



Director Report

May 2021

“Relate. Connect. Understand”

“Micro” Moment:

The influx of new students in the building has created a burst of excitement during micro time. Businesses are busy brainstorming and making more physical products to sell. While we have a digital system to safely sell and purchase products, the kids still miss marketplace days; a time where they can shop and pay with micro money. It is for this reason that we are working with the micro city government to plan an end-of-year marketplace day! The event will be outside and businesses will have to prepare social distancing guidelines, sanitation stations, and advertise other suggested protocols to keep all customers safe- just like the real world! We hope that marketplace day will be a positive memory in an unusually challenging year. - by Jewel Hurt

Enrollment Numbers (as of 5/6/21):

K - 20	3rd - 46	6th - 24
1st - 20	4th - 24	7th - 19
2nd - 40	5th - 24	8th - 18

Total: 235

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

Amy and the hiring committee have started conducting interviews and will continue until all open positions are filled. We hope to have the process all wrapped up by the end of June.

NH will be moving forward with NHSAS (state testing) despite the disruption to learning this year. Students will start the online assessments the week of May 10th- May 21st. The state has been flexible and extended the due date through June 31st in case students are out for illness and need to conduct make-up exams. All in-person students will take the exam and remote students will be invited in. Tradition generally ends the testing weeks with a 3-8 ice cream sundae party in the MPR. This year, individual ice cream bars will be served in classrooms. Some ice cream is better than no ice cream!

The yearbook is almost complete! Friends and family of MACS may still order one at:

www.treering.com/validate and use the code: **1014901019833176**. All yearbooks will be shipped

direct to your home (fees apply). Yearbooks are set to arrive around the first week of June. Regular yearbook cost is \$20.60.

Be on the lookout for the virtual MACS Talent Show! All entries are due Friday, May 7th!

The last day of school for MACS students will be on June 10th. This will be a half day and consist of our end of the year Awards Celebration. Unfortunately, parents will not be invited due to COVID restrictions. But classrooms will have individual ceremonies, complete with the famous end of the year video!

Staff are in the midst of planning other end of the year celebrations. There will be a graduation ceremony, field day, an 8th grade Canobie Lake trip and 8th grade auction this year. While they may look a little different, we want to ensure these school traditions continue. Field day will take place with in-person class cohorts as they filter through stations as a group on school grounds this year. However, our tie-dying station will be back!

We have received a retirement letter from our Administrative Assistant, Barbrara Graff. We wish her the best of luck in her retirement and we know she is looking forward to spending more time with her daughter and grandson. Congratulations on a long-standing career in education, Barbara! You will be missed.

The MACS Board hosted a Middle School exploratory committee meeting with interested parents on Monday, May 10th. Parents were given an opportunity to provide feedback and input on what they would like to see in a possible future middle school program. More information as the committee work progresses will be forthcoming.

MicroSociety Update:

Now that students are back in the building 5 days a week, the staff are working on adjusting micro to include more physical products than virtual. Staff and Government leaders are about to start planning for an "In-house" micro day where the students can run a one day market place outside where students can be consumers. Students will shop in class cohorts outside for this event. While it is not quite the same as our traditional "micro day," it does bring some nice closure and normalcy to the end of the year.

MACS PTO Update:

The next PTO Meeting is Thursday, May 27th at 1:00 PM. PTO leadership team elections are happening on this day as well.

PTO Spring Calendar Raffle Fundraiser is happening now! A calendar entry is \$15 and may be purchased on the website at: <https://www.macsnh.org/for-parents/>. We will be drawing a raffle prize winner every day from May 10 - June 10 . The student who sells the most calendar entries

will win a Virtual Reality Headset! You can still purchase tickets after the May 10th start date, however, you will not be eligible to be entered into any prize drawings until the day of payment receipt. Drawings will take place on Facebook Live and winners will be contacted. Good luck!

The coin roll fundraiser will officially end on May 28th. The winning class will be announced and will receive a pizza party.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Bottomley
Director