

Bring the World to our Children

Last summer, with the generous support of LTC Technology Systems and Ocala Fiber Networks, St. Paul's Christian School was able to, for the first time, have a campus wide network and high-speed access to the Internet in every classroom and office space on the SPCS campus.

With this new access we can now ***Bring the World to our Children*** and expand their learning experience. Examples are virtual field trips, animated read along stories, live cameras around the world and so much more.

*With teacher input and testing, we used **excess donated parts and cart purchases** to design and build two **Media Carts** as shown in this photo.*



Each **Media Cart** uses a 24" HDMI monitor, a Bluetooth speaker, an older model Apple TV or Google Chromecast and a wireless remote all mounted on a cart placing the monitor at a perfect height for children sitting on the floor. *One switch and powers everything on the cart.*

Based on our initial use and feedback from staff related to the **Media Carts**, **we would love to build and place at least five Media Carts to be shared across** the eleven classrooms so teachers would have easy access to them when needed.

How can you help?

Check your closets! Perhaps you upgraded your computer monitor and have the former one sitting in a closet. *Have you upgraded your Apple TV or Chromecast and the older one is in your closet or basement?*

- *Monitor requirements.* Functioning, HDMI input, Minimum Monitor size is 24" diagonal and Maximum is 27" diagonal.
- *If you are interested in purchasing a cart for this project,* the ones we use can be purchased on Amazon (currently about \$35) at this link:
- https://www.amazon.com/dp/B093GZ68KF?ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_product_details&th=1
- **A donor** will provide miscellaneous items such cables, labels, assembly, etc.

So, check your closets and see if you have some old technology that we can use to **Bring the World to our Children.**