

Fundraising ideas

- “Art students can do commissions for the staff, parents, or other community members (portraits of their children or pets, for example) and charge \$30-100 for each one, and then put \$15 towards Memory Project.”
- “Every year my students have a charity art auction. Students create, display, and sell their work at the choral concert. Bid sheets are hung next to each work of art and are tallied at the end of the intermission. It has been very effective having it in conjunction with another event that many parents and students attend!”
- “We have a community art show and sell student art for \$30. The students get to keep \$15 and put \$15 towards the Memory Project.”
- “We set up a special exhibit of the finished portraits at our annual visual arts night and ask for donations at the entry doors. It has become a special part of this school-wide event.”
- “Selling prints or calendars of the students’ art is one I like a lot. Parents and faculty pre-order them and we also order some extra. We usually sell about 100-125 at \$15 each. We pay about \$800 to have them printed and the rest is profit. We use the money for The Memory Project, murals, and other special activities.”
- “Students can print out photos of the kids who will be receiving the portraits, tape those photos onto jars, and collect spare change in the jars. Even just 50 cents a day for one month equals \$15. Students can have the jars out at lunch so that other students can drop in spare change from their lunch money, even just a dime at a time.”
- “We held a 50/50 raffle. Students throughout the school bought tickets and the winner got half the total money while the other half went to the Memory Project.”
- “We held a raffle where the winners receive an original piece of art work (a portrait or other work) from one of the art students or the participating art teacher.”
- “We sold raffle tickets for items that were donated. Sometimes local businesses are willing to donate things for raffle prizes at school dances, like pizza, movie tickets, bowling tickets, or even an iPod.”
- “Propose a Dress Down day or week at your school. Teachers and/or students can make a set contribution like \$5 for being able to wear jeans, T-shirts, sneakers, hats, etc.”
- “We do an art appreciation week at our school where we have tables set up at lunch time. Students can create their own buttons, cards, recycled journals, or get henna tattoos. We sell tickets to get in and also have a raffle for art prizes.”
- “We did a T-shirt design contest where the student body submitted designs. We are selling the shirts to students, faculty, and parents.”
- “A parent donated packs of undershirts that students splattered with paint and sold for \$10 to help raise money. The students’ friends bought the shirts and wore them on the same day.”

- “Face painting is a good idea at football games and homecoming events. Students can also visit elementary or middle school events to provide face painting.”
- “We are holding bake sales to raise the money. High school students are always hungry, so we sell brownies, cupcakes, cookies, and now that our weather is turning colder we will sell hot chocolate, coffee, and cappuccino.”
- “Selling popsicles or ice cream sundaes when it’s warm can be easy, too. Our students like to buy stuff that helps others. I have collected money by selling small snack items in my room.”
- “Purchase pizza, increase the price, and sell it after school in the halls, at a school play, or other event. For a healthier alternative, students can sell fruit or smoothies.”
- “We use some of the monies from our school soda machines.”
- “Students had a party at the bowling alley and part of the money went to the Memory Project. It was on a night when the bowling alley wouldn’t otherwise have many people.”
- “We sold glow sticks at the middle school dances. They wholesale for about 11 cents and we sold them at two for \$1.”
- “We worked out a deal with our local nursery and had a plant sale.”
- “We make ornaments and sell them for \$1 each at one of the school plays. We also had students make friendship bracelets and sell them at lunch.”
- “My students babysat and did chores around the house for the money. Students can also hold a car wash.”
- “The local newspaper or TV station can do a story on the project and ask community members to donate.”