

Successful FUNdraising works wonders without food.

Teachers, families, and community members can work together at school, enhancing children's well-being by consistently sponsoring positive, healthy fundraisers.

Events that promote physical activity and celebrate fitness

Active FUNdraisers can accomplish several goals at once. They raise money for needed school programs, they provide opportunities for physical activity, and they show students and their families that being active can be FUN!! Here are some of the creative ideas:

- As-THON-ishing results: School groups raise thousands of dollars when students get pledges for miles biked, distance walked, time jumped, or time skated. Bike-a-thons, Trike-a-thons, Walk-a-thons, Jog-a-thons, Skate-a-thons, and Dance-a-thons, as well as 1K or 5 K races, are a few examples.
- Hidden talents = fundraising treasures: Talent shows are a fun and healthy way to raise money. Children can sing, dance, juggle, perform magic tricks, do gymnastics, and get ready for an appearance on American Idol!
- Friendly competitions: Tickets sales for games can really boost the bottom line. Example = basketball games between a high/middle school team – and a team of teachers, police or fire department members, or local college players.
- Sport-o-rama: A bowling alley, miniature golf course, or club (tennis, swim, or fitness) can help sponsor/organize a tournament or family fun night.
- Rent-a-teen programs: Young people can set up a 'job bank' to rake leaves, water gardens, mow lawns, walk dogs, wash windows, or do other services. Other events that involve communities in supporting schools
 - Carnivals or game nights
 - Spelling bees for kids and adults
 - Book fairs and read-a-thons
 - Giant yard and/or craft sales
 - Auctions of products and services
 - Raffles for products and services
 - Car washes and dog washes
 - Recycling (cans to ink cartridges)
 - Singing telegrams
 - Holiday gift-wrapping services
 - Grocery store rebate programs
 - Bake-less bake sales

Non-food items to sell

- School spirit items, especially those that support healthy choices, such as water bottles, Frisbees®, and other sports equipment and clothing. Other options include decals, bumper stickers, cups, and stadium pillows/blankets
- Coupons books
- Calendars
- Magazine subscriptions
- First aid and car safety kits
- Jewelry and baskets
- Bath and beauty products
- School supplies (notebooks, pencils, pens and crayons)
- Arts and crafts made by students and/or school staff
- Flower plants and bulbs
- Vegetable seeds or plants
- Holiday wreaths, candles, greeting cards, and wrapping paper
- Newsletter and yearbook space or advertisements

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