

# FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR SCHOOL!

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Coins for Kidneys Challenge

This unique program offers students the experience of making a difference in the lives of those affected by kidney disease through teamwork and dedication, while gaining a knowledge about kidney disease and helping in the fight against it.

Students collect spare change during a period of usually 2-3 weeks (or at the school's determination). Students can enlist the help of family, friends, etc. to help reach their goal.

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM) provides:

1. Large containers for classroom collection with stickers to identify each classroom
2. Smaller containers for individual collection
3. Customized posters
4. Educational kick-off assembly
5. Volunteers to count the money (onsite or offsite)
6. Report indicating how each classroom and overall school performed provided on the last day of the challenge
7. Pizza party, ice cream social, or a healthier alternative of your choice for the top fundraising classroom

## MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

### Kids for Kidneys

This program offers students the experience of making a difference in the lives of those affected by kidney disease through teamwork and dedication, while gaining knowledge about kidney disease and helping in the fight against it.

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is dedicated to assisting students' efforts by providing:

- An educational kick-off assembly
- Kidney Flowers and customized posters
- Coins for Kidneys (see above)
- Letter of introduction or assistance in obtaining a discount (example: bagel sale)
- Assistance in planning the event—NKFM staff or volunteer will meet with the committee to help develop the plan



## Fundraising Ideas

These are a sampling of a few great ideas. The possibilities are endless! Choose one of these fundraising suggestions or determine your own successful fundraiser.

**Baby Picture Contest** – Ask teachers to bring in a copy of their baby picture. Display the pictures without the name of the teacher assigning them a number. Students can buy guesses for \$0.25 cents each. Students can guess as many times as they wish. All correct guesses will be put in a drawing for a prize.

**Bowling** – Schedule a bowling party. Charge each student a set amount that is about \$5.00 more than the bowling package cost of 2 games, shoes and a piece of pizza. Create a competition between classrooms.

**Can/Bottle Drive** – Students can ask family, friends and neighbors to save cans and bottles during a designated time. Make arrangements with a local grocery to eliminate their redemption limit and allow students to drop them off and redeem them on a certain day, during designated hours.

**Change for Change** – A teacher or the principal makes an announcement that for the next minute each classroom is challenged to collect as much money as they can. The winning classroom will win a prize. This could also be done at an athletic event – have volunteers stationed at each row and pass the bucket down. The total amount raised is announced at the end of the event.

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**Flip Flops** – Students make a donation and are allowed to wear flip flops to school on a designated day. Create a theme and encourage student to decorate their flip flops to match the theme.

**Hat Day** – For a set donation, students can wear a hat. Put a creative spin on it and let them decorate their own hat (set up a table with plain hats and decoration materials).

**Kidney Flowers** – Sell Kidney Flowers (paper certificates in the shape of a flower) for \$1.00 during a designated time. Each purchased Kidney Flower is put up on the wall.

**Principal in PJs** – Your principal agrees to wear pajamas if the students raise a certain amount of money.

**Pie In the Face** – Teacher allows each class that raises a certain amount of money to give him/her a pie in the face.

For more fundraising ideas visit [nkfm.org/walks](http://nkfm.org/walks).