

Fundraising Ideas

MISC. FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Leaf raking/Snow Shoveling/Weeding

Doing these common chores in your community is a great, no-cost, and fun fundraiser for your chapter members to participate in. How many other fundraisers give you 100% profit, provide a valuable service, and fit perfectly with the Health Schools initiative?

Prom Dress Sale

A good time is about 4-6 weeks before your spring and/or winter formals. Each person who wants to sell a gently used prom (or bridesmaid) dress brings the dress to the school at an appointed time (like Friday evening). Dresses must be dry cleaned, on a hanger, and in a dry cleaner bag. Their dress is numbered, tagged, hung by size/color/style, and their information recorded in a ledger or computer spreadsheet. The seller determines the asking price, and provides all the tag info (size/length/fabric/seller info). An amazing number of people (especially seniors) will bring in multiple dresses—be prepared! On the sale day (Saturday), people come to purchase a “new” gently used prom dress. In addition to your school, promote the event to other area schools, private schools, and in public places (you would be surprised how many grandmothers/granddaughters, aunts/nieces show up).

Have standing mirrors if possible (perhaps on loan for a merchant) and curtained try on areas (supervised of course, and make sure the floor is super clean!). As your event “grows” you may even need crowd control—letting in only so many shoppers at a time. Participants purchase a dress, and your organization gets either (1) a flat fee for each dress or (2) a percentage of the sale (determine this up front). At the end of the sale, (like Saturday evening) people selling dresses return to get their money or take the dress back. They also have the option of donating the dress to charity when they leave it with you (which is what you do with anything left at the end of the sale). No investment except promotion and some tags. Your kids provide the labor for the event. It is a high interest activity. It might take awhile to catch on in the community, but has been a very successful tradition for some groups.

Dating Game

At Valentine’s Day students can orchestrate a Dating Game. It is a lot of work but a lot of fun for the students. We contact restaurants and ask them to donate four separate \$10 gift certificates for dinners. We have students sign up to be contestants. Usually freshman with freshman etc. There are 4 students one from each grade, all guys, girls, or a mix. Keep the boys and girls tickets separate. Then draw names for the date. You can also have a teacher round up the single teachers. The runners up get pizzas and video coupons. Tickets are sold for .50 each and it takes place during homeroom or any extra period that works for you and your students.

Friday Night in the Commons

Have several local bands give the sponsoring teachers a video/dvd of the band. About four bands are selected and are asked to play on a Friday night in the fall and spring. The event is held in the cafeteria and students sit around the cafeteria tables to listen. They can play cards if they wish, as well. Pizza and pop are brought in, and sold for a small fee. Each band performs for

about ½ hour to 45 minutes—you charge the kids \$5 to come and watch. It's almost like a coffee house style of night.

Chocolate Covered Treats

Homemade treats! Chocolate dipped pretzels, Oreos, and marshmallows make great treats to sell at the school. Have your students make or donate the materials to make the treats, then sell them to make a profit for your organization.

Kiss a Senior Good Bye

Sell postcard size cards for \$.50 with a Hershey Kiss attached and delivered to the seniors on their last day. The purchaser should write a farewell message to the senior or memory they share with the senior. There can also be a \$3.090 option for a bag of kisses and helium balloon.

Cafeteria Yard Sale

Hold a yard sale in your cafeteria! Each kid brings a table and puts all their “stuff” on it (some need additional tables). People that shop at the students tables pay them directly and students give the money needed for the event expenses to the advisor.
100% profit!!

Pledge Walk

There is a small village about 10 miles from town. Students take pledges to walk to this village picking up trash along the way. Because this is also community service, people pledge per mile, sometimes \$1. Kids have fun collecting money when they see they made in the vicinity or \$400.
100% profit!

Flamingo Flocking

Have each student purchase a pink flamingo or your organization. Each student needs to go ask a couple people for donations when the people chose not to donate the students “Flock” their yard with flamingos. When that person chooses to donate any amount of money they will be removed. Also people can donate money for somebody else's yard to be “flocked” they can also buy “Flamingo Insurance” to ensure that they won't be flocked again.

Specialty Item Sale

Pumpkin Patch seal, Christmas Tree sale, Spring Flower Bulb Fiesta. Need to have a high traffic location and some advanced publicity. Make arrangements with supplier about how to handle left over items. Source pumpkins from a local Farmer's Market, Christmas trees from grower's associations, and flower bulbs from national supplier. Be sure to price everything competitively and offer great customer service.

Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner Fundraising Event

Food is always a good fundraiser so try a fundraising breakfast, lunch or dinner event. Keeping it simple is best. A hotdog event fundraiser is a great way to start. Try to get as much donated as possible, like buns, hotdogs, condiments, chips, sodas, etc. Set up in a busy area! You can use a propane BBQ or broiler for the cooking. Offer a package deal like “1 hotdog, bag of chips, and a can of soda for only \$3!” This way you can raise more faster.

Tacky Yard

Get a few people to dress up in ragged clothes. Find an old pickup truck and fill the back with yard junk. Some pink flamingoes, a toilet, car parts (preferably rusty but don't cut yourself!), whatever you might find in a cluttered messy lawn. Get some tacky lawn chairs and head out to the homes of your friends and neighbors when you know they are home. Then you pile all the stuff on the front lawn, sit yourself down and wave at passing cars and neighbors to draw attention. An added touch is an old guitar that you strum as everyone sings old country songs—loudly! In order for you to go away, the home owner has to make a donation to your cause. Trust me, they will!!!

Y.C.J.C.Y.1.D. Fundraising

Have a get together at a place with TV's or find a local business willing to help out with your fundraising. Above each TV put up signs like Y.C.J.C.Y.1.D. People start to ask what does that mean? We tell them for \$1.00 they can find out. After they pay the dollar we give them a card, and tell them they cannot tell anyone else. On the card it say's "Your Curiosity Just Cost You 1 Dollar." All the money goes into your organizations fund!