



## **Director Report**

**September 2019**

***“Relate. Connect. Understand”***

### **“Micro” Moment:**

*On Tuesday, we held our traditional first day of school Town Hall Meetings. In the past, our staff have chosen the character trait that would be the focus of September and introduced it at the meeting. This year, however, we decided to do something different. We provided the students with several options and let them vote on the character trait they wanted to focus on. This enabled our newest Micro City citizens to experience several of the MicroSociety principles in action: "Student Voice and Choice" and "Shared Responsibility and Authority." The students voted to make Kindness the focus of September, then several students shared examples of times people had shown them kindness in the past. Soon the students who are interested in running for a government office for the 2019-2020 school year will begin the Campaigning 101 course. This is an exciting time of year in Micro City, full of new beginnings!*

### **Enrollment Numbers (as of 9/3/19):**

K - 18	5th - 24
1st - 32	6th- 24
2nd- 45	7th- 22
3rd - 23	8th- 22
4th - 24	

Total : 234

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

New staff orientation and back to school workshops took place August 27-29th. We now have 25 staff members at MACS, all but 1 in a full time capacity. This fall we welcomed 8 new staff members. New staff received Micro training and curriculum training from Coordinator, Susannah Williams, prior to all staff returning. Trainings for staff included, but not limited to, building procedures, bloodborne pathogens, active shooter, and epi pen/allergy response.

The summer always flies by, but the administrative team was happy to welcome back students. They truly liven up the place! We held our first schoolwide Town Meeting where we welcome new students and staff. This year, we have divided the school into two meetings. Upper grades

(5-8) will meet and lower grades (K-4) will meet. This will allow us to run a more true to life "town hall" style forum with our upper grades, allowing them more opportunity to express their ideas and opinions.

Next up this month, the students and staff will be heading over to Stellos Stadium for our annual team building event. We are excited to welcome Circus Smirkus as a headliner to the event who will engage the kids in hands on activities.

MACS has a new website! A big SHOUT OUT to Pearl Marketing for volunteering their time and expertise to see this project off the ground. We could not have achieved such a professional product without you. Thank you!

Also, please visit the Directors Page on the school website for the School's Annual Report. Included in the report are statistical data and state testing results.

September 19th will be the MACS Parent Only Open House which provides an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teachers and hear about expectations for the upcoming year.

**MicroSociety Update:**

The first PTO meeting will be held at 9:00am on September 13th. Newly elected president, Lynn McGowan will be soliciting help from families to serve as committee chairs and help with upcoming events. Any interested parents are encouraged to attend.

The first PTO event will be the Fall Festival. More details coming soon!

**Building Update:**

We have been busy completing the remediation and construction project affecting our downstairs. It should be completed no later than September 9th. Thank you to the staff for their patience. We know it is not easy to be displaced or have half as much time to prepare your classroom. Everyone has really risen to the occasion and taken it all in stride. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Bottomley, Director