

Forestville Central School, New York, USA

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The Forestville Central School, is a small school of 625 pupils in grades K-12 (Kindergarten onwards) in the village of Forestville in Western New York, USA. As students/pupils of today grow up in a **visual multimedia world**, Mr. Michael Murphy, the Technical Co-ordinator at the Forestville Central School, developed a philosophy by supplying the teachers with the necessary tools of today's technology, enabling them to accordingly **teach the children of today**. WolfVision's dealer Univisions Communications Group in Syracuse assisted the Forestville Central School to assess their requirements.

The Requirement

In Mr. Murphy's own words; "A teacher lecturing in front of the class just isn't as effective as it could be." With that in mind, he has been converting classrooms over to what he has termed '**Model Classrooms**'. Each of these rooms have a permanently mounted XGA projector, a large 60 x 80 screen, a new computer dedicated to the projector, a hi-fi sound system, a VCR and DVD player, and the most used item, a Visualizer. The Forestville Central School opted for Visualizers of WolfVision's portable range, in particular the VZ-8light, because it is **easy to operate**, offers **great picture quality**, is **versatile to use** and **compatible with all other AV products** in the classroom.



A Maths teacher using the Visualizer to demonstrate and explain the intricates of calculations to the pupils



One of the 'Model Classrooms' complete with one of WolfVision's Portable Visualizers

In Practice

Articles such as textbooks, calculators, exercise sheets and any 3-dimensional object that the teacher would normally pass around the class are placed on the Visualizer and presented on the big screen in crystal clear quality. By doing this, the teacher **saves time and receives full attention from the pupils**. The use of the Visualizer enables the teacher to explain and demonstrate formulas, strategies, objects and illustrations live and centrally in front of the classroom. Because of the versatile Application possibilities, the Visualizer is **highly accepted by teachers and students** and used **throughout all grades** in Science, Maths, History and Reading classrooms.

User Comments

The Forestville Central School is without a doubt more than content with the Visualizers as part of their "Model Classrooms". Mr. Murphy says:

"It sends shivers down my spine to see our students totally engulfed in this new visual learning environment. It is exciting every time I walk past one of the rooms and a teacher is using the Visualizer to its fullest capacity. I can not believe how great the quality of the picture is, how nicely the auto-focus works, and how versatile the product is."



20 frames per second allow smooth live presentations and drawings in front of the classroom

*Both teachers and students find the Visualizer extremely **easy to use** and appreciate that they don't need to deal with a lot of confusing and unnecessary functions before and during the presentation, which means that they can fully focus on their audience. Anyone can work it **without instruction**, which also makes it an ideal tool for our younger students. Lessons become alive and actively involve the pupils."*

Planning Ahead

The ideal Visualizer, Mr. Murphy agrees, *"I feel that the Visualizer market for schools is going to grow tremendously as they discover that such technology is a **necessary tool in modern day education.**"*

Ever since Mr. Murphy knew about WolfVision, he never even thought about purchasing any other product, and he has recommended WolfVision Visualizers to all their surrounding school districts. So far, he has purchased 12 VZ-8lights and is planning to equip even more classrooms with WolfVision Visualizers. Despite the often limited funding available to schools, Mr. Murphy has no doubts that the high quality of WolfVision Visualizers is definitely worth the investment.