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Forest Green Fundraising Request (Whole School)

At Forest Green School, it is imperative that we build upon the ideas of a strong school culture in preparing students for success as they continue their education past our building. We want students to take pride in the experience that they have or have had at Forest Green while also ensuring that they are equipped with the knowledge that will prepare them to be strong 21st century learners.

With the focus on building school culture and preparing students for future challenges, we are asking parent council to fundraise towards 3 areas for our school:

1. Physical Education Program (School Culture)
2. Music Program (School Culture)
3. Technology Integration (21 Century Learning)

As it is important to understand the impact of each area, I will share the vision for each, while explaining the dollar amount requested.



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Physical Education Program

Forest Green is very proud to have hosted and fielded our very first official volleyball team in the history of our school. Athletics within a school help to build school pride and tradition, and the students that have taken part this year have the honour of helping to establish a tradition that we would like to continue at Forest Green. Team sports help not only to build camaraderie amongst team members from all walks of life, but it also helps to build school pride for all grades, provides a link to the community and other schools, while also instilling the values of discipline and hard work in our students.

As many schools have long standing traditions of sports, they are able to replenish supplies on an “as needed” basis. Initial costs are sometimes quite large and often discourage schools from beginning sports programs, or have students with equipment or uniforms that are of a lesser quality. Forest Green School sees that a sports program for a school does not start in grade 5 and 6, but starts with kindergarten students having opportunities to “play” and learn skills not only in structured Physical Education time, but also during unstructured times such as recess. You will often see many students playing sports during recess, and we want to continue to build upon that enthusiasm.

As an initial plan, Forest Green School is asking that older PE equipment is dispersed amongst our 12 classrooms for students to use during unstructured time, and PE equipment is replaced for use by structured class time and sport teams.

Another sense of pride within a school is having proper uniforms for team sports. Sports in a early/middle years school is not about winning or losing, but about building relationships within your team and learning a sense of fair play. It is also about a positive representation of our school. Teams often are told that when they partake in games that they are representing the school and we want them to put forth their best effort. We want to help instill this pride by having full, proper uniforms for our students that are representing Forest Green School.

Based on the above, Forest Green is asking for the following amount to help with the Physical Education Program:

Physical Education Program			
Item	Number	Cost Per	Total
Classroom Equipment	12 Classrooms	\$300	\$3,600.00
Boys Basketball Uniforms	15	\$50	\$750.00
Girls Basketball Uniforms	15	\$50	\$750.00
Boys Volleyball Uniforms	15	\$50	\$750.00
Girls Volleyball Uniforms	15	\$50	\$750.00
Total			\$6,600.00



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Music Program

Music has been a fundamental part of the Forest Green culture and we would like to continue on with that tradition. In many schools, Fine Arts programs are dying off because of the lack of interest from students and high cost of materials to fund band and/or music programs. We know that at Forest Green, if we have the ability to instill a love for music at the early ages, the likelihood that students will continue on after their time here increases exponentially. We also believe that the Music Program at our school adds so much to the environment of the school in everyday activities, Christmas Concerts, Remembrance Day Assemblies, as well as monthly celebrations with our students.

Linda Mills feels that the students will benefit greatly from the benefit of having the following:

Djembe drums would be a welcome addition to promote more rhythmic activity within the music program. Drums come in all sizes, but to add 5 different sizes, the approximate cost would be \$1200.

Forest Green would also like the students to have the opportunity to present on a “professional” stage that we have access to at Spruce Grove Composite High (Horizon Stage). Although we have access to a stage within our own building, it is a great motivator for students to take their show “on the road” which instills a sense of pride in the effort that they have put in to entertain their families. The approximate cost of putting on 2 shows within the current and next school year would be approximately \$600 per show, for a total of \$1200.

To play great music, it is important that students are able to hear great music. Mrs. Mills would also like the opportunity to take all grade 4-6 students (approximately 100) to the Symphony in Edmonton. The total cost of this would be \$7 per student, for a total of \$700.

Based on the above, Forest Green is asking for the following amount for the Music Program:

Music Program			
Item	Number	Cost Per	Total
Djembe Drums	6	\$200	\$1,200
Horizon Stage Production	2	\$600	\$1,200
Symphony Program	100 Students	\$7	\$700

Total **\$3,100**



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Technology Integration

As students continue their growth within our K-6 school, we want to ensure that they have opportunities to effectively use technology to help deepen their learning while also providing an avenue to successfully showcase to the staff, peers and community, what they have learned. Staff is working hard to develop their own skills in successful technology integration, but there are many tools that would be beneficial to continue on this journey.

Forest Green School currently has a SmartBoard available in every room for instruction, as well as providing opportunities for student learning. We would like to expand the tools by being able to add a document camera that is stationed in every class. Document cameras help with the sharing of class material, while also aiding with large, real-time, visual displays of both teacher and student work. We would like to have one document camera per classroom that is available for student and teacher use at all time.

Based on the above, Forest Green is asking for the following amount to aid the Technology Integration plan of Forest Green:

Technology Integration			
Item	Number	Cost Per	Total
SmartDocument Cameras	12	\$700	\$8,400
Total			\$8,400



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Summary

Based on the above plan, Forest Green School believes that we have the vision to use all of the above effectively to build upon school culture and prepare students for life after Forest Green School and much further beyond. We thank the parent fundraising group for taking on all, or part, of this initiative and look forward to integrating all of the asked for items seamlessly in the classroom.

For a final summary, here are the totals of each initiative, followed by a total amount of the request:

Forest Green Fundraising Final Request	
Physical Education Program	\$6,600.00
Music Program	\$3,100.00
Technology Integration	\$8,400.00
Total	\$18,100.00

Thanks so much for your consideration on this.

Sincerely,

George Couros
Principal, Forest Green School