



Fun Fundraising Ideas

Alternatives to Selling Candy



Things to Sell:

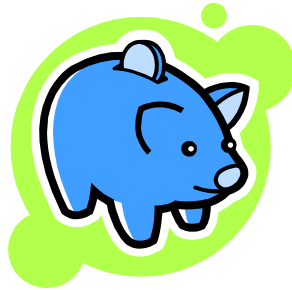
- magazines
- discount cards for local businesses
- candles
- holiday ornaments/wreaths/poinsettias
- flowers/bulbs
- coupon books for local businesses
- gift wrap
- greeting cards
- fruit/nut baskets
- crafts
- brick/tile/stone memorials
to be placed on school property
- Mother's Day hanging baskets
- Valentine's Day carnation sale (red = love, white = secret admirer, yellow = friend, etc.)
- cookbooks with recipes from teachers/students
community members



Things to Do:

- invite chefs from local restaurants to donate healthy hors d'oeuvres and desserts for a "Taste of [your town]" event
- seek support from local businesses, ask them to donate a certain portion of sales from a given date or time to the school
- organize events like bike-a-thons, sled-a-thon, walk-a-thons, dance-a-thons or rock-a-thons for which sponsors pledge money by the mile or hour
- hold a book reading contest for which families seek sponsors and raise money based on how many books are read
- organize a car wash
- plan a parent-teacher talent show or basketball game and sell tickets
- have local businesses and community members donate items (e.g., weekends at vacation homes,

- pool or lawn care, baby sitting, lunch with a local celebrity) for a silent auction/raffle
- charge for gift wrapping services during Christmas
- organize a fun run
- rent-a-teen helper (rake leaves, water gardens, mow lawns, wash dog)
- singing telegrams (good idea for the chorus or band)
- hold a talent show/magic show
- carnivals (Halloween, Easter)
- dances (kids, father/daughter, family, Sadie Hawkins)
- recycling cans/bottles/paper
- organize a golf tournament
- bowling/skate night
- treasure hunt/scavenger hunt
- penny wars (pennies+1 point, nickels+5, quarters+25, team w/most points wins)
- recycling cans/bottles/paper
- spaghetti dinner (use food donated from local businesses)



- flamingo fundraiser (for lawn ornaments to be removed from your lawn you must give a donation and suggest another lawn for the flamingos to move to!)
- rent out special parking spaces
- Trash to Treasure sale: community members bring items to donate for a school yard sale
- pay to throw a pie in your teacher's/principal's face
- pay for a chance to soak your teacher in a dunk tank
- bake sale: pay *not* to bake

Things that Promote School Spirit:

- sell clothing, house decorations, spirit flags, window clings, stadium pillows, or air fresheners bearing school logo
- sell calendars with school-specific functions listed
- paint school logo on parents' driveways



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