

Fund Raising Ideas

For Students

Make-A-Wish Money Week: On Monday, students donate their pennies; on Tuesday, donate nickels; on Wednesday donate dimes; on Thursday, donate quarters, and on Friday, donate one-dollar bills.



Wish Upon a Star Event: A committee of students cut out and decorate stars made of construction paper or cardboard. Students purchase the stars and write their wish on them. Hang the stars in the hallway of your school.

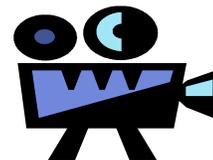


Hat Day: Students give \$1 donation to wear a hat all day at school. You may even want to give a prize to the student wearing the funniest hat.

A-A-Thon: Students collect pledges from friends and family based on the number of “A” grades they think they’ll receive on their next report card.

Read-A-Thon: Send a letter home with students asking their friends and family for pledges based on the number of books their child will read in one month. At the end of the month, students collect the pledges and turn in their donations to their teachers.

Movie Night: The school can rent a current movie and invite students and parents for a fun-filled night. Sell tickets and popcorn. Try to get a door prize donated from a local business and call a ticket number during intermission for a winner.



Carnival: Each homeroom devises a game of skill or an activity like hitting a golf ball into a cup, face painting, ring toss, etc... Students are charged a small fee to take a change on the games and activities. Prizes can be donated, purchased or made for the event.

Spaghetti Dinner or Pancake Breakfast: Work with a local restaurant or ask a group of parents to help cook. Invite students, friends, family and residents in the community. Charge a small admission fee or hold a raffle during the meal.

Dress Down Day: Students with a dress code in their schools can donate a small amount to wear casual clothes to school for a day. Staff can participate in the dress down day as well.



Birthday Party: If you already have more toys and gifts than you need, suggest that your guests bring a donation for the Make-A-Wish Foundation instead of presents.

Student/Parent/Teacher Sport Event: Students and teachers compete in a sporting event. You don't have to charge admission to the game, but have a refreshment committee set up a booth where various foods can be purchased. A grill is also a great idea for including hot dogs and hamburgers in your menu. Try to get the food donated by a local business.



Kiss a Pig Contest: Students will ask teachers if they will participate first, and the willing teachers will have their pictures taken and mounted on a donation jar. For one week, students put their change in the can of the teacher who they would want to see kiss the pig. Then, the lucky teacher gets to smooch the pig! Schools will have to contact a local farm for the pig.

School Marathon: Whether it is a jump rope marathon, a dance-a-thon, a walk-a-thon, or a jog-a-thon, the rules are all the same. Students get pledges from friends and family, then jump, walk, or run for as long as they can. The student(s) who raise(s) the most money can win a special prize. You can even sell marathon t-shirts.

Half-Court Shooting Contest: Sell chances for students and parents during the basketball season to shoot a half-court shot for a big prize. Try to get the prize donated (i.e. a gift certificate to a local electronics store, clothing store, or restaurant).



Pig Out for Pennies: Each grade level competes against others to collect the most pennies. Students are encouraged to put nickels, dimes, and quarters in other grades' containers in order to get the corresponding amount of pennies *subtracted* from the other grades' total count. The winning class gets a pig-out party with "p" foods – pizza, popcorn, pretzels, potato chips, etc...



Fill the Boot: Borrow some fireman's boots from the local fire department and have a competition among grade levels to fill the boots with change. The winning grade can receive a pizza party.

Pie-in-the-Face Contest: Sell \$1 raffle tickets for the chance to throw a whip cream pie at a teacher/principle at your next assembly.

Fashion Show: Students model the latest fashions. Ask local businesses to sponsor the event or donate items to be raffled during the event. Develop a program booklet to advertise the sponsors.

Sell Cutouts: The Make-A-Wish Foundation can sell provide you with cutouts to sell to students. Students write their names on them and display them around the school to show your support of Make-A-Wish.



Sell Candy-Grams: Students may purchase candy for another student, such as during holidays or before school dances, and get a card to fill out with their own personal message. Goodies will be delivered throughout the school during the day.

Candy Bar Sale: Try to get the candy donated, and then sell each bar for \$1.

Campus Survival Guide: Collect all the information that experienced students have garnered over the years and publish it in a pocket reference. Include best pizza, nearest ATM, closest 24hrs store, etc. Solicit local merchants to place discount coupons in the publication. Set up booths at campus fall events to sell the publication.

Mosaic for a Wish: Have an artistic student design a 1400 piece mosaic. Sell each piece for \$5 to complete both the mosaic and a wish (\$7000). Display the work in progress in a prominent area to encourage participation. Or quilt for a wish, and have students sew quilt squares with personal messages, and then auction or sell the quilts.

