



## Fundraising ideas and activities for schools

These fundraising ideas include waste reduction, recycling, and pollution prevention activities. Also see the **Grant and Award Opportunities** list on [this web page](#).

Fundraiser	Website	Description
<b>Car washes</b>	<a href="http://wcwa.org">Charity Carwash Home - Western Carwash Association (wcwa.org)</a>	Raise money while protecting the marine waters of Puget Sound. Sell tickets redeemable at environmentally friendly, professional car washes throughout the Puget Sound area.
<b>Cell phone/electronics collection</b>	<p><a href="https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/programs/take-it-back.aspx">https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/programs/take-it-back.aspx</a>            Recycling companies part of the Take it Back Network and E-Cycle Washington have agreed to recycle the collected materials in an environmentally sound manner.</p> <p><a href="http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wdidw/index.asp">http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wdidw/index.asp</a>            On this King County "What do I do with" site, select "electronics," check the box to the left of each material for which you are seeking a recycler, click "View selected materials", and then select "businesses" to obtain a list of local recyclers.</p>	Collect obsolete cell phones and other small electronics from students, families, and the community. Companies usually provide postage paid boxes.
<b>Chinook Book Coupons</b>	<a href="https://www.about.chinookbook.com/fundraising">https://www.about.chinookbook.com/fundraising</a>	Sell coupon books listing environmentally friendly items. Offers gift subscriptions for donors.
<b>Printer cartridge recycling</b>	<p><a href="https://www.cfktday.com/">https://www.cfktday.com/</a> - Cartridges for Kids</p> <p><a href="http://www.fundingfactory.com/">http://www.fundingfactory.com/</a> - Funding Factory            Phone: 888-883-8237 / Email: <a href="mailto:info@fundingfactory.com">info@fundingfactory.com</a></p> <p><a href="http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wdidw/index.asp">http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wdidw/index.asp</a>            On this King County "What do I do with" site, click "Browse complete materials list," select "printer cartridges" from the menu, check the box to the left of each type of cartridge for which you are seeking a recycler, click "View selected materials," select "business" and then "Update search" to obtain a list of local recyclers.</p>	Collect used printer cartridges from your school and school communities (families and local businesses). Some companies provide postage paid boxes to fill with cartridges and mail to them. Upon receipt, the company sends a check for the value of the cartridges.
<b>Reusable Bags, To-Go Ware, and Lunchboxes</b>	<p><a href="https://www.chicobag.com/pages/fundraising">https://www.chicobag.com/pages/fundraising</a></p> <p><a href="https://ecolunchboxes.com/pages/fundraising">https://ecolunchboxes.com/pages/fundraising</a></p>	<p>Sell Chico reusable bags and to-go ware.</p> <p>Sell Eco lunchboxes using a variety of options for earnings.</p>

## Other fundraising activities

<b>Litter cleanup (Trash-a-Thon)</b>	<p>Students find sponsors who donate money per bag of litter collected. Or, instead of a set amount per bag, sponsors may choose a set amount (such as \$20) for collecting litter. Below is an example of a school who did this.</p> <p><b>PARKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b> held a Trash-a-Thon to raise money for a World War II Memorial. Students went door-to-door with an adult to collect one-time pledges. Students then picked up litter in different parts of the community. Students learned public relations skills by asking for pledges, math skills by adding up pledge amounts, environmental issues by determining which types of litter are recyclable and which should be placed in the trash, and safety issues associated with handling different types of trash. Amount raised: \$1,776.</p>
<b>Rummage sale</b>	<p>Turn unwanted items into school funds. Invite students, families, and community members to bring unwanted items (clothing, books, CDs, household products, toys, etc.) to sell. Proceeds benefit the school or school group. The sale could be scheduled on a weekday after school, on a weekend, or on an evening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alternative idea: Students and their families donate unwanted clothing and shoes to businesses that buy second-hand clothing and textiles.</li> </ul>
<b>Textiles (clothing, linens, etc.) drive</b>	<p>Set up a clothing drive at school. Students and staff can donate clothing and shoes to businesses that buy second-hand clothing and textiles.</p>
<b>Used books fair</b>	<p>Students, employees, and community members clean out their bookshelves and donate books to the used book fair. The school organizes a book fair to sell the books.</p>
<b>Walk-a-Thon</b>	<p>Students sign up sponsors who will donate money per mile walked. Or, instead of an amount per mile, sponsors may choose a set amount (such as \$20) to sponsor a student who will participate in the Walk-A-Thon. The Walk-A-Thon could be held at a school track field or a community park.</p>
<b>Water bottle sales</b>	<p>A school or school group purchases durable, reusable water bottles with the name of the school, the school district, and/or the student group (such as a Green Team) printed on the bottles. The water bottles are sold to students, families, employees, and the wider community at a higher price than the purchase price.</p>

If you have additional suggestions for this list, please share them with us!

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