

FUNDRAISING IDEAS FROM A-Z

A

ART SALES Showcase student art or invite local artists to contribute pieces for an art show. Charge for admission, sell refreshments, and allow attendees to purchase art.

AUCTIONS Put together a live or silent auction at your school.

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BABYSIT/ PET SIT Offer to watch your neighbors or family friend's children or pets; and then donate your payment.

BAKE SALE Have a bake sale at school and have parents or local businesses donate baked goods.

BALLOON DAY Sell a blue star balloon with a message attached for \$2 each at school. Take orders in advance and then deliver the balloon messages to recipients.

BASKETBALL GAME Set up a basketball game between students and faculty, and charge students to attend the game.

BOOK FAIR Bring in old books to donate and sell at a book fair to raise money.

BOTTLE DRIVE Set up a box or container up in your home and/or school to collect reusable bottles and donate the change.

BOWL-A-THON Host a bowl-a-thon and get pledges per pin that you knock down.

BRACELETS Show your support for Make-A-Wish by purchasing and wearing a blue Make-A-Wish bracelet. You can purchase bracelets through your local chapter.

C

CAR WASH Hold a car wash at your school or a local business. Try saying "donations accepted" instead of charging a set price (people tend to give more).

CARNATION SALE Everyone enjoys getting flowers! Have classmates purchase carnations and send them to a special someone.

COIN DRIVE Place containers in each department or classroom. Ask everyone to contribute spare change for a week or period of time. (Optional: Give the winning class / team a prize such as a pizza party or ice cream social)

CONCESSION STANDS Set up a concession stand or booth at a game or community event.

COOK OFF Guests attending pay a set price which includes dinner and a school event (ex: basketball ticket for that night's game). Guests are served dinner and receive ballots to rank their favorite cook off items. Announce the top 3 at half time of the game.

COOKING CLASS Ask a local chef or baker to come teach a cooking class and ask for donations.

CELEBRATE Turn your birthday or graduation celebration into a fundraiser. Ask guests to donate to Make-A-Wish instead of giving gifts.

D

DANCE-A-THON Create a new event where participants dance 'til they drop or include a Make-A-Wish dance-a-thon as part of an existing school dance. Solicit pledges per minute danced or donate a portion of the ticket price.

DRESS DOWN DAY For donations, students (with uniforms) can dress down for the day. This can also work for a theme (such as pajama day).

DOG WASH Set up a dog wash in your front yard and have all the dogs in the neighborhood come over and get a bath. Of course, ask for a donation!

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EATING CONTEST Have a contest amongst students and teachers to see who can eat the most! Have them donate an entrance fee for who they think will win.

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FASHION SHOW Work with new or existing clothing stores to hold a fashion show. You could have it at the local mall, school or use a club hall.

FLOWER SALE Work with a local florist or wholesaler and sell bouquets, potted flowers or individual stems (carnation or roses) at school.

G

GAME NIGHT Host a game night at the school to play board game, charades etc. Charge an “entrance” fee.

GARAGE SALE Ask all of your friends and neighbors to participate by donating items for a garage sale. Make signs that advertise that all proceeds are going to support your local Make-A-Wish chapter.

GOLF TOURNAMENT Put together a golf tournament for parents and teachers, and have the proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish.

H

HOW MANY IN THE JAR? Load up a jar full of goodies and ask students to guess how many is in the jar. Ask for a donation to guess and give the winner a small prize.

HAUNTED HOUSE: This is the perfect fundraiser for Halloween. Organize a haunted house and charge admission. You can also sell treats, refreshments or bob for apples.

I, J, K

ICE CREAM SOCIALS Plan an ice cream social at school; and sell or ask for donations for ice cream, or charge per topping served.

KARAOKE Students/guests pay \$2.00 per song or people can “donate” \$5 and pick someone in the audience to go up and sing (teachers, principal, peers, etc.).

L

LOOSE CHANGE DAY Have a Loose Change Day at school and make a flyer encouraging students to bring in loose change to donate to Make-A-Wish. Ask your school’s math classes to get involved by counting, predicting, and rolling the change. This is a great way to involve the entire school.

LETTER WRITING Send letters or emails to your friends and family explaining why you’re fundraising for Make-A-Wish and ask for a specific donation amount.

M, N, O

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 invite students to eat their lunch while they watch. You can also sell refreshments.

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PERFORM Host a concert or talent shower at your school, and charge people to attend.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Hold a pancake breakfast at school and charge people to attend.

PAINT-A-THON Spruce up your school and support Make-A-Wish at the same time. Find out from administration what rooms need a fresh coat of paint and get to work. Solicit pledges per minute worked, room complete or straight donations.

Q

QUILT SQUARES Sell quilt squares. The squares can be sold in honor or in memory of a wish kid.

R

RADIO STATION Call your favorite radio station and ask them to make an announcement on the air about your fundraiser (and/or donate as well). They may even want to interview you to know more about it.

S

STAR SALES Sell Make-A-Wish paper stars to hang around the classroom, school lunchroom or office. Your local Make-A-Wish chapter can provide a star template for you to print. The chapter does not have any pre-printed stars.

SPAGHETTI DINNER Have teachers and parents cook and/or donate the food and have students take the tickets, wait on and clear tables.

T, U, V

TURKEY DRAWING Get a grocery store to donate a certificate for a turkey or ham to be picked up just in time for Thanksgiving, Easter, Christmas, or a BBQ package for Labor Day or Memorial Day. Food is always a good item to raffle off.

VIDEO SALE Hold a DVD sale at school and ask students to bring in videos they don't watch anymore.

W, X, Y, Z

WALK-A-THON (OR JOG-A-THON) Walk laps in the gymnasium or on the school track. Solicit pledges per lap walked, or donations based on a pre-set number of laps walked or ran.

WRAP PRESENTS During holiday time (Christmas or Mother's Day) set up a booth at a local mall or busy department store. Have students donate wrapping paper and ask shoppers for a donation for items wrapped.

YARD SALES Host a yard sale, and get students, parents and teachers to donate items.

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