

SCHOOL & YOUTH FUNDRAISING IDEAS FROM A-Z

A

Art Sales: Showcase student art or local artists. Charge for admission, sell snacks, and allow attendees to purchase donated art.

Auctions: Organize a live or silent auction at school.

B

Bake sale: Have parents or local businesses donate baked goods.

Babysit/Pet sit: Offer to watch your neighbors or family friend's children or pets for a donation.

Bracelets: Purchase and wear a blue Make-A-Wish® bracelet.

Book sale: Collect old books and sell them for donations at a book sale.

Bottle Drive: Setup a box and collect returnable bottles and donate the change.

Balloon Day: Sell a blue star balloon with a message attached for \$2 each. Take orders in advance and then deliver the balloons.

Bowl-a-thon: Host a bowl-a-thon and get pledges per pin that get knocked down.

C

Car wash: Wash cars in exchange for donations.

Carnation sale: Have classmates purchase carnations and send them to a special someone.

Coin drive: Place a container in each classroom and ask everyone to contribute spare change for a week or period of time.

Concession Stands: Setup a concession stand at a game or community event.

Cook off: Guests attending pay a set price which includes samples of the dishes made. Guests can vote for their favorite dish.

Cooking class: Ask a local chef or baker to teach a cooking class in exchange for donations.

Celebrate: Turn your birthday or graduation celebration into a fundraiser. In lieu of gifts, ask for donations.

D

Dance-a-thon: Create an event where participants dance for a given timeframe. Solicit pledges per minute danced or donate the ticket price.

Dress down day: Students with uniforms can dress down for the day or choose a theme like PJ or superhero day.

Dog wash: Setup a dog washing station and ask for donations in exchange for washing dogs.

E

Eating contest: Have a contest to see who can eat the most. Charge an entry fee.

Errand service: Pick a day to run errands for others in exchange for donations.

F

Fashion show: Work with a store to hold a fashion show.

Flower sales: Work with a florist and sell bouquets, potted flowers, or individual stems at school.

G

Game night: Host a game night at school and charge an entry fee.

Golf tournament: Organize a golf tournament for parents, teachers, and golf groups.

H

How many in the jar? Load up a jar full of goodies and ask students to guess how many in the jar. Ask for a donation for every guess and give the winner a prize.

Haunted house: Organize a haunted house for Halloween and charge admission.

I

Ice cream socials: Ask for donations for ice cream and charge per topping served.

J

Jam Session: Host an amateur night and invite local bands and performers. Charge an entry fee.

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K

Karaoke: Guests can pay \$2 per song or people can donate \$5 and pick someone in the audience to go up and sing (teachers, administrators, etc.).

L

Loose Change Day: Encourage students to bring in loose change to donate. Ask your school's math class to get involved by counting, predicting, and rolling the change.

Letter writing: Send letters or emails to your friends and family explaining why you're fundraising and ask for a donation.

M

Make-A-Wish star sales: Create a gallery wall of support for Make-A-Wish. Students purchase paper stars for \$1 (or other predetermined amount), sign their name, and post it on the wall. You can purchase paper stars through our local chapter.

Mow-A-Lawn: Check with neighbors and see if you can mow their lawn for a donation.

Movie Night: Have a movie night at school or during lunch. Charge admission and sell refreshments.

N

New skills: Find a DIY expert and host a class where students and supporters can learn a new skill like sewing, painting, or woodwork.

O

Online games: Host a virtual game night and charge an entry fee to participate. Choose to play video games or look for an interactive game you can share across friends.

P

Pancake breakfast: Hold a pancake breakfast at school and charge people for a plate.

Paint-A-Thon: Ask your administration what rooms or areas need a fresh coat of paint. Solicit donations per minutes worked, rooms completed, or straight donations.

Q

Quilt squares: Sell quilt squares. The squares can be sold in honor or memory of a Wish kid.

R

Radio Station: Call your favorite radio station and ask them to make an announcement on air about your fundraiser and how the community can support.

S

Spaghetti dinner: Have teachers and parents cook or donate the food. Charge a fee per dinner.

Student/Faculty Game: Setup a sports game between students and faculty and charge an admission to attend.

T

Turkey drawing: Ask a grocery store to donate a turkey or ham to be picked up during the holidays. Host a raffle to win the turkey or ham.

U

Unwanted gift sale: Have friends and family donate their unwanted holidays gifts. Sell them for donations.

V

Video: Create a fun video showing why you're supporting Make-A-Wish and post on social media. Share your donation page with the video.

W

Walk-A-Thon: Walk laps in the gym or school track and solicit pledges per lap walked.

Wrap presents: Setup a booth at a local mall or store and wrap gifts in exchange for donations.

X

X-factor: Host a talent show and charge an entry fee and admission fee to watch.

Y

Yard sale: Ask your friends and neighbors to donate items for a garage sale and sell items for a donation.

Z

Zzz: Host a PJ party with a movie night and snacks for a donation.