

# Healthy and Active Fundraiser Ideas and Resources

## **Cutest Pet Contest**

For a \$10 entry fee, student families and teachers can enter a picture of their pet to the Cutest Pet Contest. Votes can be sold for \$1 each. Voting will end after one month and the winning cutest pet will be featured on the DVUSD Facebook page and receive a prize. Suggested prizes: a donation made to a charity or organization of their choice (including DVUSD), a gift card to a pet store, or 4 tickets to a kid-friendly concert or sports event. People can enter as many of their pets as they like for \$10 each. Cutest Pet entries can be collected then uploaded to a Google Photos image gallery, and the link to the gallery can be emailed and/or available to students and staff.

#### Walk-a-thon

Schools can organize their own on-campus walk-a-thon. Create an energetic atmosphere by playing energetic, kid-friendly tunes and encourage students to wear t-shirts matching their school's colors. The following links provide more information on how to plan a walk-a-thon, courtesy of Greely Schools and UC Health.

http://www.greeleyschools.org/cms/lib2/CO01001723/Centricity/Domain/3682/Healthy%20
Kids%20Club%20Fundraising%20packet.pdf

 $\underline{https://www.uchealth.org/Documents/file-pdf/COMMHEA-HKC-walkathon-tips-cover-index.pdf}$ 

## **Karaoke Dance Party**

Students can collect pledges to sing in a school karaoke dance party. Pledges can be made for each song the student's team is able to sing, or flat donations could be made. Student teams that raise the most money could win a prize for their efforts.

#### **Desert Plant Sale**

Propagate succulent plants and hold a garden sale to sell them in cute containers, along with other gardening goods (link to kid-friendly propagation instructions:

http://needlesandleaves.net/blog/2013/5/31/propagating-leggy-succulents)

### Penny Wars (Great for HS students)

The goal of the game is to gain as many "points" during the "war," which happens over 5 continuous school days. This competition can be done between schools, grade levels, or homerooms. Each class will need a large (at least one gallon) container with their team name on it that students will place pennies in. Each penny is equal to one point. Classes may slip other coins and bills into the containers of other classes, as bills and non-penny coins reduce the number of points in that container by whatever the value of the bill/other coin is.

Containers also need to be supervised and counted daily, so that the total pennies for the day and deductions are counted and collected. The daily totals can be posted daily at a central location, like the cafeteria, to encourage friendly competition. A rotating cup or pennant is handed to the leading class each day to add enthusiasm. At the end of the 5 days, the winning class keeps the cup or pennant as a prize. After the Penny War, the coins are collected and counted. It helps to have a designated group to count and roll the coins; ask a local bank to help with coin counting, if possible.

**DIY Donation- and Sales-Based Fundraising Ideas** 

Recruit volunteers to work and collect donations during these events

These options are great for HS students

Host game nights or bingo nights during parent/teacher conference nights

• Offer a childcare night with activities for the kids so parents can have a night out

• Hold an auction or sell raffle tickets to win items donated by local businesses (like front-

row seats at a sporting event, guitars, massage vouchers, gift cards)

Send an email to parents and staff requesting donations of unwanted items to be sold at a

school garage sale

Organize an arts and crafts sale

• Hold a "No-Bake Bakesale" by sending letters to parents, asking them to donate what

they would spend at a conventional bake sale. Use an online donation collection website

to maximize donations received.

Source: Healthy Fundraisers: Promote Family Health and Well-being, Action for Healthy

Kids

http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/storage/documents/parent-toolkit/fundraisers-family-

health-f1.pdf

**Online Fundraising Resource** 

Your school can raise 3 to 10 times more money by collecting donations and pledges online,

according to Fire Up Your Feet. They are a non-profit online platform for collecting donations

online for your DIY fun run, walk-a-thon, karaoke party, or other fundraiser.

Website: http://fireupyourfeet.org/healthy-fundraising

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# **Fundraising Resource Companies**

Try one of these fundraiser companies to help your school meet its financial goal.

Bottled Water—Print custom logos on water bottles for resale at a profit		
Amanda Hills Spring Water Company	Premier Label Water Company	
Phone: (800) 375-0885	Phone: (888) 628-0798	
Fax: (740) 927-1856	Website: www.plwc.net	
Website: www.amandahills.com	Email: info@plwc.net	
Address: P.O. Box 301	Address: 2799 E. Tropicana, Suite H456	
9756 National Road, SW, Etna, Ohio	Las Vegas, NV 89121	
43018		
Grocery Stores—eScrip club card enrollments add up to rebates for your school		
Safeway Club Card for Education		
Website:		
http://www.escrip.com/safewaystores/safe		
way/index.jsp		
Organization enrollment form:		
http://groups.escrip.com/enrollment/enroll		
gc.pdf		
Scrip—Enroll gift cards in bulk at a discount to sell at a profit		
Great Lakes Scrip Center		
Phone: (800) 727-4715		
Fax: (888) 865-9655		
Website: www.glscrip.com		
Email: glscmail@glscrip.com		

Discount Cards—Create discount cards of local businesses and sell for a flat rate		
Discount Card Fundraiser	Cash Savings Card (a.k.a. CornerStone	
Phone: (888) 293-9290	Publishing)	
Website: www.thediscountcard.com	Phone: (800) 538-6963	
Email: info@thediscountcard.com	Fax: (941) 945 6343	
Address: P.O. Box 2366	Website: www.cashsavingscard.com	
Valdosta, GA 31604-2366	Email: fundraising@cashsavingscard.com	
Partners for Kids		
Phone: (800) 681-1207		
Fax: (865) 984-7027		
Website: www.partnersforkids.com		
Email: gary@partnersforkids.com		
Address: PO Box 27070, Knoxville, TN		
37927		
Recycling—Recycle items for a cash return		
Cartridges for Kids	Cash 4 Cartridges USA	
Phone: (800) 420-0235	Phone: (865) 984-9020	
Fax: (970) 493-7250	Website: www.cash4cartridgesusa.com	
Website: www.cartridgesforkids.com	Email: Recycle@Cash4CartridgesUSA.com	
Email: contact@cartridgesforkids.com		
Address: 315 Lincoln Court		
Fort Collins, CO 80524		
EcoPhones		

Phone: (888) Eco-Phones or (888) 326-7466 Website: www.ecophones.com Email: info@ecophones.com Gift Wrap—Sell gift wrap at a profit Cherrydale Farms Entertainment Publications, Inc. Phone: (800) 570-6010 Phone: (877) 248-2273 Website: www.cherrydale.com Fax: (248) 637-9792 Email: info@cherrydale.com Website: Address: Allendale, PA www.entertainment.com/fundraising/ Address: 2125 Butterfield Road, Troy, MI 48084 Auctions—Earn funds by auctioning goods, great option if donated items are available Auction Systems (Auction Software) cMarket.com (online auctions) Website: www.auctionsystems.com Phone: (866) 621-0330 Email: info@auctionsystems.com Fax: (617) 374-9015 Website: www.cmarket.com Email: sales@cmarket.com Address: One Main Street Cambridge, MA 02142 National Auctioneers Association Target Funding Group (Find an Auctioneer) Phone: (800) 345-0782 Phone: (913) 541-8084 Fax: (561) 626-4291 Website: www.auctioneers.org Cell: (561) 906-0702

Address: 8880 Ballentine	Website: www.charityauctionhelp.com	
Overland Park, KS 66214	Address: 11730 Stonehaven Way	
	West Palm Beach, FL 33412	
Candles—Sell candles for fundraising		
Abby Candles Fundraising	Aromalight Candle Company	
Phone: (800) 250-7723	Phone: (877) 542-3285	
Website: <a href="http://www.abbycandles.com/ahg/">http://www.abbycandles.com/ahg/</a>	Fax: (502) 969-3709	
Address: 301 S Butterfield Rd.	Website: www.aromalightcandles.com	
Muncie, IN 47303	Email: info@aromalightcandles.com	
	Address: 908 Ulrich Avenue	
	Louisville, KY 40219	
Other		
Beary Thoughtful (Stuffed Bears)	B.G. Beads (Beads and Spirit-wear)	
Phone: (866) 84-BEARS	Phone: (888) 276-6299	
Fax: (508) 679-8288	Fax: (216) 382-1099	
Website: www.bearythoughtful.com	Website: www.bgbeads.com	
Address: P.O. Box 257, Tiverton, RI 02878	Email: debbie@bgbeads.com	
	Address: 3553 St. Albans Rd.	
	Cleveland, OH 44121	
Original Works (Kid's art on products)	Sherwood Forest Farms (Wreaths)	
Phone: (800) 421-0020	Phone: (800) 767-7778	
Fax: (518) 584-9293	Fax: (206) 545-7888	
Website: www.originalworks.com	Website: www.sherwoodforestfarms.com	
Email: owyhq@originalworks.com	Email: sherwood@sherwoodforestfarms.com	

Address: 54 Caldwell Road	Address: 1900 N. Northlake Way, Suite 135,
Stillwater, NY 12170	Seattle, WA 98103
Southern Charm (Throws, Tapestries, &	Scholastic (Book Fairs)
Pillows)	Phone: (407-829-7300)
Phone: (877) 312-1472	Website:
Fax: (864) 847-6012	http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/
Website: www.southernchrm.com	Email: http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs
Address: P.O. Box 6244	/contact/email.asp
Anderson, SC 29623-6244	Address: 1080 Greenwood Boulevard
	Lake Mary, Florida 32746

Source: Sweet Deals: School Fundrasing Can Be Healthy and Profitable, Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) <a href="http://www.cspinet.org/schoolfundraising.pdf">http://www.cspinet.org/schoolfundraising.pdf</a>
Abby Candles, American Heritage Girls <a href="http://www.abbycandles.com/ahg/">http://www.abbycandles.com/ahg/</a>