

## 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 restaurant chains host community fundraisers which donate a percentage of sales from each guest check that presents a flier for the event.

##### EXAMPLES:

- Chili's Grill & Bar donate 10%
- Bob Evans donate 15%
- Panda Express donate 20%
- Chipotle donates 50%
- Little Ceasars Pizza Kit Fundraiser
- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

#### SPIRIT WEEK AT YOUR SCHOOL!

##### EXAMPLE:

Hat day. Each student in your school can pay one dollar to wear a hat for the day. 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 \$0.25/each deliver an orange paper pumpkin with a small 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

#### 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](http://arborday.org)
- Grow and sell seedlings

#### 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](http://www.bagsforbucks.com)
- 5K Run or Walk, go one step further and theme it (Dress as your favorite Superhero)
- Recycle bottles and cans. Many recycling facilities will pay per pound on recyclable materials
- Sell LED bulbs at parent night or during a football game

#### 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"

