



Fundraising ideas

General Events

- ★ **Coins for Kids Campaign** - We have boxes that you can have for each class. Can be a competition between the classes. We will reimburse you for a party up to \$50 for the winning class to have a pizza or ice cream party.
- ★ **"SUPERSTARS for Wishes"** -The Make-A-Wish Foundation provides paper stars that you can sell at school. They cost \$1.00 and are great to decorate the school. This could also be a competition.
- ★ **Selling Hope Charms** - we do have Hope charms in honor of Hope Stout that the students can sell. The new one for this year is a heart and those cost \$10 each. The last two years, Dolphin & star cost \$5.00 each.
- ★ **Spirit Chain** - Sell links in your school colors for \$1.00 and decorate the commons area, gym or cafeteria. This could be a competition. Each grade level competes to make the longest paper chain. Each grade makes a different color chain.
- ★ **KISS the FROG or PIG** - pick 3 teachers that students want to kiss a frog or a pig (which ever you have). Put out 3 jars during lunch and have students vote by putting \$1.00 in the jar. The jar with the most money is the teacher who has to kiss the animal. If you make this a big deal and do it on televised announcements or during assembly, it gets the kids fired up!
- ★ **TAPE the PRINCIPAL to the GYM or other area of School** - one school did this where they sold pieces of duck tape for \$1.00. With the duck tape, they taped the principal to the gym. It was loved by everyone. Chinese auction - Get donations from local businesses. Students will purchase tickets and put their name on them for like \$.50 or \$1.00. They will put their tickets into the box in front of the items they are interested in. Then do a drawing for each prize to see who the winner is.
- ★ **Hat Day/DRESS DOWN Day** - Children or staff members at your school will be able to dress down if your school has uniforms or wear hats if they pay \$1. Everyone loves this fundraising activity, because they can wear some different to school.
- ★ **Coordinate a Scavenger Hunt** - A committee works to come up with clues. Students are charged a small fee to participate. The first team to solve the final clue wins a prize.

- ★ **Host a Movie Night** –Your school can rent a current movie and invite students and their 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.
- ★ **Develop Your Own Activities Carnival** – Each homeroom devises a game of skill or an activity-Pin the Tail on the Donkey, hit a golf ball into a cup, face painting, etc... Students donate 25 or 50 cents per event to participate.
- ★ **Host a Holiday Party** – You can plan a Halloween, Valentine's Day or St. Patrick's Day party to benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation. Ask students if they would like to bring in donations to help kids who are not as fortunate as they are.
- ★ **Decorate a Tree** – A school group can sell ornaments or ribbons to decorate a tree. You may want to ask local businesses to purchase ornaments, too.
- ★ **Give Holiday Donations** – Instead of a gift exchange or instead of buying gifts for your teachers, suggest helping others by making donations to Make-A-Wish Foundation.
- ★ **Plan a Car Wash** – A school group can work with a local gas station to plan a "Washes for Wishes" car wash. Spring is the best time of the year to have one.
- ★ **Host a Spelling Bee** –Each student is asked to make a donation to participate. The best speller wins a small prize.

Food Events

- ★ **Sell Candy Grams** – For 50 cents or one dollar, kids write messages to friends and teachers that are delivered during the day. Each message has a piece of candy attached. Candy grams work especially well around a holiday.
- ★ **Host a Spaghetti Dinner or a Pancake Breakfast** – You can work with a local restaurant or ask a group of parents to help with the cooking. Invite students and residents in the community. Charge a small admission fee.
- ★ **Have a Bake Sale** – Students bring in a baked good from home. The bake sale can be held in the school cafeteria or at a local shopping center, but be sure to ask permission first.
- ★ **Sell Pizzas, Hoagies, Donuts, Bagels or Fruit** – Schools often work with local establishments which supply pizzas, hoagies, etc...to raise funds for a charity. The students take orders from friends and relatives, and collect the donations when delivering the products.

Sporting Events

- ★ **Teacher/Student or Just Teacher Basketball Game** - Funds are raised through an admission fee and sale of refreshments. A 50/50 raffle could also be used during the game. Students and teachers could also compete in a volleyball, softball, football, dodge ball or kickball game. A raffle could be held for a prime seat (couch or comfortable chair) on the sidelines.
- ★ **Admission for Wishes** - If you all have a big sports game coming up, then you could see if part of the admission price could go to Make-A-Wish. Then see if a local drink vendor would donate drinks that you could sale at the game and the students could work the drink sell as well as the door.
- ★ **Auction VIP Seats at Sporting Events** - Arrange with the Athletic Department to have designated areas at each game reserved for Kids For Wish Kids. Have a comfortable couch brought to the sidelines of a football game, reserve courtside seats at a basketball game...use your imagination! Have snacks and sodas donated by local vendors for the winners. Auction the area off at the start of each game to the highest bidder.
- ★ **Half Court Shooting Contest** - Sell chances to students and parents during the basketball season to shoot a half court shot for a big prize. At the final home game, draw the name and have the person shoot from half-court. You can also do this on a smaller scale at each game having local businesses donate prizes.
- ★ **Skating Party** - Contact your local

Concerts/Shows

- ★ **Talent Show** - Invite the community to a talent show at your schools. Charge admission and have the proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish. Then see if a local drink vendor would donate drinks and snacks that you could sale at the talent show.
- ★ **Hold a Band or Choral Concert** - You can plan a holiday or spring concert with your school's band and/or chorus. You can charge a small admission fee. This works well for middle and high schools.
- ★ **Create an Art Gallery** - Students draw or paint artwork. Parents are welcome to purchase the artwork during an Open House or at an Evening of Art event.
- ★ **Fashion Show** - Students can model the latest fashions. Ask local businesses to sponsor the event or donate items to raffle during the event. Develop a program booklet to advertise the sponsors.

?-A-Thon Events

- ★ **Jog-A-Thon** – Develop a simple pledge sheet and ask students to get pledges from friends and relatives. Set a minimum dollar amount in pledges to participate—we suggest \$10 or \$15 per runner. Mark a one mile course for the run. The top two runners and the top fundraiser from each grade level win a prize or trophy.
- ★ **Read-A-Thon** – Kids can enjoy reading while helping another child. Develop simple pledge sheets and send a letter home with students asking friends and relatives for pledges based on the number of books their children will read in one month. At the end of the month, students collect the pledges and turn in their donation to teachers.
- ★ **Plan a Walk-A-Thon** – Students and parents can participate in this event! All walkers are to receive a pledge sheet to ask friends and relatives to sponsor their walk. Following the walk, students and parents collect the pledges and turn in donations to the school.
- ★ **Have a Dance or a Dance Marathon** – You will need to reserve your school's gymnasium and ask a local DJ to donate his/her services. If you would like to try a dance marathon, have students obtain pledges from relatives and friends, ask local businesses to donate gifts to use as door prizes for dancers, and think of fun activities to keep dancers busy, i.e. the hokie pokey, the limbo, etc. Determine a time frame for the marathon; we suggest six hours.
- ★ **Bowl-A-Thon** – Students ask friends and relatives to sponsor them for a certain amount per pin or a flat donation. The student who raises the most money wins a prize. Ask your local bowling alley to donate a few lanes for this event.