



Director Report
December 2020
“Relate. Connect. Understand”

“Micro” Moment:

The 5th grade students have been working hard to brainstorm a virtual classroom business. In true MicroSociety fashion, they have dreamed up an idea that is both fun and educational: a travel agency that can show you the world! Students will be able to purchase tickets to a destination and the travel agency will take them through a virtual tour including an airplane ride and visits to popular landmarks. For their HEART project, the 5th graders hope to offer their travel agency services to a local retirement community or nursing home. We are excited to see these students SOAR despite the current circumstances.

Enrollment Numbers (as of 12/1/20):

K - 20	5th - 24
1st - 21	6th- 25
2nd- 42	7th- 19
3rd - 46	8th- 19
4th - 24	
Total : 239	

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

Admissions Open Houses for the upcoming 2021-22 school year will be held virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, January 17th at 4:30, Wednesday, February 17th at 6pm. This is for parents of any student wishing to be part of the lottery for the upcoming school year, including parents of siblings/staff/ and board. The lottery is scheduled for March 3rd at 11am and will be held virtually as well. Anyone interested in attending an Open House will be asked to sign up through our MACS website on the admissions page. A link to the meeting will be sent to those registered prior to the meeting.

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. This year, some of the observations will be done in the virtual classroom, but preferably in person. Staff contracts will be reissued in the spring.

The first Artist in Residence program is happening now while students are remote. Our own Berkley School of Music graduate, Tom Roderick, will be our Artist in Resident this month. Students will be learning about various instruments, rhythm and beats and composing either an interpretive rhythm dance or recording their own musical beat for a final composite performance video. We can't wait to see the final product!

On December 22nd, the school will have its first Virtual Assembly! Students will all watch a professionally recorded show featuring Matt Wilhelm. Matt's focus is on anti-bullying and uses exciting BMX tricks with empowering character messages. We hope it will be an exciting event to start the winter break with!

MicroSociety Update:

The MicroCity business has been determined. Virtual themes dominating this year such as Microzon Prime (based off of Amazon), a Virtual travel agency (where students can travel the globe.... virtually)! As well as a museum, jewelry shop and an experience based venture called HEART Challenges where citizens can learn about Micro HEART strand initiatives and lessons and then participate in a HEART challenge (community service based venture). Next, citizens will be applying for jobs within their classroom assigned agency/venture. We can't wait to see everyone placed in a position and the start of production days!

MACS PTO Update:

The PTO is currently in the middle of their first ever calendar raffle! This has been a widely successful event netting over \$6000!

The next PTO event will be a Virtual Scholastic Book Fair! We know the book fair is popular with the students so we do not want them to miss out. It will just look a bit different. Details are forthcoming.

The next PTO meeting is December 11th at 1pm. A zoom link will be shared prior to the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Bottomley
Director