

# Fundraising Ideas

1. **"Dye-ing to End ALZ"** - Teachers or administrators can volunteer to temporarily dye their hair purple; Students vote by filling the staff members' jars with money; The person with the most money in their jar has to die his/her hair
2. **"Go Purple" or "Casual for a Cause"** - Students/staff make a donation in order to wear purple or dress casually during a spirit week or on a specified day
3. Encourage parents who have specific skills or hobbies (like art, cooking, yoga, or dance) to **volunteer to teach a class** and charge participants to attend
4. Teams can **partner with local grocery stores** and offer to bag items or help people to their cars for donations
5. **Catering Night** - A local restaurant provides sandwiches or snacks to sell at an event
6. **Clean up around your community** and have friends and family donate a set amount for each bag you fill with trash
7. **Clean up your local sports stadium** following a game, in exchange for a donations
8. **"Cream The Other Team"/"Whip The Other Team"** - Whoever raises the most between two opposing schools leading up to a game, gets to pie the other team's coach at half time
9. Host a **Dance Marathon**
10. **In-Kind Donations** - Get companies to donate sports/event tickets, memorabilia, etc. and host a silent or live auction
11. **"Good Luck Grams"** - Students can pay to send "Good Luck Grams" to their friends on the team
12. Hold a **board game tournament** and charge a small entry fee
13. Hold a **car wash**
14. Host a **bake sale** or have a **bake-off** and charge to participate
15. **"Make Your Teachers Play"** - Teachers volunteer to participate—students fill their jars and the teachers who earn the most have play in a game against the team
16. Manage the **coat checks** for formal events at area hotels and collect tips
17. Offer a **drop-in babysitting night** at school - Students (under adult supervision) can entertain the children for a few hours while their parents grab dinner or run errands
18. Organize a **community yard sale** in the school parking lot and "rent" spaces to families and vendor
19. **Paint night** - Charge money for people to paint mugs or other ceramic items
20. **"Pick the MVP"** - Friends and family can pay to have their student named MVP and win a prize
21. **"Pie the Principal"/"Pie the Prof"** - Students must reach a fundraising goal in order to pie a staff member (who volunteers) in the face
22. **Auction off teachers** (who volunteer to participate) to do an activity with one or two students - playing "guitar hero", baking cookies, volunteering at an animal shelter, etc.
23. **"Recycling to Remember"** - Getting money for recycling
24. **Roller rink / ice skating night** - Charge an entry fee
25. **School carnival, game night, concert**, etc. - Charge an entry fee
26. **Sell accessories** - Water bottles, sunglasses, hats, etc.
27. **Sell apparel**
28. **Sell carnations or candy grams** on or near Valentine's Day (can be customized for many holidays)
29. **Sell concessions** at an event

30. **Send holiday cards to seniors** - Get local business like a greeting card store or paper company and people can pay to have cards sent to loved ones
31. **Shave to Save** - Teachers or administrators can volunteer to shave their heads; Students vote for who they want to do it by filling that staff member's jar with money; The staff with the most money in their jar has to shave his/her head
32. **Soak the Coach/Teacher** - Faculty can volunteer and students can vote on their favorite by filling that coach/teacher's jar with money; The staff member with the most money in their jar gets water/Gatorade dumped them over them at a game
33. **Special guest** - A local athlete, sportscaster, someone with Alzheimer's disease etc. throws out the first pitch, or announces the game and you can charge for tickets
34. Host a **spelling bee** or **academic decathlon** and charge an entry fee
35. **Sponsor a pancake breakfast** at school or a local restaurant that is normally open only for lunch or dinner; proceeds go to charity
36. **"Test The Teacher"** - Quiz game for kids to ask teachers their questions about pop culture; kids pay to play or donate to get their question asked
37. **Sell tickets** to big games or tournaments
38. Web campaign approach like **"Go Fund Me"**
39. **"What Will the Principal/Teacher Do?"** - If students reach a set goal, the principal/teacher agrees to wear a goofy costume for a day, get squirt gunned on the playground, pied in the face, etc.
40. **Work as cashiers or servers** at a local restaurant in exchange for some of the night's proceeds
41. **Work the concession stand** at school or local athletic events and collect tips and/or a portion of the proceeds
42. **Wrap gifts** during the holiday season at school or a local retail store and collect tips, or get a local business to sponsor you to wrap gifts for seniors in a care facility
43. **Sell candy or homemade baked goods** during lunch breaks or extracurricular activities
44. Sponsor a **competitive coin drive at school** - Every penny adds points to the jar and silver coins subtract points. Even teams that end up with negative points will be sure to have collected a lot of cash!
45. **Write letters** to local businesses requesting donations
46. **Sell meals at school before evening events** (like PTA meetings) for parents that didn't have time to get dinner beforehand
47. **Coordinate a coffeehouse** at the school and invite student acoustic bands, jazz acts, interpretive dancers, and poets to perform
48. Organize a **drive-through spaghetti supper or barbeque dinner** and sell meals to busy parents on their way home from work
49. Plan a **school dance or carnival** and sell tickets and refreshments
50. Sell tickets to a **"Battle of the Bands"** or talent show
51. Ask teachers to participate in a good-natured **"Teacher Torture"** day where they volunteer to do fun stunts, like color their hair or wear pajamas to school, and students make donations in different jars of which stunt they want most to see; the jar with the most money is the stunt the teacher has to do
52. **Character night** - Characters from Disney or kids movies come dressed up and kids can attend the "ball" or "adventure" night with them; charge an entry fee
53. Contact the community relations office of a nearby national sports team and ask if they will sell you a block of seats at a discounted rate; **Sell the tickets to your school at face value** and have a fun "night at the game" spirit event
54. Organize a **sports tournament** of your choice and charge participants/spectators an entry fee
55. Sponsor a **"Rock-a-thon"** - Students rock in a rocking chair during a lock-in or after-school event to raise money