School Fundraising Ideas

Thank you for supporting JDRF Illinois: Powered by Kids, school fundraising program to benefit type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. This program is a way for kids and teens to help make a difference in the fight against T1D. We hope the program promotes a feeling of empowerment knowing that everyone is helping to find a cure for this life-threatening disease.

Schools, clubs, sports teams, and youth groups are encouraged to participate. JDRF will provide all educational and fundraising materials in any quantity and at no cost. Materials include donation collection containers or envelopes to support classroom donation competitions, JDRF paper sneakers (4 Colors), JDRF paper rulers, & JDRF vinyl banners. Review our fundraising ideas below, choose a combination of activities, or design your own creative idea!

Fundraising Ideas

- Event ticket sales: sporting event, theater production, chess tournament, etc.
- Spare change or classroom penny wars
- Paper sneaker sales (create a sneaker wall or write T1D notes on the sneaker)
- Stuck for a Buck: sell duct tape & tape your favorite teacher to the wall
- Host a teacher v student dodge ball or kick ball game
- Host a school dance or talent show
- School concession stands, bake sale, or selling candy grams
- Pie in the Face: sell plates of whip cream during lunch to throw at your teacher
- Host a homerun derby: determine the donation amount to enter the competition and admission to watch the event
- Spirit days: student pay $1 - $5 donation to participate each day

JDRF Themed Spirit Days

- “Hat” enough of T1D - hat day
- “Tired of T1D” – pajama day
- “Team Up” to cure T1D - sports day
- “Our school wants a cure for T1D”- school colors day
- JDRF “Walk” day - sneaker day
- Be a T1D hero - superhero day
- “Sock” it to T1D - crazy sock day
- Blue out T1D”- dress in JDRF blue from head to toe
- Dress down day if you wear uniforms

Rewards & Incentives

These can be awarded to the top fundraising classes, individual student fundraisers or to the whole school for reaching your pre-determined fundraising goal

- Pizza party, popcorn and a movie, or ice cream social
- Field day, field trip or extra recess time
- JDRF School Walk Day – celebrate your success and walk around your school together
- JDRF gear or bracelets – you can purchase 100 bracelets for $21 at shop.jdrf.org