



CREATIVE SCHOOL FUND-RAISING IDEAS

THINGS TO DO:

- Gift wrapping, such as gift wrapping for donations at bookstore during holidays
- Fun runs; Walk-a-thon (pre-kindergarten: each child gets sponsorship for each lap walked – up to 8 laps/ \$1 per lap); Bike-a-thon; Jump-rope-a-thon
- 3-on-3 basketball tournament (charge a team \$40 for entrance; local businesses donate prizes)
- Car wash (pre-sell tickets as gifts, ask for pledges per car in advance, operate a food stand with coffee, bagels and juice)
- Talent shows/recital/lip-sync contest (local businesses donate items for raffle)
- Read-a-thon; Spelling bees; Science fairs
- Dances (kids, father/daughter, family, Sadie Hawkins) Bowling night/bowl-a-thon
- Skate night/skate-a-thon
- Raffles (teachers do a silly activity), Magic show
- Family/glamour portraits
- Penny wars (pennies +1 point, nickels +5, quarters +25, team with most points wins) Raffle (movie passes, theme bags, theme baskets assembled by students). Check your local laws governing raffles.
- Sell T-shirts/caps
- Students volunteer for odd jobs to raise money, end of “work” day dinner and dance held for volunteers School event planners (includes all school event dates)

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THINGS THAT INVOLVE THE COMMUNITY:

- Band and choir concerts: Ask your school band or choir to donate their time by performing a benefit concert for your cause. Charge admission for the event.
- Plant a tree: Ask a nursery for seedling donations and then get people to sponsor a tree.
- Book sale: Ask all your friends, relatives, and teachers to donate their old books. Advertise your book sale by means of posters and flyers. Set up a table and sell books. If there are leftovers, you can always give them to a needy library, shelter, or school.
- Bench-a-thon: Have people bench press weights in the school gym and collect pledges for every pound they lift. This is a popular event, especially with football players. Make sure all participants have spotters to ensure safety.
- Dog show: Invite people to show off their dogs in a show. Make it a competition that people pay to enter, and offer a prize for the best groomed dog, most-and least-obedient dog, and so on.
- Recycling cans/bottles/paper
- Golf tournament
- Rent-a-teen-helper (rake leaves, water gardens, mow lawns, wash dog)
- Auction or money jars for students to place money in (teacher does something for kids at set increments, e.g. dress as a cheerleader, do cheers, act out a scene from a play)
- Dinner fund-raiser with a live or silent auction (goods, services and talents)
- Sell or auction bricks with engraved donor names
- Halloween insurance (\$1 insurance sold for guaranteed cleanup the day after Halloween. Usually minimal clean ups and volunteers tipped.)
- Bingo nights (parents with kids in sports or involved in organizations man the tables)