



Dear Teachers,

If you are thinking about some fundraising events for kids to benefit School-Force, here are some ideas. The goal is to cut down on your time and expense, and to find activities with the greatest return on investment..... so more kids, more money, less effort to you. So think big: target around \$700-\$1,000 for one 2 hour event.

Ideas for Kindergarteners (20-75 students)

1. Kindergarten: Cookie Baking and Decorating:

Join our "Cookie Monster" Kindergarten Teachers, as they spend an afternoon making, baking and decorating the most amazing cookies. You start the afternoon with a pizza snack or lunch, followed by making, baking and decorating a variety of cookies. We will end the day with a cookie tasting and cookie games. By the time you go home, you will all be official "cookie monsters". Donated by Sandpiper Kindergarten Classes. Location - Community Center MUR, open to Sandpiper Kindergarteners only.

Up to 50 kids, \$35 each. Cost was for cookie supplies and pizza. Sold 40 tickets, \$1,400 revenue.

2. Kindergarten Art Day (\$40 per child suggested).. Number of kids depends on number of teachers participating. If you have an art teacher, he/she could advise or help run it.

Bring a bag lunch and do all kinds of fun art with the Kindergarten teachers. Kids will rotate through various art stations, completing fabulous masterpieces and having a great time along the way. 2 hours after school, snacks provided (granola bars and water or fruit just to keep them going).

No real cost except for supplies and paper depending on the project.

This could also be an "activities day" or a "craft day" or a Lego day..... etc. Just pick a theme you think will appeal broadly.

3. Moving and Groovin' with Michael Mansfield: (open to the whole school, but targeted at Kindergarteners)

Come Join Michael and the Kindergarten teachers for one more day of fun, music and movement! \$35 per child, up to 50 kids.

This raised \$900 the first year, \$570 last year because we held it too close to the time Michael came to Central.

Ideas for younger Grades (1st-3rd):

1. Sport-a-Palooza (similar to a Field-Day)

Come join Sandpiper's popular P.E. Teacher, Adrian Padilla and other 1st grade teachers for an afternoon of high-energy, action-packed fun! During the event, kids can enjoy a variety of sports and supervised games in a safe and structured environment. After a fun day in the sun, we will finish off with some energizing snacks and go home feeling like Olympians! Donated by Sandpiper 1st grade classes and teachers, and P.E. teacher, Adrian Padilla. Location - Sandpiper Field. Open to Sandpiper 1st - 3rd grade students.
They had 50 kids, \$25 each \$1,250 income
Cost – snacks, water bottles. No real cost.

This could be done by teachers as a field Day for 2 grades after school on a Friday with hot dogs afterwards. Silly games would invite non-sporty kids as well as the athletic ones.

2. Pizza and Lego Party:

Two teachers chaperoned. Open to 40 kids. Pizza and waters provided on a Wednesday right after school. Parents amassed huge quantities of legos, put them in different piles and kids were given instruction at each station to build either a city, or a vehicle, or the tallest possible free-standing structure, etc.

1.5 hours. \$30 each. When things slowed down, we had competitions for the best.....ugliest.....fattest..... most creative..... etc.

Cost was Pizza and drinks. We had about 25 kids at \$30, so \$750.

3. Tea Party dress up for 1st grade girls.

We invite all 1st grade girls to come after school to dress up in your best party dresses and have a party in the library. We'll have your 1st grade teachers come read stories, take pictures, we'll do a treasure hunt in the playground, then make fabulous jeweled frames for your picture with your teacher. Wear a fabulous hat, feather boa and have a great time!
\$40 each, 30 kids = \$1200. Cost, crafts, snacks.

4. Boy Specific Afternoon for 1st (or 2nd or 3rd or 4th grade boys).

Boy specific activity for Boys in a certain Grade. Set up a Geocaching game at your school or at Twin Pines Park and entertain the boys for 2 hours. Or do games, legos, or activity for one grade of boys. Kids can break into groups and it keeps them active and happy. Get idea help from your local boyscout troupe leaders.

\$35-\$40 for 2 hours.

Movie Nights:

1. Frozen Dance Party.- Did choreography and singing and costumes and photo booth around the Frozen Theme. This might not be repeatable now that "Frozen" is no longer so recent. Very successful at Sandpiper. Quite a bit of parent involvement.

2. Frozen Sing-A-Long Movie Night with Pizza and Snacks

Easy party, open to kids 1-3rd grade, teachers chaperoned, a parent got the pizza, fruit and waters. (Pizza/movie nights: Order 1.5 large slices for each kid (or have Costco cut pieces into 12, then expect each kid to want 3!)

Order more grapes - needed 5 boxes for 75 kids.) -
70 kids, \$25 each, \$1,750 income. 6-8:30. 2.5 hours.

This year we would do this as a "parents night out" with a new release popular movie.

3. Pajama Movie Night for 2nd /3rd grade girls or boys on a Friday night. 2.5 hours.

Grab a grown up dinner while your kids have a blast with their teachers chaperoning. (Combine two grades to ensure the right movie taste for the right age-group). Have kids come after they have eaten, provide popcorn or small snacks, do some games, then watch a movie.

Virtually no cost. Appealing because the girls/or boys are there with their friends from school. Shoot for 40 kids at \$25 each.

Note – movie nights are easy, so you could do one movie night for girls, one on a different night for girls. Or one in the MUR and one in the library on the same night.

4. Movie Night at the RWS Library Community Room -

Only had 20 kids attend, there must have been some conflict with another event. Pizza and drinks - \$150 cost. Earned \$600, but could have done better on a different night. Might be more effective as a school-only event.

3-5th Grades:

1. Classroom Pajama Party

One or two classrooms held a pajama party with everything except the sleeping. Kids brought sleeping bags and pillows, comfy clothing. The teacher had activities like building forts out of blankets and chairs/tables, we did a tie-a-balloon around your ankle game where you tried to pop the other kid's balloon without getting yours popped. We did a bunch of minute to win it games, then had a sundae-making party. Kids loved it.

2:30-5:00 p.m.

\$35 per child. By promoting it by classroom we had 20 kids – have two teachers collaborate in the same grade and do it in one shot.

40 kids, \$35 each = \$1,400. Cost – snacks, minute to win it items, ice cream if you do the sundaes. Could also do pizza making and have the kids make their own dinner.

2. Scavenger Hunt (this works better with older kids).

The 4th grade teachers challenge you to a scavenger hunt after school on a Wednesday. You'll form teams and have to wrack your brains to solve the clues that take you to the prizes. All around campus you'll run, so bring good shoes and a snack to keep your energy up.

Minimal cost – the teacher put clues in Ziploc bags or on cards and hid them around campus. Kids used clip boards to fill out their answers. One of the stations had snacks as the hidden clue (cookies or granola bars). Popsicles at the end, because it was a really hot

day.

\$35 per kid, 30 kids max (depending on how many teachers to manage the teams). = \$1050
We needed chaperones the way we did it to go with the teams and make sure they were on track. Could be done differently. 1.5 – 2 hour activity

3. Saturday morning Hike with a teacher and 20 kids in the area. 2 hours.

A beloved second grade teacher goes for a hike with her dog, 20 of her classroom kids, and enjoys a granola/fruit snack in Edgewood park or somewhere close by. Probably need one or two chaperones.

\$25 per kid, no cost except for the box of granola bars.

All kids carry their own water bottles.

Could split into groups of girls (going one direction) and boys (going the other direction).

Could have lists of nature-items to search for and check off as a contest.... Acorns, lizards, butterflies, certain types of flower etc.

\$25 x 20 = \$500 dollars. Could team up with another teacher and add another 10 or 20 kids getting it up to \$1,000.

4. Pizza-Making, lasagna-making, Pasta making, Bread baking or Pie-baking.

Have two teachers lead a group of kids in step-by-step food-prep activities where they have to plan, measure, mix, bake, manage time, decorate, cool, and then eat their creations, with some to take home to their families. This event depends on access to a kitchen at your school.

If you have multiple teachers/chaperones, you could break it up into stations or have multiple groups doing different things so the oven isn't impacted. Or take home and bake...

Charge at least \$40 per child. 2 hours. – depends on number of teachers/chaperones, and kitchen access.

5. Acting Workshop for 3-5th Graders 12:20-3:30. 30 slots available.

Come learn how to speak, improvise, make stuff up, deliver lines, and improve your stage presence, ham it up with your friends and laugh your head off! Mr. Metro has been in hundreds of theater productions and he will turn you into the next Oscar winner! You will spend the afternoon playing games, practicing and performing. Bring a sack lunch! And don't miss it! \$40 per kid. *No cost except snacks if you offer them. This earns \$800-\$1000 in the two years done it at Central.*

6. 4th/5th grade Field Day:

Calling all 4th and 5th graders! Your teachers challenge you to come show them what you've got! Games, relay races, silly tasks, snacks and lots of crazy stuff. You don't have to be the best athlete -- you just need to come have fun with your friends. Water and snacks and prizes to be provided. Field day will be held on Friday, June 6, 2014 from 3:10-5:30pm.

\$40 per child. 50 slots available. 4th & 5th graders only, please. Meet on the blacktop. *Central had 40 kids, \$1,600 dollars in 2014, the year prior it was 38 kids.*

7. Waterball Kickball

After School come in clothes that you can get wet and prepare to experience kickball in a whole new way! Had a slip and slide, hoses, sunscreen – and balls.

RWSE made over \$1000. Expenses maybe \$25 for the slip and slide.

\$30 per kid to participate

Made \$1170. Had 39 kids attend.

Other activities:

Bingo Night (for a certain grade)– great way to get parents to meet and kids think it is super fun. Have lame prizes that kids will like such as stickers and candy. Hosted by the 3rd grade teachers, for example. Charge \$20 per bingo board. Multi Use Room.

Karaoke - need a family who has a system to invite their whole grade to come and sing. Have teachers come and sing as the draw for kids. Possibly combine with pizza dinner, or just do it for 2 hours with cookies and milk and tea and coffee after dinner. \$20 per person in the family, more if snacks.