

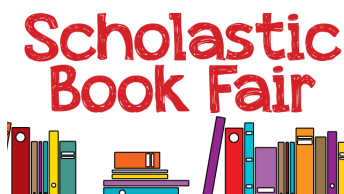
Parent Teacher Organization

NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to school parents, caregivers, staff and administration! It's hard to believe that it's already been 3 weeks! Like the students, many parents are establishing routines, seeing old friends and meeting new ones, and navigating through these uncertain times. Our hope is that this newsletter will provide families with important information related to school happenings & fundraising events, encourage engagement, and keep you connected.

In addition to building fellowship among families, the PTO works to raise much needed funds for MACS. Financial support for charter schools is especially important as the school only receives 60% per student compared to other public schools. That means we rely on caregivers to help make up the 40% difference. The PTO goal this year is to raise 15K. We have some great events in the works that we hope you will be a part of.



October 18th-22nd

Students will preview the book fair and write a "wish list" in the beginning of the week. Later in the week, each class will have the opportunity to go back to the Book Fair and make their purchases. More information regarding the Book Fair will be sent home as the date draws closer!

BE INVOLVED

Important opportunities for all!

*Attend our next PTO meeting on Friday October 15th (12:30pm). Email jhurt@macsnh.org for the zoom link.

*MACS PTO asks for 10 volunteer hours per family, per year. Be sure to complete and return the volunteer form to let us know your interest and skills. No time to volunteer? We offer a [voluntary "Buyout"](#) of \$100 per family.

*Pay [technology fee](#) which helps to pay for software licenses, cyber security and a computer teacher.

PTO OFFICERS



Lynn McGowan
PTO President



Janelle Levesque
PTO Secretary



Brian Prentice
Volunteer Coordinator

We are still in need of a PTO Vice President!
Email [Lynn](#) if you're interested!



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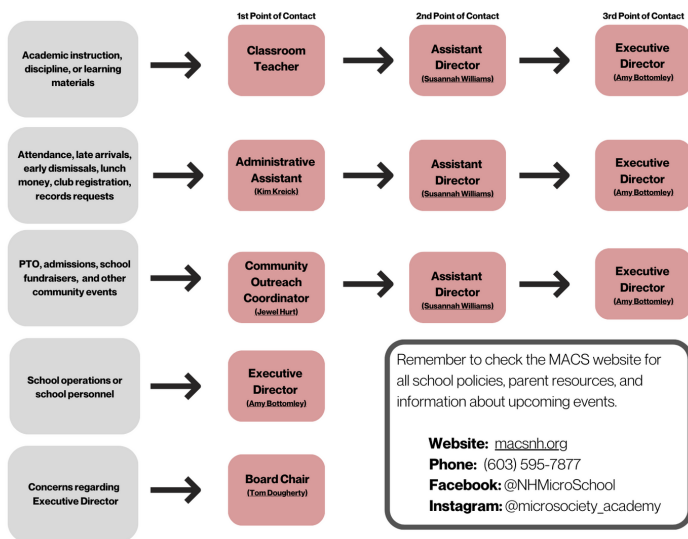
GET IN TOUCH

We ask that all parents familiarize themselves with the MACS Communications Contact Chart (below). This chart is meant to help parents determine who to message depending on the topic of the question or concern. The chart is available (with hyperlinks) on the parents page of the MACS website.



Communications Contact Chart

Please refer to the following channeling for questions and concerns related to daily operation at MACS.



FALL FESTIVAL

This year's Fall Festival Fundraiser will be during the school day (students only). One at a time, classes will be able to go outside and play festival games (bean bag toss, pumpkin ring toss, freeze walk, monster bowling, and plinko)! Parents will be able to pre-order tickets for their child to play the games. There will also be a school-wide scarecrow contest in which each class will build a scarecrow using plastic bags and donated clothing/accessories. More information about both events will be sent home soon!

MICRO MOMENT

The Micro City Court is back this year with new opportunities for students to learn about the judicial system! Students in grades 5th -6th were able to apply for Law School where they are learning about the MACS constitution, MACS laws, legal jargon, ethics, and courtroom procedures. Upon completion of law school, students will take the BAR exam that qualifies them to be a Micro City Judge or Lawyer. Students will be able to hire a lawyer to help them appeal peacekeeper tickets or represent them in a civil trial. Judges will be called upon to proceed over appeal hearings; they will also be trained in peer mediation to settle disputes between citizens.

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 6th:
Flu Shot Clinic
- October 8th:
Teacher Workshop, NO SCHOOL
- October 11th:
Columbus Day, NO SCHOOL
- October 18th-22nd:
Book Fair
- October 22nd:
Fall Festival

