



## Fundraisers

Fundraisers are a great way to raise extra funds to add new learning materials to you classroom or center!! The ideas that follow came from the wonderful women on my yahoo email lists [childcareland2](#) and [shelleylovettsprintables](#).

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I usually do a fundraiser twice a year ... once in the Spring and once in the Fall. I always send a letter home two weeks in advance that we will be having a fundraiser and usually include a wish list (with pictures) of what we would like to get with the money that is raised. When it is time for the fundraiser to begin I send home the fundraiser materials and it usually runs for a period of 2 weeks. Most parent's are happy to help out but you probably will get a few who feel shy about approaching other people whether it is family and friends or co-workers and that's okay. Always make sure that when the fundraising has been completed that you send note's home thanking parents for their efforts and also let them !

know what you will be able to purchase with the funds that were raised.

In the past I have done:

Candle Fundraisers through Home and Garden Party. If you go to <http://www.homeandgardenparty.com/> you can click on fundraisers.

Cookie Dough Fundraisers though <http://www.classiccookie.com/>

I have also sold First Name Meaning Prints (<http://www.cutekeepsakes.com>) ... this has been a big hit because it is a personalized service (child's name) and it is something that will last forever...

Shelley Lovett  
[childcareland.com](http://childcareland.com)

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I did one fundraiser combining two product lines:

Home & Garden Party Candles. I did not have a good experience, but learned some things to pass on.

Always make a copy of the order forms before giving them to the party sales representative. Mine claimed she lost the forms so I had to go back & recreate the orders.

If you allow checks to be written in your name for payment, cash them and then write one check to the party sales representative. In my experience, checks were written in my name, I signed them and handed them over to be cashed. We received no candles so it looked like I cashed the checks and kept the money. (order was eventually completed!)

Barefoot Books [www.barefootbooks.com](http://www.barefootbooks.com)

Great unique books. Some with CD's, puppets, puzzles, etc. I combined this fundraiser with Home & Garden Party candles because the books are pricey.

Stacy Ransom  
Hey-Diddle-Diddle Day Care

We just completed our fundraiser and we went through Prestige Fund Raisers. They offered 3 different catalogs and you profited 50%. This was our first fundraiser ever and we profited \$367.00. I had 9 families participating. Check out [www.prestigefundraisers.com](http://www.prestigefundraisers.com) I was very happy.

Linda Ludwig

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At our Christian Preschool we just completed a HUGE rummage sale that netted us \$1200. Our parents and Church members donated tons of stuff that we sold for mostly 50 cents and under. We did have a few items that we sold for a couple of dollars.

Linda Froemke

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We do BBQ plates for \$6.00 They have one half chicken, bakedbeans,potatoe salad, dessert and a roll.

We also do the candles from Home interior gifts \$7.00 per candle and They daycare recieves 1/2 of all the money collected.

Heidi Darrow  
Busy Bees  
Mississippi

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I'm currently having a Home Interior Fund Raiser and a Tupperware one at the same time. I'm giving the parents the option for either flyer or both. Home Interior gives back 10% more. Like you, I sent home an notice and explained then what I would be purchasing this year.

Pat in Canada

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Little Ceasar's Pizza is a great fundraiser. They are good pizza's too.

Tammy Lockton  
Tammy's Tots Childcare  
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I get a lot of my books and supplies from Scholastic Book Orders since the bonus points can be used for books or teaching aids like borders and wall decorations and manipulatives from the teacher catalogue.

I have used window stickees. [www.stickees.com](http://www.stickees.com)  
and [www.stickees.ca](http://www.stickees.ca) for in Canada.

I am a distributor with Story Time Felts and that makes a great fundraiser since the daycare gets felt products that they can use in the classroom. It works great at the end of the year for school age using the idea of some new stuff for rainy days at the cottage, easy to pack for vacation, something quiet for hot afternoons. And also works well in the fall pushing the idea of Christmas gifts and of the educational sets as academic boosters. Very popular with homeschoolers. The company changed it's name in January. It used to be known as Story Teller Felt so you may have heard it under that name. There are lots of new products out including sets to go with popular stories and new toggles which are like felt file folder games.

[www.storytimefelts.com](http://www.storytimefelts.com)  
In Canada: [www.playfeltplus.com](http://www.playfeltplus.com)

Discovery Toys, Usborne Books, Pampered Chef, Tupperware are still popular around here. Mostly it is when a parent is also a distributor of the product and offers to do a fundraiser for the class.

Sharon

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**\*\*I have done the Current Fundraiser. It is a great one.. Parents also love it. We done this one every other spring and fall i switch it around because it has great stuff for both seasons and you get 50% of the profit.**

**\*\* I have all purchase PaPa Murphy's Pizza Card for a 1 each and then you sell them for 5 dollars and that works out great.**

**\*\* I have also done Club Choice!!**

**I have also done a gift Certi. from a toy store and purchase a nice toy for the winner that sells the most, it really keeps parents going.**

**Teri McFadden  
ShootingStars In Home Daycare  
Eau Claire, Wi**

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**I am a consultant with Big Yellow Box by Crayola. It's a party plan that introduces all-inclusive craft projects that can be used for many different purposes. They're terrific for all kinds of people - from parents, to grandparents, who want to make a connection with their children. to people who enjoy crafting with friends. These projects also make wonderful and unique gifts that are appropriate for all ages.**

**I have attached a flyer "CLASS PACK" this is one of popular fund raisers because you can earn A LOT of CRAYOLA PRODUCTS for FREE!**

**Please take a look, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.**

**You can also take a look at our products at my website  
[www.bigyellowbox.net/creatingmemories](http://www.bigyellowbox.net/creatingmemories)**

**Thank you.**

Erin Herrera

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I homeschool, so it is only 2 of my children and me. When my older children were in school they did several fund raisers a year. Here are some of what they did:

Flowers/Bulbs

Chocolates/Candy Bars/ and other candies

Discount Cards

Wrapping Paper

I know there are some more, but I can't think.

I would like to do a fundraiser with my homeschool kids. I would like to have them make some items like; suncatchers, visors, magnets, pins. Just different things so that they can raise some money for us to go on field trips and even purchase items for "learning time"

Robin Howell

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We do market day activites- [marketday.com](http://marketday.com) Other fundraisers that I have heard of are tuperware, partylight. The fundraisers have also run for two weeks.

Cathy

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I have not ever done this but have read several email note about themed baskets that the teachers or classrooms auction off. This might be like a movie night basket with microwave popcorn, and video or gift certificate for the video store, a box of candy, things like that in the basket.,

Linda Inzer

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At the preschool where I work we did a Creative Memories Fundraiser. We have a mom who sells Creative Memories products who offered to do this. 20 % of the total amount sold during the fundraiser was given to our preschool. She set up a table at our entrance and sold from there. I liked this because then our parents didn't feel pressured into having to sell something. She also had free classes for any interested parents and teachers during the fundraiser.

Angela

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We did the easiest fundraiser and it was VERY successful. We sold car fresheners for \$4 and we made a 60% profit ~ it was just recently so the prices should still be the same. Everyone likes a car that smells good or a drawer or closet. Check out this website for more information [www.cachetbysweetheartscents.com](http://www.cachetbysweetheartscents.com) or contact Michelle, info listed on website.

Good luck.

Melinda

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Not sure if this would apply but I have done a "WISH TREE" before in the past with my preschool class.

#### WISH TREE

Have a wish for something in your daycare/preschool...? Pick an apple!

I have a large cut-out of a tree on my wall and I have purchased apple cut-outs to hang on it.

On the back of each apple I have programmed on them an item and/or the amount of the item I was wishing for.

This can work for large or small items.

For larger items (e.g. playground equipment/ furniture, etc.) I have broke down the amount into smaller payments...allowing parents to donate as much as or more than 1 payment towards the total amount.

Also, for larger items I would have a focus picture of the item we were raising money towards purchasing on the tree.

For smaller items (such as crayons/ puzzles/ Lego block sets/ etc.) I would program the apple with item description and the approx. price on the back.

The parents could then take an apple off the tree, fill the request and then bring in the item or leave the \$\$ or a check for the amount of the programmed apple.

Worked well for me and the parent's enjoyed knowing what the \$\$ was going towards.

DeAyn Greevers

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Did you ever think about selling candy bars with a special wrapper containing the name of the place that the fundraiser is for. I have done this several times and its usually inexpensive. I am in the process of trying to start up my own home business doing the candy wrapper printing. Some places that do the specialty wrappers will give a break on the price if they know its for a fundraiser especailly for kids. Just a suggestion.

Kerry

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Another provider and I did a cookie dough/pizza kit and home interiors candle fundraiser (my 1st time ever) and I made enough to buy the Little Tikes 9x12 bouncy house w/slide. I too showed the parents what I was buying for the daycare from the proceeds for the children...

I might do one if late summer to pay for preschool for them for the whole year so they won't have to pay.

Cindy

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I have done a few fundraisers in the past years. We have done the Little Caesars Pizza Kits, and Cookie Dough

<http://www.pizzakit.com/> We did awesome, we were able to raise

almost \$ 500.00 for our program. And we also have done the Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser, with the donut cards, I split them up with two other providers, 100 come in a pack together. I have six parents in my program so each one received 6 cards to sell. I received \$ 5.00 for every card sold, same for the pizza kits or cookie dough.

Tina/TX

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We are doing our first fundraiser right now. We are selling Tastefully Simple. I have a few parents who have taken off with it AWESOME, and 2 who have not sold anything. We sent home letter and talked about it in our newsletter. I sent home pictures of what we want to get when we reach our goal. We had one mom turn in a order all ready and we did go out and get the sand and water table that we wanted. I'm hoping that will generate more sales for this last half. They can actually SEE that we got somewhere w/ our first part of our sales.

Audra

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I usually fundraise with candles. I live where EVERYONE loves them. And they are soy are wonderful.

<http://www.jacquikhan.scent-team.com/fundraising.php>

Jacqui from Virginia  
Little Blessings Childcare

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I am an independent distributor for a gourmet candle company, besides having a family daycare myself. They also offer fundraising with the company that I am a distributor for. These candles are great!! They are virtually soot free (no soot on your walls or curtains), clean and even burning (burns all the way down and not left on the sides of the jar), made of vegetables-soy-and beeswax, fragrance is throughout the whole candle from top to

bottom, and if you happen to spill it you can clean it up with hot soapy water. They are healthier to burn too!!

If anyone is interested in finding out more, they can check out my website at:

[www.monicaquidas.scent-team.com](http://www.monicaquidas.scent-team.com) my contact information is on there as well.

The group can make about \$6.00 a piece on 16 oz. jar candles!! I think this is a great fundraiser idea if anyone wants to do one. I don't know what alot of other fundraisers offer, but just thought that this might be of help to someone if they were interested in doing one. Just let me know if you have any questions and I will be happy to help in any way I can. It doesn't matter where you live either, the company can also ship the product directly to you.

I hope that I have helped to add something to this message board to help someone else like myself, that needs it.

Thank you for allowing me to be able to share with you all!!

Sincerely,

Monica