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RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL 2023/24

# HEAD OF SCHOOL INITIATIVES

Thank you for placing your trust and confidence regarding your child's education in our hands. It is a responsibility we humbly, and enthusiastically, embrace.

In partnership with parents, we endeavor to spark a love of learning in every child through the discovery of their individual best.

Since purchasing our current facility in late 2021, River Valley School (RVS) has been dedicated to enhancing our learning spaces and building infrastructure. This modernization positively impacts the experience of all RVS community members and most importantly, it elevates the overall success of our students.

## Why Head of School Initiatives?

Decades of research underscore the pivotal role elementary education plays in shaping lifelong learners and their pathway to success. It is well-established by decades of research that a person's ability and inclination to learn is largely solidified by the time they leave elementary school. It is not just what they learn, but rather how they learn and the caliber of support and connections they receive along the way.

In education, the learning environment is often regarded as "the third teacher" after educators and family. We understand that an effective, supportive, and inspiring environment fosters learning, success, and confidence. To equip students for the complexities of the 21st century, we recognize the need for cutting-edge facilities and technology.

Giving to this fund allows our Head of School the ability and flexibility to direct unrestricted donations to where they are most needed and empowers you, the donor, to follow your dollars in action.



You may have noticed recent enhancements, such as improved ventilation, lighting, and facility aesthetics, as well as safety measures. In the 2024 – 2025 period, we're committed to further investments in our students' learning environment.

We invite you to join us in funding these projects, all of which directly benefit our students:



- **Outdoor Recreation and Learning Spaces:** Envision an outdoor play space, carefully crafted to ignite the imagination of our students. More than just a playground, it's a canvas for creativity, movement, and exploration. Our dedication extends to safety, community engagement, and accessibility, including enhancements to our playing fields, playground equipment, and safety fencing (\$250,000).



- **Program Tools, Resources & Equipment:** This allocation encompasses fitness/sports gear, music instruments, science tools, educational resources, and faculty needs. Upgraded fitness and sports equipment not only promote physical health and teamwork but also instill essential life skills. Similarly, music instruments and science tools ignite curiosity and creativity through hands-on exploration (\$20,000).



- **Classroom/School Improvements:** With a focus on functionality and aesthetics, we're embarking on a comprehensive improvement initiative for our entire campus. From fresh paint to carpets, new doors to clear and consistent signage, these improvements are designed to inspire and elevate our educational environment (\$60,000).



- **Gymnasium:** Beyond a mere space for physical activity, our gymnasium stands as the vibrant heart of our community. Through reinforced wallboards, upgraded lighting, and cutting-edge audio/visual equipment, we're cultivating an environment where wellness and accomplishment thrive hand in hand (\$10,000).



- **Student/Staff Washrooms:** Our priority is the health, safety, and dignity of every member of our community. To ensure inclusivity and accessibility, we're making significant upgrades to our washroom facilities (\$70,000).

- **Student Bursary Fund:** The Student Bursary Fund aims to support deserving students by providing equitable access to education in our community. With your help, we're building a strong resource that will make a real difference in students' lives. Join us in fostering diversity and ensuring every student has the chance to succeed (\$20,000).



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## Watch your donations create *wonder*.

- **Tax Advantages:** Depending on your circumstances, gift type (e.g. securities, cash) and donation level, your actual after-tax donation amount can be much less (50%+) than the face amount of your donation.
- **Double Your Impact:** Many employers offer a matching gift program to their employees and will match your donation dollar for dollar. Your Human Resources department can confirm if your employer offers this incentive.
- **Recognition:** We're eager to collaborate with you to acknowledge your generosity in a manner that aligns with your preferences and values.

For further information, please contact the [Head of School](#) or [Advancement Office](#) at River Valley School. We're here to address any questions or inquiries you may have.