

Elementary School



Emily, 6
leukemia

I wish to go on a cruise

Creativity is the name of the game. Follow one of these fundraising ideas or create your own. The sky's the limit!

Volunteer Hours: 1-5

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! Have prizes for the winning group!

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 (or bragging rights). At the end of the competition, link all the chains to show combined school effort.

"Superstars for Wishes" - Sell Wish Stars
Ask your local Make-A-Wish® chapter for paper stars that can be sold to students for

\$1 to \$5. Students then put their name on the star, and display it on a wall in your school to show support for Make-A-Wish. Paper stars can also be sold to members of the community at school sporting events, band concerts, etc.

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!

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.

Volunteer Hours: 5-10

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. Again, students can receive prizes based on how much money they raise.

Make-A-Wish Money Week

Compete between grades or homerooms to see who can raise most money. On Monday students donate pennies, Tuesday nickels, Wednesday dimes, Thursday quarters and on Friday students donate \$1. Check with your local bank or grocery store to see if they are willing to count the change.

Bake Sale

Students bring in a baked good from home. The bake sale can be held in the school cafeteria, at school extracurricular events or even a local shopping center (with permission, of course).

Movie Night in the Auditorium

Sell tickets to movie night for \$5 each. Take it to the next level by selling candy and popcorn with the proceeds to benefit Make-A-Wish.

Ice Cream Social

You Scream, I Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream! Host an ice cream social for your group's next fundraiser. Sell the ice cream plus an additional amount for any toppings.

Volunteer Hours: 10+

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.

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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 can receive prizes based on how much money they raise.

Art Show

Students create artwork and then charge admission to their art show. Pick a few pieces to auction off to raise more money.

Book Sale Exchange

Ask students to bring in old books/books they've already read and have a school wide book sale to benefit Make-A-Wish.

Spell Out Success

Academic fundraisers are a great opportunity to raise money and get kids excited to learn. Teachers choose a list of 10 to 20 words for each grade level. Family and friends pledge a certain amount for each word the student spells correctly on a test taken two weeks later. Teachers announce the total number of words spelled correctly, and the students celebrate with a party.

Dog Wash

This twist on the traditional car wash fundraiser offers a low-cost dog wash for the furry, four-footed members of the community! You can even sell refreshments for the dog lovers to enjoy while they wait for their dogs to be bathed, and include some treats or biscuits for the dogs. Ask group members to donate old towels to dry the dogs off after their baths.

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Middle School

**Carl, 11**

acute lymphoblastic leukemia

I wish to be a World War II pilot

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Volunteer Hours: 1-5

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! Be sure there is a special reward for the winning grade.

Candy Bar Sales

Purchase candy bars in bulk and resell them (with a mark-up, of course) at sporting events and other extracurricular activities.

Pizza for Lunch Sale

School food can be boring after a while so grab some pizzas and resell them by the slice to students who are anxious for a lunch alternative.

Volunteer Hours: 5-10

Bake Sale

Students bring in a baked good from home. The bake sale can be held in the school cafeteria, at school extracurricular events or even a local shopping center (with permission, of course).

Movie Night in the Auditorium

Sell tickets to movie night for \$5 each. Take it to the next level by selling candy and

popcorn with the proceeds to benefit Make-A-Wish®.

Pumpkin Sale

When Halloween rolls around, everyone needs a pumpkin. Take advantage of this reality by buying pumpkins in bulk and hosting a sale for students and members of the community.

Volunteer Hours: 10+

A-thons

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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 local middle schoolers. Yum!

Car Wash

Give people a low-cost option for getting their car washed. Be sure to set up a donation box. When you do a great job,

you may get some extra donations as tips.

Talent Show

We know some pretty talented middle schoolers. Celebrate your awesomeness by hosting a talent show with admission fees going to Make-A-Wish.

Sports Tournament

Host a basketball, softball, soccer or kickball tournament. Charge a flat fee for each participating team. For a little extra revenue, be sure to also sell some snacks on the day of the tournament.

Funny Photo Contest

This is a chance for all aspiring photographers to show off their funniest pictures. Have a funny photo contest and ask for submissions from your group. Set up pictures like an art show. Have the pictures framed or matted and include a small biography of the artist. In order to raise money, make it a juried art show. Place a jar, can, or box in front of each picture in which people can place coins or bills to vote for their favorites. One cent equals one vote. Leave the display set up for a week or a long weekend.

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High School

Whalen, 15

Hodgkin lymphoma

I wish to go skydiving



Fundraising ideas to get you started. Community service requirements? Note the volunteer hours for each idea.

Volunteer Hours: 1-5

Wishing Well

Build it out of cardboard, coffee cans or a new metal trash can, and get permission to place it in a central spot on campus to collect spare change.

Star Wall

Choose a place somewhere on campus or even in a parent's workplace (with permission), and have people make a

donation to add their name to the wall. Have a competition against different grade levels to see who can fill the wall with the most stars.

Pizza for Lunch Sale

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Volunteer Hours: 5-10

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!

Help the Environment

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

Volunteer Hours: 10+

Finals Survival Kits

Put together everything students need to study including pencils, erasers, stress balls and snacks! Make them available for parents to buy for their students too.

Pie-in-the-Face Stand

Teachers and faculty volunteer to participate and then students pay with a donation for each pie tin filled with whipped cream.

Large Group Projects

The following ideas are great options for a community service club or youth group to do together with support from the community!

Host a Show

Partner with existing clubs to host a show and sell tickets. Talk to music clubs on campus about a talent show, fashion club about a Prom fashion show, or dance club about putting together a flash mob or dance marathon!

Have a Pancake Breakfast/Car Wash

Host the event at a local diner. While attendees eat, have volunteers outside washing their cars!

Sports Tournament

Host a parent/faculty basketball game or a Powder Puff football game! Charge each team a fee to enter and spectators an admittance fee.

Walk-a-Thon

Participants ask friends and family to sponsor them by pledging to make a small donation for every lap they complete. Walkers keep track of their laps, and then sponsors can donate accordingly!
50 walkers x 10 sponsors each x \$1 per lap x 15 laps per walker = \$7,500!

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