

72 FUNDRAISING IDEAS AND COUNTING

Jellybean count: Fill a jar with jellybeans and have people pay to guess how many there are in the jar.

Dress-down day: Charge faculty, Staff and administrators who wants to participate. Make certain that you ask permission.

Band and choir concerts: Ask your college band to donate their time by performing a benefit concert for your cause. Charge a donation for the event.

Walk-a-thon: Choose a date and a route, make up some pledge forms, and advertise with posters. Have participants gather donations or pledges using their pledge forms.

Raffles: Sell tickets and keep ticket stubs. Raffle baskets, prizes etc.

Auction: Have individuals, groups and businesses donate goods and services. Be creative in what you can auction off and make certain that the goods and services are sold at reasonable prices.

Sell candy, cards, etc.: Work with reputable businesses that provide merchandise you can sell. Be sure at least half of the money raised goes to your cause.

Winter bazaar: Hold a winter bazaar. Invite students, staff, and the community. Charge for tables, sell refreshments, food.

Battle of the Bands: Gather some bands from your local community. Book a venue and advertise with posters, flyers, and radio announcements. Hold a mini concert in which the audience chooses the winning band.

Pitch-a-thon: Rent a radar gun and measure how fast people can throw a baseball or kick a soccer ball. Charge \$1 per try and give a prize to the fastest individual.

Sell buttons or t-shirts displaying your logo.

Spaghetti Dinner: Prepare a great dinner for students or community members and charge a fee.

Coupon Sale: Have coupon books donated by local businesses, and then sell them to students and adults. You can also contact Sheetz.

International Dinner: Have people from various ethnic origins cook traditional foods, and then charge admission to an international dinner.

Balloon Pop: Before filling a balloon with air or helium, put a note inside. Have a certain number of the notes worth a prize. Have people buy balloons and pop them in the hope of getting the prize. Be sure to pick up the broken balloons afterwards.

Scavenger Hunt: Set a route and make a list of items that the participants need to find in order to win. Advertise your scavenger hunt well and charge everyone a small fee to participate. The winning person/group gets a prize.

Car Wash: With a group of friends, set up a car wash in the parking lot of your school, church, or public area. (Be sure to ask for permission and make sure that people are careful of moving cars).

Charity Ball: Hire a DJ or a band, rent a hall, advertise, and sell tickets for a dance.

Holiday Ornament Sale: Sell ornaments during the holiday season.

Miniature Golf: Build a nine-hole miniature golf course at your school, featuring ramps, water and sand traps, and other obstacles. Charge people to play a round during lunch.

Guess the age of your teacher: Organize an event in which students pay to guess the age of your teacher. Obtain approval from your teacher first, however.

Hoopla: The competitor throws hoops over prizes. The person whose hoop completely lands over the prize gets to keep the award. Make sure you do not spend too much money on prizes.

Pumpkin-decorating Contest: Around Halloween, hold a pumpkin-decorating contest among different grades of homerooms.

Debate Evening: Research a number of debate issues and invite various community members to debate issues. Charge the audience to come and watch. The issues can be fun.

Videos: Make and sell How-To videos; for example, how to improve your golf swing, or how to make crafts.

Kilometers of Coins: Gather donations of coins (pennies, dimes, or quarters) and lay them side-by-side until they stretch out to be a kilometer long. Alternatively, surround your gym, library, or parking lot with the coins.

Recipe Book: Gather together favorite recipes and put them together in a book. Sell the book through your school, sports organization, or community centre. Try to get the photocopying donated by local businesses.

Henna Hand Art: Find out if any members of your group know how to apply henna (Indian hand art), which can be applied to people in your school for a fee.

Toy Sale: Hold a toy sale. The best season for this is just prior to Christmas.

Triathlon: Set a course of running, cycling, and swimming. Have participants get pledges to compete to win prizes.

Lemonade Stand: Make lemonade, post signs, and sell it on a hot day.

February: Sell red carnations for Valentine's Day.

May: Mother's Day sale.

June: Father's Day sale

October: Halloween party; pumpkin sales; Thanksgiving turkey raffle.

December: Gift-wrapping service.

Garage Sale.

Concession Stand: Purchase products at Sam's Club and get in a high visibility, high traffic, high demand spot. Perhaps at major event!

Raffle: Could be a quilt, a special item like jewelry, day of beauty.