



School Fundraising Ideas

FIVE HOURS OR LESS TO PLAN

Candy Bar Sales

Purchase candy bars in bulk and resell them (for more than you paid) at sporting events and other extracurricular activities. You could even sell them during lunch and recess!

Candy Guessing Game

Fill a large jar with candy. Have students pay to guess how many pieces are in the jar. The winner keeps the candy and Providence House gets all of the money that you earn. Win/win!

Dress Down Day or Hat Day

Students and teachers with a dress code in their school can contribute a small fee to wear casual clothes or a hat to school for the day.

Penny War

Each grade level competes against each other to collect the most pennies. Students are encouraged to put nickels, dimes, and quarters in another grade's container to get the corresponding amount of pennies subtracted from their total count!

Pizza for Lunch Sale

You could work with a local pizza place to donate pizza that you could sell at school during the students' lunch period. You could even ask PTA members to come in and help!

Spirit Chain

Students create a paper chain in school colors with links sold for \$1 each. Decorate the hallways, gym, library, etc. Create a spirit of competition by having each class or grade work on their own chains – longest one wins a prize. At the end of the competition, link all the chains to show your combined school effort.

TEN HOURS OR LESS TO PLAN

Bake Sale

Students bring in a baked good from home. The bake sale can be held in the school cafeteria or at an extracurricular activity. If you chose this idea please be sure that all of the items come with a list of ingredients.

Help the Environment

Volunteer your time collecting recyclables from the community, then turn them in at a recycling center and donate the proceeds.

Ice Cream Social

Host an ice cream social for your group's next fundraiser. Sell the ice cream plus an additional amount for each topping option. You could also do this during the students' lunch period.

Letter Writing Campaign

Send letters or emails to family and friends letting them know about your project and ask for support. You can also collect donations on a fundraising web page!

Movie Night in the Auditorium

Sponsor a movie night! You can even sell popcorn during the movie to earn extra money!

Read-a-thon

A twist on the traditional "a-thon" events, read-a-thons involve participants receiving pledge donations based on the number of books or pages they read.

TEN HOURS OR MORE HOURS TO PLAN

Additional A-thons

Reserve a fitting location such as your school track, gym, or cafeteria to hold a jump rope-a-thon, dance-a-thon, walk-a-thon, or jog-a-thon. All participants then get their friends and family members to make pledges for each lap they have to run, each minute they jump or dance, etc. Students could even receive prizes based on how much money they raise.

Book Sale/exchange

Ask students to bring in old books/books they've already read and have a school wide book sale to benefit the Providence House.

Car Wash

Give people a low-cost option for getting their car washed. Be sure to advertise that the money raised will be donated to the Providence house and don't forget to set up a donation box.

Dog Wash

Just like a car wash, but let people bring their dogs to get washed!

Finals Survival Kits

Put together everything students need to study including pencils, erasers, stress balls, and snacks! You can sell the kits before and after school.

Pie-in-the-Face Stand

Recruit teachers to participate and plan an assembly where students can pay to smash a pie in their favorite teacher's face.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest and Silent Auction

Give each classroom a pumpkin to decorate. Once all of the pumpkins are decorated put them on display and have parents come in and bid on them before and after school. At the end the winning bidders get to take the pumpkins home to help decorate their house for Halloween!

School Art Show

Students create artwork and then charge admission to their art show. You could auction all of the art off at the end of the show.

Spaghetti Dinner or Pancake Breakfast

Involve your local community by inviting them to a spaghetti dinner or pancake breakfast that is organized and cooked by the students. Be sure to contact your local grocery store to see if they will donate the items needed for this event.

Spelling Bee

Plan a spelling bee! Admission could be items off of the Providence House wish list.

Sports Tournament

Host a basketball, softball, soccer or kickball tournament. You could charge a fee for each team that participates. You could even buy Gatorade and sell it for more than you paid for it to raise extra money during the event.

Student/Teacher Sports Event

Home football and basketball games attract a lot of school fans. At halftime, students and teachers can compete in games or other sporting events. For example, students and teachers can purchase the opportunity to compete in a half court shooting competition and win a prize if they make it. This activity could work at any grade level. You could even have brackets for each grade.

Talent Show

Plan a talent show and advertise that all of the money raised will be donated to the Providence House. You could also have admission be any items off of the Providence House wish list.