



Director Report

September 2023

“Relate. Connect. Understand”

“Micro” Moment:

Over the summer the staff have been planning new ideas and initiatives to bring to our Micro Program. At our first Town Hall meeting, outgoing Vice President, Amisha, introduced our first new initiative, “SOAR.” Students caught “SOARing” will be recognized at monthly Town Hall meetings. We have no doubt our MACS Falcons can all SOAR to new heights!

Our new MACS initiative:

Safe

Open-minded

Accountable

R² Respectful Responsible



Enrollment Numbers (as of 9/8/23):

K - 36	5th - 45
1st - 39	6th- 24
2nd- 42	7th- 13
3rd - 46	8th- 11
4th - 50	

Total : 306

Upcoming/Recent Happenings at MACS:

The new administrative team worked hard this summer getting the school ready for the new year. Not only for students, but for staff. This summer our Assistant Directors and new mentor teachers, developed a new and improved teacher mentor program. The program consists of regular meetings with their assigned mentor teacher, along with weekly administrative meetings. The program will not only give more training opportunities around policy, procedure and curriculum, but it also provides opportunities for questions and personalized time with administration.

Once again we have hit a record number of student enrollment at MACS! The first week was met with excitement as new classes spent time on team building and setting class expectations. This year we are holding the bar high for our staff and students. Consistency with our staff on enforcing the rules and compliance and care for our students following class and community expectations. We also want to ensure new students feel welcomed and included. To help our new staff and students this year, we have implemented some changes to assist everyone in getting to know each other so we can foster a caring community and establish consistency right from the start. Examples are assigned seating in the lunchroom and a larger administrative presence in the classrooms to start the year. A safe, encouraging, and supportive environment is our hope for all.

Picture day is September, Tuesday, September 19th for Kindergarten-3rd Grade and Wednesday, September 20th for 4th-8th. Pictures are taken by Cali Photography and are taken outdoors. All orders will be placed online and are due by September 17th! Please check email for online ordering details.

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 28th will be the MACS Open House (a parent only event) and it will be held in person at the school. Open House provides an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teachers and hear about expectations for the upcoming year. MACS parents will be invited to attend an administration information session. This will be a time to learn about important school policies/ procedures and an opportunity to meet the administrative team. Classroom teachers will be in contact with families 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 29th where they will walk a minimum of 1 mile as a class. Walk-a-thon information and pledge forms have been distributed to students in the next couple of weeks. Volunteer sign-ups will be coming soon. Please reach out to Grace Greenaway, Community Outreach Coordinator, with any questions.

We will be hosting our whole school "School Kick Off" event on the afternoon of September 29th. This will be held outdoors at Stellos Stadium. Student speeches from our hopeful presidential candidates will occur, along with team building activities and the students favorite... the Kona Ice Truck!

MicroSociety Update:

Students will be attending their academy lessons as we continue to plan for the year ahead. Campaigning 101, Management 101, and Law School will be offered to those students interested in management level positions. All other students will conduct resume writing and gearing up for an interview at our upcoming job fair. New this year, is our "SOAR" initiative. Students caught "SOARing" will be recognized at monthly Town Hall meetings. We know our Falcons can all SOAR to new heights!

MACS PTO Update:

The first PTO meeting will be held via zoom on Wednesday, September 13th at 12:30. Anyone interested in attending should email Grace Greenaway (ggreenaway@macsnh.org) for the meeting link.

Respectfully Submitted,
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