

IN THE CLASSROOM



Even if you've just browsed through a couple pages of shoottheball.net, you can tell we enjoy what we do. However one of the most rewarding parts of the project is something we never even considered when launching Shoot THE BALL. We are talking about the opportunity to share our journey and inspire children and adults in the form of classroom presentations, although quite often presented in a gym.

When Shoot THE BALL was only a couple years old, we received an invitation from a friend (elementary school teacher), to meet her class and talk about our project. With just a little more nerves than very little confidence we accepted the invitation and had a great time. We decided we wanted to make this valuable experience a new part of Shoot THE BALL and put together a photo presentation using pictures and stories from our world travels.

Keeping the presentations fast-paced, fun and informative we speak about an appreciation of cultural diversity and of course, encourage everyone to pursue their own dreams and passions.

We've presented at schools in Canada and the United States and at community centers like Boys and Girls Clubs.

In New York City, we spoke at the NBA Store as part of NBA Cares.

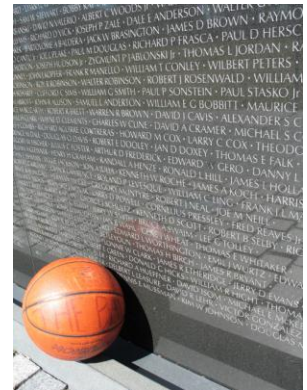
As part of the MVP of Character Program, we presented at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA.

In 2010, Noel was honored to be the guest speaker at the high school in which he graduated. The theme was, "Believe in a World of Possibilities." Perfect.



In fact, after a short break, we found all of the students gathered back in the gym eagerly waiting for the presentation to resume.

Mossbank, Saskatchewan



Thank you both so very much for finding our small school. You gave us all reason to dream and hope; you showed us the way to join the world community with the positive and upbeat outlook that you brought to your presentation.

Rye, New Hampshire



Thank you soooooooooooooo much for coming to my school.

Monroe, Connecticut