

RPS Direct Donation 2021

Teacher Resource Fund (TRF) examples (link from email #1 to website):

Last year the school used a portion of the TRF funding to purchase microphone head-sets for any of the teachers that wanted them because talking all day with a mask on can make projecting difficult. They are using them this year as well.

Kindergarten examples:

Here are some examples of how the TRF fund has been used by Primary teachers over the past few years:

- Scientists in School
- Purchase of levelled reading books,
- Magician performances,
- Theatre company performances,
- Caterpillars, Geckos (or other classroom pets),
- virtual and in-person field trips,
- Artist in the classroom sessions,
- on-line reading resource (RAZ kids, etc.).

Here is what some of the Kindergarten teachers are saying:

"I believe the TRF is important to teachers because it allows us to supply our students and/or our classroom with "a little extra" and it may be something that the board may not be able to supply and it enhances a program in many different ways and/or areas". – Ms. Pepper -

"TRF allows us to purchase materials that we normally could not buy to enrich our program. With 29 children in my classroom, my own classroom budget is set for materials (pencils, books, markers, paint). I don't have extra funds to buy additional materials; this year I would love to buy coding materials."

I have also used TRF funds for Scientists in School; this program connects directly to the curriculum, is hands on and informative. The kids love all the activities and experiments and learn so much during the program! The materials they have access to truly enrich the experience. I could never set up the same activities they have as I don't have the materials." - Ms. Afonso -

Primary (1,2 3) examples:

Here are some examples of how the TRF fund has been used by Primary teachers over the past few years:

- Scientists in School
- Purchase of books nominated for the French Book contest Forest of Reading,
- on-line reading resource (Je lis, Je lis, Literatie.),
- virtual field trips,
- Arts session with an professional artist,
- Reading resources,
- Class set of Math manipulatives,
- Document camera for the classroom,
- Theatre company performances.

Here is what some of the Primary teachers are saying:

"New books, plays will always capture the students' attention and imagination. Additional resources allow students and teachers to experiment something new and different from the daily routine. The Resource Fund is greatly appreciated by the teachers. It is the only way to bring new resources to the classroom."– Mme. Bedard –

“ Because the Parent Council's Arts Committee so generously provides Arts Enrichment to Runnymede students, I chose to use the TRF monies allocated to my class towards Scientists in School. What I liked about Scientists in School is that they are a Canadian educational charity dedicated to sparking children's interest in and love of science, technology, and the environment through hands-on discovery. The workshops combined creative content, expert presenters as well as specialized equipment and materials not readily available in regular classrooms. I really felt that the programs enhanced curriculum expectations and enriched the science curriculum in a fast-paced, engaging and fun way as students rotated through centres conducting experiments. As a teacher, I was afforded the rare opportunity to observe and assess learning without interruption while parent volunteers played the invaluable role of sharing their talents by running centres and helping lead students as they worked as scientists for half of the school day. In my opinion it was always money well spent and such a worthwhile learning experience for everyone involved. Thank you to the Parent Council for all of the additional resources made possible over the years through money raised for the Teacher Resource Fund! “ – Ms. Bunting -

Junior (4,5) examples:

Here are some examples of how the TRF fund has been used by Junior teachers over the past few years:

- Scientists in School
- Dance instruction,
- field trips,
- classroom coding games,
- Reading resources,
- Chrome book headsets for students,
- Digital learning subscriptions.

Here is what some of the Junior teachers are saying:

“The TRF fund is a really great opportunity for teachers to add enrichment and much needed materials to the classroom which we wouldn't otherwise be able to provide for our class, without using our own personal money. While I can't speak for others, I can definitely attest to how much I've come to depend on the fund to help finance materials and experiences in the classroom”. - Ms. Maddison -

Senior (6,7,8) examples:

Here are some examples of how the TRF fund has been used by Senior teachers over the past few years:

- Student incentive rewards,
- Science materials (microscope slides, tubing, etc),
- Math manipulatives (compasses, TI-95 calculators, spinners, etc.),
- Scientist in School,
- Coding workshops,
- Classroom novel sets for literature circles,
- Document cameras,
- Digital learning subscriptions,
- Cafecole (French cooking class),
- Classroom projector.

Here is what some of the Senior teachers are saying:

“Some of the TRF purchases are invisible to students, and they may not always appreciate things like novel sets or realize that the compass that doesn't slide open when you are constructing an arc is exciting. The special guests and workshops are often really fun and memorable for them.”

- Mme. Moens -