



Director Report

September 2021

“Relate. Connect. Understand”

“Micro” Moment:

The Micro City Court is back this year with new opportunities for students to learn about the judicial system! Students in grades 4-6 will be able to apply for Law School where they will learn about the MACS constitution, MACS laws, ethics, and courtroom procedures. Upon completion of law school, students will take the BAR exam that qualifies them to be a Micro City Judge or Lawyer. Students will be able to hire a lawyer to help them appeal peacekeeper tickets or represent them in a civil trial. Judges will be called upon to proceed over appeal hearings; they will also be trained in peer mediation to settle disputes between citizens. We hope the new judicial system will be a great learning experience for everyone at MACS! - Jewel Hurt

Enrollment Numbers (as of 9/7/21):

K - 36	5th - 25
1st - 30	6th- 16
2nd- 32	7th- 12
3rd - 42	8th- 10
4th - 48	

Total : 251

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

The first day of school has finally arrived! We had a full school for the first time since March 2020 and could not be more thrilled to see all the kids smiling faces! Time this week will be spent on team building and class expectations. Unfortunately, we can not host our First Day Town Hall due to mixing cohorts, but Administration walked around and visited all classrooms to meet and greet the students.

Picture day is coming soon! This year it is September 22nd with a rain date of September 23rd. Pictures are taken by Cali Photography and are taken outdoors. More details to follow soon! I also welcome stakeholders to visit the Directors Page on the school website for the School's Annual Report. <https://www.macsnh.org/director-updates-annual-reports/> Included in the report is school wide statistical data and other DOE reporting requirements.

September 23rd will be the MACS Parent “Virtual” Open House which provides an opportunity for parents to meet their child’s teachers and hear about expectations for the upcoming year. We will also be hosting a Washington, DC information session. We are now inviting 5th-8th grade students to attend the trip. Teachers will be in contact with more detailed information about the Open House in the near future.

The Walk-A-Thon is an annual MACS Fundraiser that promotes healthy, active living. Teachers will guide their students to Mine Falls on the morning of September 24th where they will walk a minimum of 1 mile as a class. Walk-a-thon information and envelopes were distributed to students on the first day of school. Please reach out to Jewel Hurt with any questions.

We will also be bringing back our whole school welcome back assembly on the afternoon of September 24th. This will be held outdoors at Stellos Stadium, separated in the bleachers by classroom cohorts. Students will be hearing speeches from our presidential candidates and enjoying a presentation from Sub Zero Ice Cream, followed by an ice cream treat!

MicroSociety Update:

We are beginning the year on our typical Micro schedule. Students will be learning their academy lessons as we continue to plan for the year ahead. As of now, campaigning 101, Management 101, and Law School will be online to keep cohorts separated. We will continue to reassess Micro initiatives to offer the best experience possible while adhering to public health guidance.

MACS PTO Update:

The first PTO meeting will be held via zoom on September 16th at 5:00pm. Anyone interested in attending should email Jewel Hurt (jhurt@macsnh.org) for the meeting link.

Building Update:

We have worked really hard this summer to prepare the building for a safe return for all our faculty and students. We are still happy to have a full time janitor to be present for constant bathroom and high area touch point cleaning throughout the day. Plexiglass barriers are available at each teacher table for one on one personalized learning opportunities and more are on the way for any student facing another at a table or desk. Barriers help block large droplets, but not aerosol, which we have installed UV light systems on the HVAC units and placed air purifiers in the classrooms to assist with aerosol particles. A full time nurse continues to be on staff to monitor staff and student symptoms and ensure daily health checks are completed. As a friendly reminder, please read the Board of Trustees Reopening Framework for more detailed information in regards to safety protocols for the upcoming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Bottomley
Executive Director