

October 30, 2009

Dear Monroe Family and Community,

I am writing this letter to ask for your contribution to our direct drive fundraising campaign for the 2009-2010 school year.

Our focus for this year is the development of our new Digital Classroom. Based on our research and our best thinking, we believe this new classroom will result in significant positive changes in how students absorb new information and demonstrate their learning.

The Digital Classroom is a high-tech student workspace that will allow students to:

- learn how to use software (word processing, presentation, desktop publishing, movie editing, etc)
- conduct research
- create, edit, and publish written, audio, and video projects
- use presentation technologies to teach what they have learned
- deepen their language learning and music theory and performance proficiency

The highest forms of learning take place when students are engaged in rigorous curriculum that is relevant to them. One way to make even the most challenging curriculum relevant is to use technology to produce final products like podcasts, short videos, web sites, magazines, etc. The Digital Classroom will enable this for all our students.

We already have cleared the space for this classroom in a room already wired with sufficient power and networking connections and already equipped with a mini-lab of desktop computers (room E-5). On the back of this letter is an itemized list of our equipment requests and a basic diagram of the Digital Classroom.

We invite you to visit the classroom space during the parent-teacher conferences, during Monroe Parent Organization meetings, or by appointment.

If every Monroe family gave \$40 to this drive, we would meet our goal of \$23,000. However, we realize that many will not be able to give, or will only be able to give a smaller sum. Therefore, we are asking all of you to give what you can and for those who can give more to help us by doing so. All donations are tax-deductible.

Thank you,

Peter Tromba, Principal

Item	Price
SMART Board	\$1199
Baby Board (SMART Board)	\$ 612
Table Stand for Baby Board	\$ 99
Set of 50 Clickers (SMART Board)	\$3300
Set of 50 Clickers (CPS)	\$3500
Airliner (Wireless Slate) (2 @ \$360)	\$ 720
Document Camera (2 @ \$350)	\$ 700
Scanner	\$ 180
Color LaserJet Printer (Networkable)	\$ 500
LaserJet Printer (Networkable) (2 @ \$450)	\$ 900
Snowball Microphones (4 @ \$115)	\$ 460
Digital Camcorder (4 @ \$200)	\$ 800
Digital Camera (5 @ \$150)	\$ 750
Headsets (20 @ \$4)	\$ 80
Headphone Splitters (4 @ \$75)	\$300
Student Laptop Computers (5 @ \$1100)	\$5500
Cart for Storage (2 @ \$1700)	\$3400

Total = \$23,000

