

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Marathons

Bike-A-Thon - A 3-12 hour community and school publicized event. Money is raised through pledges per hours or miles ridden.

Run-A-Thon - The same principle as the Bike-A-Thon. Running generally occurs on the school track.

Soccer or Volleyball Marathon - Several teams or students can participate in this event. Pledges are based on the number of hours played.

Walk-A-Thon -- You know what we're talking about here. Choose the distance and the route and go for it.

Auctions (Live or Silent)

Entire School - Students, faculty, school clubs and organizations donate items and then everyone interested bids on the items after school.

Faculty Members - Faculty members bring items associated with their subjects, their hobbies, their travels, or their personalities. Articles are auctioned off to students.

Teacher Auction - Teachers agree to complete certain tasks for students. Students bid for the specific teacher to complete the specific task. Maybe the wood shop teacher will make a CD holder for the high bidder or the math teacher (who is a baseball card collector) donates a cool card, etc. You get the idea.

Dances

Casino/Dance - School gym or cafeteria is set up to resemble a casino with blackjack, roulette, etc. Students receive play money at the door in exchange for a fee. Students with the most "money" at the end of the evening win prizes. Perhaps a dance follows the casino activity.

Disc Jockey Dance - Local disc jockeys have dance contests and give away various prizes gathered through donations. Ticket sales to the dance raise money.

Games and Special Events

Almost Anything Goes - Each class has a team compete in a variety of crazy games. Admission is charged to spectators. Another option is to open it up to any team that people want to put together, and charge each team to participate. You'll probably have to use some of your money to buy supplies for the games and refreshments for your participants.

Barbeque - Food is served along with activities such as tug-of-war, pie auction, volleyball, water balloon/water “fight”, etc. Advance ticket sales help raise money.

“Celebrity” Basketball Game - Local radio/television personalities, professional athletes or other “celebrities” compete against a student team or your school faculty in a basketball game. Ticket and concession sales generate the income.

Class Clown - Every class has at least one. Nominate at least one from each class (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior) and let people vote on who they think is the funniest. They vote with money. Each penny is a vote. After a week or so see who has the most votes and give them a prize.

Powder Puff Football Game - Teams of girls from your school play each other in flag football. Spectators pay an admission charge. Guys can pay for the privilege of being cheerleaders for their favorite team.

Halloween

Creature Teacher - Photograph teachers in Halloween costumes several weeks before Halloween. Have the student body elect their favorite using pennies to vote.

Valentine’s Day

Carnation/Flower Sale - Take orders for Valentine’s Day flower delivery. Students can order different colors to mean different things. All orders are kept secret. Flowers are delivered on Valentine’s Day. If students want to find out who sent them a flower, they pay 25-50 cents.

Val-O-Grams - Hearts made from construction paper are sold to students who write a message on them to a friend. You charge them for the hearts and then deliver them for free.

Thanksgiving

Dance - A dance is held and admission is charged. In addition to the charge, each person has to bring a can of food, which you then donate to a local charity.

Christmas

Candy Cane Sales - Candy canes are tied with different colored ribbons. Green means “special friend.” White means “secret admirer.” Red means “true love”. You get the idea. Students pay a fee to buy the candy cane and you deliver them to the person they choose.

Christmas Card Delivery - Just like it sounds. People bring you their Christmas and holiday greeting cards for people at school and you deliver them. They save a little money not buying stamps and you make a little for your team or club.

Door Decorating Contest - Pick a theme, maybe about being safe over the holidays, and see who can be the most creative. Charge a penny per vote to select a winner.

Holly/Wreath Sales - Just like it sounds. Lots of folks like to hang that kind of stuff up around the holidays.

Mr. And Mrs. Scrooge Contest - Couples dress up accordingly a few weeks before the holidays. A photographer takes their picture and you all vote – again using pennies as a vote – for the best or worse looking Scrooges. There are probably some teachers that will go for this one too. They would enjoy dressing up and helping you raise funds.

Student/Community

Co-Rec Night - The school gym is open for an evening, or maybe one evening a week for a few weeks for both students and community use. If you can't charge admission, maybe some soft drinks and concessions would raise a little money.

Coat Check - Most folks don't like wrestling with their coats when they come to a basketball game. Provide them with a safe place for their coat and charge them a little for the service.

Pop Can Recycling - You know how to do this.

School Store - Sell pencils, paper, magazines, candy (if that's permissible) or other supplies students might need.

Like we said ...these are just IDEAS. If they're helpful, use them and adapt them. Come up with your own ideas. Make sure your idea "makes sense" for your school, and that you "do your homework" and get administrative support.