



## **Director Report**

**December 2017**

***"Relate. Connect. Understand"***

### **"Micro" Moment:**

*"Mommy, we don't need that!" Sarah said to her mother at the grocery store, taking the package of cookies out of the shopping cart and putting them back on the shelf. "But... that's your favorite treat. We always buy that one." said her mother. Sarah's mother was confused as to why her daughter was suddenly refusing to buy the cookies she usually begged for! "Mommy, those cookies are a WANT, not a NEED. At Micro time yesterday we learned about the difference between wants and needs. Clothing, a place to live, water, and healthy foods are needs. We don't need those cookies. They are just a want, and we don't have to spend our money on them every time we go to the store." Sarah's mother was astonished. She couldn't believe that her 5-year-old daughter had learned and understood such an important concept in Kindergarten! "You're right, Sarah," said her mother. "We can save the money we would have spent on the cookies towards an even better treat!"*

### **Enrollment Numbers (as of 12/9/16):**

K - 37	4th - 23
1st - 20	5th - 24
2nd- 19	6th- 23
3rd - 24	7th- 18
Total : 188	

We are currently under enrolled, mainly due to 7th grade. Looking to fill as many spots as possible prior to Feb 1st.

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

The Winter Music Concert will be held in the MPR on Wednesday, Jan 17th from 1:00-1:45 PM for K-3rd grade from 1:45-2:30 PM for 4th-6th. There may even be a ukulele performance!

Admissions Open House will be held on Thursday, Jan 18 and Monday, Feb 5th from 6-7 pm in the MPR. This is for parents of any student wishing to be part of the lottery for 2018-19 school year, including parents of siblings/staff/ and board.

On Monday, Jan 22nd we will host our second Geography Bee qualifying test followed by the Live Geography Bee on Monday, Jan 29, 2:00-3:30pm. This year, there will be no fee to enter. This will not be a fundraiser, but rather an optional school enrichment opportunity.

On the December early release day, staff had a guest presenter from SERESC presenting on STEM based science inquiry activities. This was made possible due to Title II funding. While teachers learned new strategies, students and families headed over to Launch for a community fundraising event.

Amy has been working on application process in order to apply for funding via the Public School Infrastructure (PSI) fund. Currently, she is working to complete requirements specifically for the security funds. We are currently in "undetermined" status while they await a HEMA (Homeland Emergency Management Agency) assessment. This will occur in January. IF approved by the commission, MACS stands to receive around \$20,000 specifically towards the use of lighting, security cameras and security film for windows around the school. We are still waiting on the status of the Infrastructure grant for Life Safety. This is to address the parking lot. Amy will update the board when she knows more.

Boston Billiards has sent notice that they have chosen MACS as the recipient of 7 more days in the upcoming year! 35% of the weeks proceeds will be donated to MACS! Amy is working with BB staff to complete the gaming commission application and plan on having it done and in by mid December.

As we have an increase in Title I funding, on December 6th, a before school Title Program began. This is an invitation only before school program to provide struggling learners with more opportunity for remediation of skills in an area of deficit. We invited about 40 students to the program, which will run twice a week for 30 min, giving students in need an additional hour of instruction a week.

Formal yearly observations will be underway after the new year. The administrative team will be conducting formal observations and evaluations of all staff over the months of January, February and March. Staff contracts will be reissued in the spring.

### **MicroSociety Update:**

*Micro City Marketplace officially opens on December 7th!*

In exciting news, Susannah and the MicroCity facilitators have secured three more community partners for this year. The government will have a lawyer community partner, the peacekeepers will have a police officer and the library will have a librarian from the Nashua Library. The students are thrilled!

At the December Town Hall meeting, the Fisher Cats visited and presented a reading challenge to the students. For every 5 books read, they can earn 2 free tickets to a spring game!

Our Heartstrand is in full swing with the Spanish classes doing a can drive and shipping off the goods to families in need in Puerto Rico. They even sent letters written in spanish with the package. The packages were received and thank yous came back!

**MACS PTO Update:**

The MACS PTO Murder Mystery event has been switch to Friday, Feb 2nd at the Nashua Country Club at 6:30 pm. Tickets will now be \$60 per person through Jan 5th and \$75 through Jan 25th. NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR. We will also be holding a small silent auction and raffle during the event. Come join us for a fun filled evening!

The MACS PTO held another community event at Launch during the December early release. The proceeds from the event ended up earning the school \$211. Thanks MACS PTO! IN the meanwhile, pasta sales are underway!

The next fundraising event will be a Pizza and Movie Night. Details are being worked out and fliers will be sent home after the vacation week.

MACS PTO sends in monthly “treats” for staff to enjoy. The staff have really enjoyed the surprises and thank all the parents for their support! They are also planning a December luncheon for the staff on the 18th. Thank you to the best PTO around!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Bottomley, Director