

**Nashville Tools for Schools (NTFS)**  
*was founded for the purpose of partnering with Metro Schools and members of the community to provide the best possible learning environment for our youth and to demonstrate the community's support of our educational system.*



**To date, NTFS has provided the following:**



Desks are finished with lacquer at Hillsboro High School

- at least 120 two-student computer desks
- 130 athletic lockers
- rough storage for 3360 cubic feet of text books (approximately 30,000 books)
- replaced 2 outmoded softball dugouts with 2 concrete masonry dugouts
- provided a secure storage for an auditorium piano
- built storage shelves for a variety of purposes in several schools
- replaced ceiling tile, painted classrooms and corridors in 4 schools
- created a secure space for varsity football equipment storage
- repaired drywall and demolished unwanted shelving.

NTSF has also accomplished several smaller activities. The majority of what has been completed has occurred since December of 2007 when we set up our current wood working shop.

**NTFS wants your help. Here is HOW you can help:**

- You can volunteer to help assemble the things the schools want
- You can consider if your coworkers might want to volunteer as a group for a project
- You can help with administration of the group.
- Volunteers are needed to provide lunches for from 5 to 15 people on work days
- Volunteers can become project manager/supervisors for typical projects

The people who have volunteered have generally enjoyed the experience. The schools are very happy about us being there.

*Yesterday Murrell was given a great gift from the volunteers and you. When you contacted me to say you could do some small repairs and painting I never expected what you could accomplish in one day. You far exceeded my expectations and the quality of work was superb. The volunteers were so gracious to the students and staff. It was a great opportunity for my students to work on their social skills and they really enjoyed interacting with all of you. We always have small jobs that we could use help with so if you are looking for more opportunities we can put you to work.*

*Your program is incredible and I only hope it will grow so more can benefit. The generosity of the volunteers and you are amazing and I greatly admire what you have done. If I can be of any help please let me know because I want to support your efforts. Murrell is blessed to have you and we consider you part of our family now. I look forward to assisting you in any way that I can.*

*Sincerely,  
**Susan Siegel**  
 Principal, Murrell School*

# Comments from our Community Leaders:

Thank you for your organization's commitment to our public schools and for Nashville Tools for Schools. Your efforts are far reaching, impacting future generations of students. This type of public-private partnership is successful because of those who lead the effort. Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,



Karl F. Dean,  
Mayor

Both you and the countless volunteers for Nashville Tools for Schools are to be commended for the hard work and caring that you have shown in this project in recent months. It was also very exciting to hear of the future plans to involve convention and Hands on Nashville volunteers in future school improvement projects, and I appreciate this effort to involve even more community members in the support of our public schools.

Once again, thank you for your dedication to this school improvement project. Providing and maintain a positive and appropriate educational environment for our students requires all of us working together, and you are certainly setting a wonderful example through this community support program.

Sincerely,



Sandra C. Tinnon  
Teaching and Learning Department  
Metro Nashville Public Schools

## Our work in progress:



Book storage shelves at White's Creek High School are installed



Lockers being installed at Glenclyff High School



Cutting plywood for athletic lockers

**Want to get involved? Here's how:**

Contact John Carpenter at 584-7078 or EM: [jcarpenter@carpenterwright.com](mailto:jcarpenter@carpenterwright.com)