

Fundraising Ideas for Ages 13-15

Hat Day: Hat day is a simple fundraiser to put together, and it's really fun, too! Since hats generally aren't allowed in schools, designate a day where students and faculty get to wear one for a small donation. Charge \$1 for hat-wearing privilege, and you'll create an exciting day for the kids and bring in money for your cause. Hat day is extremely easy to organize.

Pajama Day: If you're a parent of a student, then you might know the trials of getting your child dressed for school in the morning. It's early, and all he wants to do is stay in his pajamas and sleep in. To give parents a little break when it comes to the morning routine and raise money at the same time, try hosting a school-wide pajama day! Charge students a dollar or two to wear their pajamas for a whole day.

Go Fish, Go! Place two rain gutters -- capped on each end -- side by side. (A 10-foot long section of gutter works well.) Fill the gutters with water. Place a goldfish at the "start gate" of each gutter. Remove the gate and see which fish is first to swim to the other end of the gutter. Students pay \$1 per goldfish. The student whose fish wins gets to keep the fish!

Bake sale: Parents, students and staff can contribute baked goods for a one-day sale. Children and/or parents can be invited in to buy these treats.

Pancake breakfast: Sell tickets for a delicious breakfast hosted in the school gym one morning before school starts. Offer food and refreshments for a set price.

Winter carnival: A team of volunteers can help to run various games and activities for students and their families to come and enjoy. Sell tickets ahead of time and create a winter-themed event. Consider selling entry tickets or having each activity valued at a certain number of tickets (i.e. hot chocolate = 1 ticket, snow bowling = 3 tickets).

"Give It Up" challenge: Encourage students and families to give small donations, usually change, towards a goal set for a day. If the goal is met, teachers commit to giving up something that is part of their everyday routines such as coffee, sweets, etc. This can be a weeklong event with the individual day goals increasing.

Pass the Can: Fun to do at football games and other sporting events where you will have adults and students seated. Make an announcement about where the funds are going to.

Sweet Tooth Sales: students serve ice cream, hot chocolate, or other sweets at lunch or breaks in order to raise money. Get items donated or baked by volunteers.

Candy Grams: Students send candy-grams for 25¢ up to \$1 each. Halloween Grams or Holiday grams are great sellers.

Lollipop Sales: Everyone loves lollipops! Sale them for 25 cents each and earn a lot in return off a simple, delicious treat!

Dog Wash: At your school or Local Park, have a dog wash. See if you can get a pet store to donate the soap. Advertise well!

Giant Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament: \$1 entry, everyone matches up, the best two out of three win, then the winners match up and play again, keep going until a low number of participants are reached, then have a \$5 buy in to get back into the game – the final winner gets half the profits or a prize.

Make A Teacher a Human Sundae: Get teachers who are willing to turn into a giant mess, collect money at lunch, after 1-2 weeks, the teacher with the most money gets turned into a giant sundae!

Save It or Shave It: Students ask teachers to volunteer to shave their heads and then raise money to either “save it or shave it”, depending on which can has more money directs the teacher on what to do. Money is accepted at the assembly, which can help lean towards saving it or shaving it.

Birthday Wishes: Select one day each month (like the first Friday of the month) and set up an area where students can purchase “Birthday Wishes” (a note and a piece of candy) to have sent to a student who will have a birthday sometime during that month. Deliver all birthday wishes the next day. . once students start to catch on, this can be a great monthly fundraiser!

Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sales: Doughnuts are made fresh and packaged by the dozen in special fund-raising boxes. Customers buy them by the box and your profit is generally 50% or more per box. Pricing and availability will vary. Saturday mornings are the best time for big sales volume. Contact your local Krispy Kreme store manager for fundraiser group sales pricing or go to www.krispykreme.com.

Make the Grade: Have students get pledges for “A’s” and “B’s” at the beginning of a quarter and collect the donations after report card time.

Cookbook: Students offer their best family recipes for a cookbook. You could also have the students help with making the cookbook such as drawing up artwork to use for it. Once the cookbook is compiled, sell it for around \$10.

Work of Art: The students can create a drawing that is transferred onto note cards, t-shirts, mouse pads or coffee mugs for purchase.

Change It: Start a competition between classes by giving them each a coin jar to collect change for a designated amount of time. The one with the most collected wins a prize.

Lunch Outside: If your school typically has lunch inside, pick a day and advertise to the students that if they pay \$1, they can eat lunch outside on that day.

Working at the Car Wash: Coordinate students and parents to wash cars in a high traffic location for donations.