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Photo Booth – Kids love pictures of themselves and friends. Set up a photo booth with a blank background and silly props for a fun and profitable anytime event. Students will pay a fee to have their picture taken, digital pictures can be printed on-site with a photo printer or prints can be made and available for pick-up on a later day.

Balloon-o-Grams – The main idea here is to send a message to friends. Balloons do the trick as well as anything. Students purchase a helium balloon for \$1 with a message tag attached. They write their message, and the balloons are delivered to their friends on campus.

Mom-o-Grams – This is an opportunity for students to give their mothers something special on Mother's Day. On the Friday before, students purchase a flower or other memento for \$1 with a heart-shaped message tag attached. They write their special message to Mom on the tag and bring it home that day.

Pajama Day – Students pay a fee to wear pajamas on chosen days during the school year. This works particularly well on Halloween, before winter holidays, or even on Valentine's Day.

Face Painting – Around the time of fall or spring festival, students can get their face painted at school for a fee. Make sure to let parents know ahead of time so students have money.

Gift Wrapping – Who doesn't need some help with gift wrapping? This fundraiser is good for parents and students. Gift wrapping stations are set up before, during, or after school or at events held by the sponsoring club or team. Student and parent volunteers wrap gifts for \$1 apiece. Profits will be better if wrapping paper and supplies are donated.

Jail & Bail Fundraiser – During school-wide event, students pay a \$3 fee to place warrants on their parents, teachers, or friends to be arrested by volunteer "cops" and taken to a makeshift jail on campus. Arrestees can pay a bail fee of \$5 or wait 20 minutes to be released.

Arrest a Fan Fundraiser – This is a variation of the original Jail & Bail Fundraiser that takes place any sporting event. The school or team can sponsor a fundraiser where fans pay to have a warrant placed on another unsuspecting fan who is taken to a makeshift jail at the event by volunteer "cops." Arrestees can pay a bail fee or wait 20 minutes to be released.

Kidnap the Teacher Fundraiser – Another variation of the original Jail & Bail Fundraiser that takes place over a week's time. Students purchase votes for the teacher that they would most like to see kidnapped. Voting boxes are placed outside of each teacher's classroom. Teachers can also pay to transfer votes that they received and place them on other teachers. The votes are counted, and the teacher with the most votes is kept a secret until the final kidnapping takes place. On a set day and time the teacher's kidnapping is video-taped and broadcast to the whole school. This interactive fundraiser can be a thrilling event for all and profitable too!

Penny Drive – Everyone has spare pennies to give! This fundraiser can be held as a classroom competition. Over a two week period students ask parents, teachers, friends, and neighbors for their spare pennies. The classroom with the most money at the end of the event wins a coveted prize donated by a local business.

Mini-Golf Tournament – Families can enter participate in a mini-golf tournament hosted by the school. The families with the lowest total scores will win prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place. Schools will need local sponsors to host the event and provide prizes.

Bingo Night – Invite parents and grandparents to a school-sponsored bingo night! Bingo sets for the event can be purchased for under \$20. Participants may be charged an admission fee for 5 or so games, or buy as many as many cards as they want to play for 5 or so games.

Trivia Night – Choose a date and time that works for your audience; 6 pm on a Saturday may work best for families. The event may be held at the school or another no-cost venue. Local businesses may be willing to host the event for free, but they would need to be able to accommodate 100-150 people. Sell teams in tables of up to 10 people; expect 10-20 families to participate. Admission may be charged by the table or by the person at a rate most appropriate to the audience. How-to books are available for under \$15 with everything you need, including questions, to host your own Trivia Night.

Craft Night/Ornament Sale – This is a two-part event in which families donate craft materials and attend an after school or weekend crafting event where they share materials and create unique items and ornaments to sell. The craft/ornament sale takes place on day between Thanksgiving and winter break. The event can be held at the school or a local business may wish to host the event. Any leftover supplies can be kept for the next craft night!



Student Art Auction – Students and/or supporters donate their artwork to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Artwork can include original drawings, paintings, ceramics, handmade jewelry, crafts, decorative items and the like. The event will be advertised to students, faculty, parents and other relatives. This fundraiser not only helps school programs, it boosts student esteem.

Children’s Cookbook Sale – Students bring in their favorite recipes from home to be included in the school’s very own cookbook. Students’ names will appear below the recipe that they provided. Recipes are divided into categories and formatted. Books can be self-printed or printed and bound by a local printing shop to sell as gifts for friends and family. When supplies run out, more can be printed!

Yard Sale – Single family garage sales are a lot of work. Schools can lessen that burden by hosting a spring yard sale and advertise it to the community. Let customers know what their support means, post signs and handout thank you notes with information about how funds raised will enhance programming for students. Leftover items can be stored for a later sale or donated.

Recycled Christmas Decoration Sale – Request donations of old Christmas decorations to sell at an event held right before winter break. Students and their families can find used treasures for their Christmas collection. Student and parent volunteers will be needed to manage the event. Leftover items can be stored for the next year or donated.

Recycled Halloween Costume Sale – This fundraiser works best in the fall, a few weeks before Halloween. Students donate their old Halloween costumes to the school. The school sets up a costume shop where students can purchase recycled costumes for much less than they would at a retail store and their school benefits.

Move That Bus Fundraiser - This fundraiser is a competition for the school where the classes try to pull a school bus 100 feet. Students will receive pledges for every foot they move a bus, from point A to point B. The teachers were able to pull the bus 100 feet in about 15 seconds.

Thons - There is an appropriate fundraising thon event for every organization. While events vary widely, the basic means of raising funds is pretty much the same. Participants collect pledges from family and friends - either a flat fee or so much per "x" that they complete during the event. Companies may also sponsor the event - especially if it relates to their business.

Parent’s Night Out Fundraiser – The Indian River High School swim team hosted a fundraiser from 4:30 to 9 p.m. at Selbyville Middle School, providing “a nice little bonus for parents to go out to dinner” and spend a Saturday night together. The entire evening cost \$20 per child, and there was a discount for additional children from one family. The event was for children from kindergarten through 6th grade. Advance reservations were required. Cash and checks were accepted. Children enjoyed games, sports, a moon bounce and a late-night movie with popcorn. Dinner and snacks were provided. To ensure individualized attention, each child had a “buddy” on the swim team who specifically looked after him or her. Proceeds helped the swim team in renting pool space.

Goal Can Fundraiser – “For my son’s hockey team, we have a ‘goal can’. Every time our team scores a goal we pass the can around and every parent puts in a quarter for the goal. Sometimes people are generous and they put in more, sometimes people forget and that’s fine too. Last year we made enough money to pay for the year end party!” Lisa N, Cottage Grove, MN

Good Grades Fundraiser – SCCHS Band held a fundraiser that promotes student academic performance. They used a Report Card Pledge Sheet to get support from the community.

In an effort to keep my grades and school spirit high, I, <student’s name>, hereby pledge to do my best in school, to have a winning attitude, and to be on my best behavior every day. Would you be willing to pledge a few dollars for my A’s & B’s to help our band raise money for <event> or give a one-time donation? At the end of the grading period, I will show a copy of my report card as proof of my efforts.

Thank you for your support,

Student signature

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Each A</u>	<u>Each B</u>	<u>One-time</u>	<u>Pledge</u>	<u>Collected</u>
<i>Example 1: John Smith</i>	<i>555-1212</i>	<i>\$4.00</i>	<i>\$2.00</i>	<i>--</i>		
<i>Example 2: Mary Jones</i>	<i>123-4567</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>		

