

Roosevelt Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

March 19th
PTA Meeting

March 20th
4 Hour Day

March 21st
NO SCHOOL

March 24th
NO SCHOOL
If No Snow Days
are used between
now and then.

We had an idea of bringing technology to Roosevelt School. I thought this room would be a great way to motivate students and allow them to express what they have learned through film, photography and technology. With this being my first year in the Lyndhurst Public School district, it was overwhelming to witness the support of such a close-knit community. Many people have come together to make this idea an actuality.

We originally consulted with Frank DeBellis and Tyler Crowe, explaining our vision for the space in Roosevelt School. Next, we prepared a budget of expected costs to see if the project was possible. We initially ran a fundraiser at Roosevelt School to raise the money, and it was quite successful. In addition, Mr. Dave Di Pisa a former graduate of Roosevelt School and a parent of two current students attending Roosevelt School helped raise most of the money through local businesses that were extremely generous and supportive of our project. After all of the funds were raised, Tyler and the Boy Scouts helped to clean the space and prepare it for construction. The Boy scouts were also very instrumental in securing donations of building materials to help the job progress. Jerry Toppeta of Belleville, helped to make this room a reality. He donated all of his time, expertise, and tools for the job. He spent many long hours building this room.

This studio will allow the students of Roosevelt school to create and edit video. They will be able to interview students and staff and create newscasts right in the building. Our vision for the future, is to give the students a chance to make digital portfolios of their accomplishments before they reach the high school level. Our plans are to open the room to students on Saturday mornings with a rotating 2-week course on editing video and creating digital portfolios.

It is very important that we explore different opportunities for learning and motivating our students. If the children are proud of their school, and look forward to spending a big part of their day here you can expect to see successful young adults moving on to their high school and college years.

Tyler Crowe, Boy Scouts, parents, community members, and local businesses all came together to help make this a reality. It is very important to build relationships like these, to ensure the students of Roosevelt School will have a place to learn and grow during their years here. This is not just an Eagle Project that Tyler Crowe finished; it is a place that will find its way into the hearts and minds of many students who are living through a technology revolution. The students of Roosevelt School will no longer talk about technology, they will live it!

Special Thanks to the contributors of our Computer Studio

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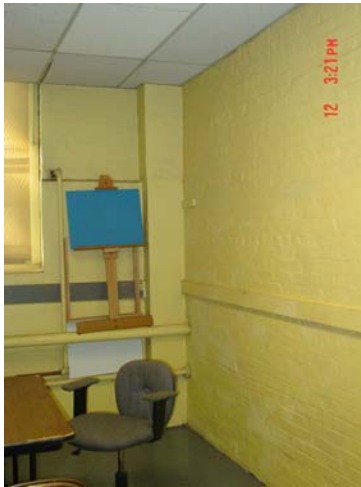
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Believe you can and you're halfway there.

Theodore Roosevelt



Before



After



Before



After

Staples: Making A Difference For Roosevelt

Edwar Malak, General Manager of Staples in Lyndhurst, continues to make generous contributions to Roosevelt School. In fact, his contributions are so grand they have extended to the other schools in Lyndhurst as well.

To date Edwar and Staples have donated over \$20,000 worth of school supplies to Roosevelt School. In the spirit of giving we have divided it up and delivered it to the other schools in the district. Staples has also informed me that Roosevelt School is the recipient of a grant through the corporate office. Roosevelt School will be receiving gift cards to spend in Staples stores.

With the abundance of supplies that we have received from Staples, we have enticed our students to commit as many Random Acts of Kindness to receive staples supplies as gifts for their kind acts. Roosevelt School has committed over 2000 Random Acts of Kindness so far this school year.

Next time you are in Staples in Lyndhurst, thank Edwar or Dennis the store Managers, for caring about the children of Lyndhurst.