

Showcase Decoration

Highland Drive PSO Chair

The showcase is the large display case located in the foyer of the school. It can be a job for one or two people who are able to work together to get it done in a timely way (not leaving it for days unfinished). The design of the showcase is sometimes up to the chairperson. Other times, it will be determined by something special going on at the school, such as fall festival fundraiser. The chairs of other committees may ask you ahead of time if they can add items into your showcase such as prize baskets or award winning art. This should not be a problem because it is a large and deep case.

Planning

Plan on doing the case at least nine to ten times during the year. It must be done for the first time of a school year by August 17th (estimated) for the new parent orientation night. If you will not be able to work on it mid-August, do not take this chair position!

The showcase needs about **3-4 hours of time to plan and complete.** It depends upon details and prepping. The 'roll' paper and construction paper is located in the art supply room just around the corner. There is also a nice **die-cutting machine** there which allows alphabets and motifs to be cut out. Decide on your design ahead of time. Super-planners can break down the # of a's e's t's, etc. needed for the wording aspect of their slogan for the month. This pre-count makes the die-cutting go quicker.

Begin by cutting your roll paper. It gets stapled to the background cork. The sides are wood panel and need push pins. The flooring of the case can get fabric, table cloth or snowflakes. Some standard objects for display can be found in the PSO supply room down the middle hallway.

Items can be purchased to give an added design boost. Keep receipts for reimbursement to PSO treasurer, and try to spend no more than \$10 to \$12 on the months that you do spend money.

Importance

The showcase is part of the identity of the school! Visitors, staff and students see it over and over all month. It reinforces cheeriness, unity and learning alike.

It should have an aspect of interest to it that may not be noticeable the first few viewings. Shimmering and glittery things are awesome for the showcase. Texture is important. So are elements that appeal to girls AND boys, third graders AND kindergarteners.

The showcase also lets people know about what is going on certain months, like 'One book, one school' month.

Other Notes***

* Change the look of the case about once a month. Take a picture (digital) of each month for your reference and to help compile a notebook of design ideas. Look online for brainstorm. There are actually crafty moms/teachers who have put bulletin board & showcase examples up on the web. Scrapbooking mags also have ideas that are adaptable!! It is fun to come up with ideas.

* Do your best to not leave the showcase undone for more than one overnight period. Be mindful of scraps and tools while working. Occasionally a rain day (no recess) or testing session will have the foyer filled with kids and it is hard or impossible to keep working.

* Everyone loves the showcase. The newest one is always the Best One! Enjoy this PSO position.