

FUNDRAISING TIPS

NEED SOME FINANCIAL HELP GETTING TO OUR YOUTH ENERGY CONFERENCE AND AWARDS?

Check out some of these fundraising ideas that fellow teachers & families have utilized:

WHO DOESN'T LOVE FOOD?

Host a local restaurant fundraising night. Many national restaurant chains, and even some local restaurants will be willing to donate a percentage of sales from each guest order. Make fliers or create a promotional code word for guests to use when they order in store or online.

SPIRIT WEEK AT YOUR SCHOOL!

EXAMPLE:

Each student or school staff member can pay \$1 to wear a hat for a day, pajama pants for a day, etc. A sticker is given so everyone knows who paid to participate.

HOLIDAY THEMED SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

Halloween "Pumpkin Surprise" – students, parents, & teachers fill out an order form and for \$1/each deliver an orange paper pumpkin with a piece of candy taped to it for anyone at the school. Parents can donate bags of candy and/or help cut out the pumpkins.

Valentine's Day Carnations sale/message sale
Holiday Candy Cane Grams

SPARE CHANGE DRIVE!

Send home a note with students about a spare change drive to sponsor your trip to D.C. The classroom that brings in the most weight in coins will win an Ice Cream Party. Communicate throughout the school to create competition and increase incentive. Small ounce scales are fairly inexpensive to purchase for weighing the coins.

RUMMAGE SALE

Everyone has odds and ends they would like to part with. Organize a school or community rummage sale with all proceeds used to fund the D.C. trip. Recruit teachers and parents to help sort and price items.

NATURE INSPIRED

- Gift Trees at arborday.org
- Grow and sell seedlings
- Holiday Wreath Fundraiser

OTHER IDEAS

- 50/50 drawings at school sporting events
- Raffles and silent auctions using homemade items & donations from local community vendors
- Bags for Bucks sale, www.bagsforbucks.com
- 5K Run or Walk, go one step further and theme it (Dress as your favorite Superhero)
- Host an evening walk-a-thon at your school track. Students, families, or community members can fundraise for their team to do as many laps as possible in the allotted time. "Sell" sign space along the fences for teams to make motivational signs and hang items to motivate their team members.
- Recycle bottles and cans – many recycling facilities will pay per pound on recyclable materials

TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISERS

- *Allow for adequate time to plan & recruit volunteers
- *Communicate: Parent letter, fliers, social media platforms, community bulletin boards, etc.
- *Get involved with your PTA and local charitable organizations for ideas and help
- *Have an incentive to buy tickets such as "free time in the gym", "extra recess time"

