

The Maritime Anchor



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A Special Message from the Editor:

Hello, Maritime Academy Charter School community! The month of March has been unlike anything many of us has seen before. Currently, we are all facing unprecedented and uncertain times. With the COVID-19 pandemic, came fears, panic, and a rise in anxiety. In the middle of March, Governor Tom Wolf closed all non-essential businesses, including all of the schools in Pennsylvania, and mandated numerous stay-at-home orders throughout the state. Our world is much different today than it was just a few short weeks ago. However, despite it all, MACS continues to provide our students with educational opportunities, special education services, counseling services, and food services. The teachers at MACS have all come together, shared resources, helped one-another, and truly championed for each and every student. While the SDP closed its virtual doors, MACS opened its arms even wider and created a virtual community built on strength, compassion, and understanding. Our teachers learned new ways to connect with students, implemented new technologies, innovated their lessons, and are on their way of becoming self-taught virtual learning experts. Furthermore, MACS Administration has rallied behind its teachers, helping them and guiding them through every step of these uncharted territories. Our Administration provided great support and care in these troubling times. While the world seems scary, we are helping it move forward, one Zoom conference at a time. So, please join me in celebrating MACS, our students, our teachers, and our staff for finding great strength and flexibility during this time. I wish you all health, both physical and mental, and I hope you are taking care of yourselves. We can do this.

You may find our Anchor looks slightly different this month, but I hope we will be back to normal soon enough. Until then, please enjoy the **April 2020 Anchor: Virtual Learning Edition**.

Some great news for SDP: [Comcast family gave 5M to buy laptops for SDP students](#) and [SDP received approval to purchase 50,000 laptops for students](#)

Goodbye, Mrs. Millie Curley

In March, the Maritime family lost one of its most loved people, Mrs. Millie Curley. Mrs. Curley was the Special Education teacher and the Transition Coordinator at the high school; she was the softball coach, the cheerleading coach, and a mentor to many. Mrs. Curley passed peacefully, surrounded by her family, after a long battle with cancer. She was a beacon of strength and light for our students and staff. Everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her, was grateful for that opportunity. Her smile brightened the darkest days, her laugh lifted the saddest spirits, and her warmth comforted the struggling soul. Her embrace was always full of love and kindness. She knew how to make everyone believe in themselves. She was always willing to lend an ear, say a kind word, and give a gentle squeeze of the shoulder. She will be missed by all.



Ms. Curley was an outstanding teacher who cared very deeply about the success and wellbeing of each and every one of her students. We will all miss her very much and will spend many difficult moments grieving her loss. I will always remember Ms. Curley's laughter, warm and caring way, genuine support of staff and cadets, support for parents, and love of dancing. She brought joy to our school every day. Memories of loved ones help to comfort when someone experiences a death. When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.



- Lucy Feria

Ms. Curley was an amazing woman. She was an amazing teacher that everyone loved and when you needed advice, she was the go-to person. Nothing will ever be the same without her. She was an angel that completed her mission to help others, to help us get on the right path to success. It hurts me that I can't ever hear her voice, her laugh, or hug her. I will miss hearing her say, "Good Morning, Hun." All I have are memories and laughs. I love you Ms. Curley and you will always be missed. - Mark Hill



As a parent of a child with multiple disabilities, Millie had firsthand experience with both the education and personal challenges of special needs students. She instantly became a valuable member of our school community. She had a deep dedication to our cadets, especially our special education cadets. She was committed to creating a strong transition program, so that students could be successful after school. Millie was the person everyone relied on. Even as she struggled with her personal battle with cancer, she came to work every day and helped

all of us with our own challenges. She never complained. She was a rock to so many of our cadets. She was the first person I visited when I came to the high school and the last person I saw before I left. She was more than a teacher, colleague, or friend, she was family. Her contagious laugh and positive outlook on life will be sorely missed. - Kim Bonanni



Ms. Curley was a colleague, a confidant, a fellow special education advocate, a mentor, and most importantly, my friend. I learned something new from her every day, whether it was related to work or about life in general. Ms. Curley was a woman of wisdom and shared that wisdom with everyone who asked for it. Her ability to talk students through a difficult time, make them laugh, and see the positive in what seemed to be a negative situation, was amazing to witness. Her students were her passion, and she saw each and every student as one of her very own.



I will forever carry with me the many things she taught me and her caring and loving spirit for everyone she knew. - Samantha Gara

Maritime Elementary School

The Maritime STEM lab is open for learning! Captain Sam taught our cadets about lab safety.



The elementary school celebrated Read Across America Week from March 2nd to 5th. Students in grades 1 to 3 participated in a week full of various activities, like wearing crazy socks and hats, dressing up as their favorite Dr. Seuss character, and Dr. Seuss book readings by various teachers.



Elementary Corner

MACS support staff is still providing our students with lunches. Thank you!



On Thursday, March 5th, the Sea Shanty Chorus led by Mr. Ahern performed at the Spirit of the Port Luncheon that honored USCG Captain Scott Anderson.

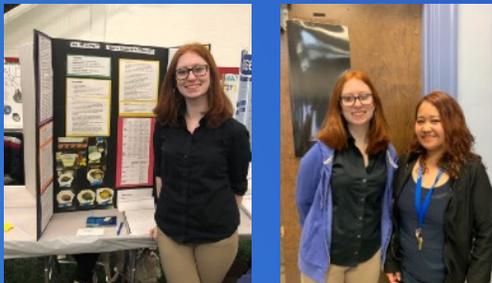


The Home and School Association delivered all of the Joe Corbi fundraiser orders. They worked diligently to organize the orders and contactless deliveries! Thank you for all of their efforts!



High School Corner

Under the guidance of Ms. Cruz, one of our juniors, Hannah Madjeski, participated in the Citywide Carver Science Fair and won second place for her topic: Which Sorbent is Best for Cleaning Up Oil Spills?



On March 11th, Mr. Adamchak organized another successful blood drive at the high school!



On March 11th, the 9th grade went to Longwood Gardens.



Under the guidance of Chief Hentnick, our cadets sharpened their culinary skills.



Maritime High School

Under the guidance of Ms. Neel, the SeaPerch team, Skylar Hazelwood, Trinity Porter, and John Humenik, won second place for their presentation at the SeaPerch Competition held at Temple University on March 7th. Congratulations!



Mrs. Feria, Mr. Wilson, Chief Hentnick, and Mr. Mattioni attended Kashujan Brooks' USCG Recruit Graduation Ceremony in Cape May. Brooks was a graduate of MACS Class 2019.



The USCG Academy spoke to the high school about learning and educational opportunities.



The Sea Cadet annual inspection



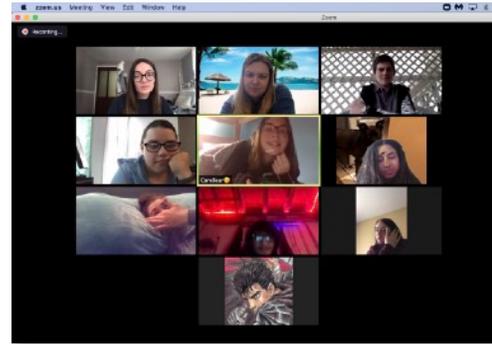
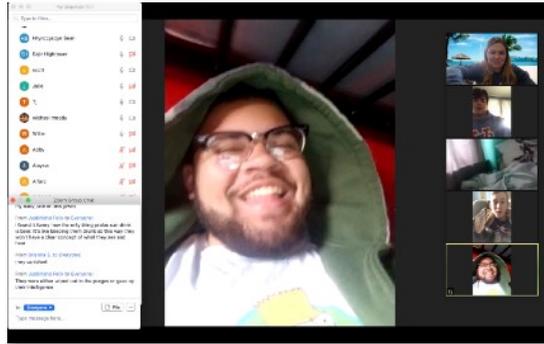
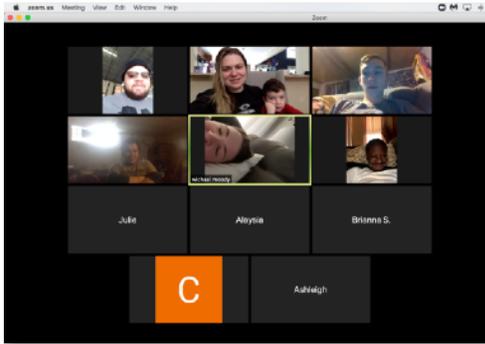
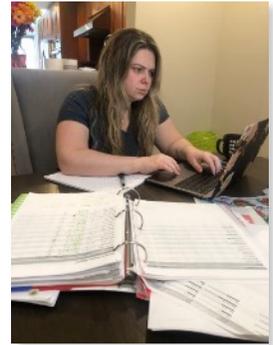
Our Sea Cadets, Chief Hentnick, and Mr. Wilson attended the Spirit of the Port event.

Ms. Elicia and Mrs. Karnes maintaining the garden while school is out.



Virtual Teaching & Teacher Life

Teachers and staff teaching and learning online



Our Kids & Pets

