. The new Level Up program will focus on teaching students how to be effective in a group setting, learn about their own natural talents, how to think critically and creatively all through the design and implementation of a student driven plan that "solves" a challenge question. The first challenge theme is entrepreneurship. Students will be asked to identify a problem that needs to be solved and then devise a plan for a new product that would solve the problem. The product may be completely original or it may be an improvement to a current product or service. Your task is to create a prototype for a new product, write a proposal to receive funding for the business, and pitch your idea to a board of judges.

MACS PTO:

On October 2nd, the MACS Virtual Casino Night wrapped up! Thank you to all our sponsors and participants. We appreciate the support! The auction raised over \$4,000 and exceeded our expectations! Thank you!

The annual Meadowbrook Farms fundraiser is still happening virtually in November to support the middle school Washington DC trip in 2022. Stay tuned for more information.

Be on the lookout for new PTO fundraising and community building events. The PTO is working hard to connect with the MACS community virtually throughout the year.

"Virtual" Haunted House! We can't have the Fall Festival this year, but we can have some fun virtually! The MACS PTO will be putting together an online Haunted House experience. Cost is \$10 per family and a link will be provided for viewing by October 30th!

Please congratulate our PTO officers for the 2020-21 school year. All of our 2019-202 officers were re-elected to their positions! Lynn McGowan - President; Natasha Bairamova- Vice President and Janelle Levesque - Secretary

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Bottomley, Director