



Creative Financing & Fun Fundraising

Alternatives to Selling Candy

For Schools, Sports, & Clubs

Things to Do

- gift wrapping
- fun runs
- walk-a-thons
- bike-a-thons
- jump-rope-a-thons
- rent-a-teen helper (rake leaves, water gardens, mow lawns, wash dog)
- car wash (pre-sell tickets as gifts)
- singing telegrams
- talent shows
- read-a-thons
- spelling bee
- science fairs
- carnivals (Halloween, Easter)
- dances (kids, family, father/daughter, Sadie Hawkins)
- workshops/classes
- festivals
- recycling cans/bottles/paper
- golf tournament
- art show, auction
- bowling night/bowl-a-thon
- skate night/skate-a-thon
- hoop-a-thon
- auction (teacher does something for kids)
- raffles (teachers do a silly activity)
- magic show
- family/glamour portraits
- treasure or scavenger hunt
- tennis/horseshoe competition
- penny wars (pennies+1 point, nickels-5, dimes-10, quarters-25, team w/most points wins)
- raffle (movie passes, theme bags)



Things that involve the Community

- rent-a-teen helper
- auction
- workshop/class
- conference
- treasure hunt/scavenger hunt
- craft sales
- tennis/horseshoe pitching competition
- golf tournament
- recycling drive (cans/bottles/paper)
- festivals

Resource Ideas* (not endorsements)

- www.chicobag.com
- www.efundraising.com
- fundraisingbeads.com
- www.qsp.com
- www.currentfun.com
- www.dulcoprinting.com
- fund-raising.com
- www.cash-4-kids.com
- www.laptoplunches.com
- www.fundraisingdepot.com
- www.partnersforkids.com
- www.fundraisingbatteries.com
- www.brickstonegraphics.com
- www.y-ties.com
- www.kidsgardening.com
- www.dutchbulbs.com
- www.celebratinghome.com
- www.smencils.com

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Things you can Sell

- candles
- greeting cards
- gift wrap, boxes, and bags
- magazine subscriptions
- gift items
- coupon books
- holiday wreaths
- gift certificates
- flowers, bulbs, poinsettias
- cookbooks
- balloon bouquets
- house decorations
- T-shirts, sweatshirts
- books, calendars
- buttons, pins
- air fresheners
- scratch-off cards
- customized stickers
- football seats
- kissing on the cheek booth
- hugging booth
- plants
- elephant rides
- pet treats/toys/accessories
- key chains
- Tupperware
- Christmas ornaments
- school spirit gear
- first aid kits
- crafts
- emergency kits for cars
- batteries, flashlights
- brick/stone/tile memorials
- temporary/henna tattoos
- pocket calendars
- raffle donations
- stuffed animals
- coffee cups, mugs
- rent a special parking space
- foot warmers
- spirit/seasonal flags
- bumper stickers
- souvenir cups
- license plates or holders w/school logo
- giant coloring books
- scarves
- megaphones
- gift baskets
- hats and jewelry
- Valentine flowers
- school art drawings
- Christmas trees
- yearbook covers
- mistletoe
- student directories
- yearbook graffiti
- monograms
- newspaper space, ads
- stationary
- stadium pillows
- school frisbees
- sell/rent wishes
- garage sale
- bath accessories
- music, videos, CDs

Healthy Food Items

- fruit smoothies
- frozen bananas
- trail mix
- fruit & nut baskets
- lunch box auctions

Things that Support Academics

- read-a-thon
- science fair
- spelling bee

Things that Promote the School

- cookbook made by school (parents, teachers, kids)
- T-shirt/sweatshirt sales
- bumper stickers & decals
- school logo air fresheners
- scratch off cards
- calendars



The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do.
—Walter Bagehot

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