



Director Report

February 2019

“Relate. Connect. Understand”

“Micro” Moment:

“One of our school-wide goals this year at MACS is to improve students' academic proficiency in the area of writing. One of the tasks we agreed to pursue in order to support this goal is to have students “unwrap” writing standards on their Micro Business Days. What this means is that students focus on one of the Common Core writing standards for their grade level at a time, analyze the concepts and skills in the standard, re-write it in their own words to better understand what it is they are expected to be learning, and think of ways that they have (or plan to) address that standard within their Micro ventures and agencies.

The facilitator of the Relaxation Center recently shared with Mrs. Williams a discussion her employees had on a recent Business Day where they were “unwrapping” an informational writing standard. After writing the standard in their own words using an “I Can” statement, students were asked to give an example of one way their venture/agency had already used informational writing. They mentioned that they had posted an advertisement explaining their services and prices. They were then posed with the question “What else could your venture/agency do to address this standard?” The employees of the Relaxation Center were a bit stumped by this question. One student said, “Nothing. We just give hand massages and help people relax.” After a few moments of thought, one of the third grade employees spoke up. “What if our customers want to be able to give a hand massage at home? We could write a ‘how to’ pamphlet to hand out or sell to customers,” she suggested. The rest of the employees thought this was a great idea! Since then, they have been collaborating to compose, edit, and revise their “how to” pamphlet. They are working hard to develop writing skills and support their Micro venture at the same time, once again affirming the ways that Micro helps students to apply their academics to real-world situations.”

Enrollment Numbers (as of 2/7/18):

K - 18	3rd - 23	6th - 24
(2) 1st - 41	4th - 23	7th - 24
2nd - 22	5th - 24	8th - 15

Total: 214

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

Our first two Admissions Open Houses were well attended. The last will be held on February 20th at 4:30 pm in the MPR. The Public lottery will be held at 10 am on March 5th in the MPR.

The 2nd Annual Scripps Spelling Bee was on Jan 22nd. Congratulations to our reigning champion, Ishanvi! She will be representing us at the state level and wish her the best of luck on the next round of competition!

MACS was again invited to a panel discussion on non traditional education with the Chamber of Commerce. Susannah represented MACS at this event this year which was held at The Academy for Science and Design. Thank you, Susannah!

Other News:

MACS Administration are in the midst of formal observations and evaluations and will be wrapped up the process sometime in March. They are also planning for upcoming staff development days. This month, staff will be visited by the local EMT's and have hands on training in CPR, AED and First aid. The second half of the day will concentrate on professional development in writing.

The MACS Annual Talent show will be held on April 5th at the Nashua Community College Auditorium. This is a widely attended and successful community event each year. We look forward to see what the students have planned for this year. Mark those calendars!

Middle school students (about half) will be traveling to Washington DC on March 26-28th. There will be a mandatory parent meeting on March 6th at 6pm in the MPR. For middle school students not attending the DC trip, staff are planning some fun educational day trips. Those will be announced as soon as they are confirmed. A big thank you to an anonymous donor who gave \$500 towards student scholarships for the DC trip!

MicroSociety Update:

Micro City Marketplace has been open and businesses are understanding profitability. Unfortunately, one business will be closing its doors at the end of the month. Our pop-up business will also be closing and Mrs. Williams is accepting new business proposals. Once those are accepted, a mini-job fair will most likely occur and some job shifting will most likely occur. 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!

MACS PTO Update:

MACS PTO 's Winter Dances were held on Friday, February 8th. The middle school had a winter themed dance at the school, while the K-4th grade students and their families went to an off site location for a Charlie and the Chocolate Factory dance! Thank you to dance chair, Danielle Troy and all the PTO volunteers for making it another successful community event!

Next up will be the PTO signature event, a Family STEM Night held at Nashua South on May 10th. This event will include dinner, silent auction items and an interactive STEM event for children to participate in. COsts and details will be available soon.

Respectfully Submitted,

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