



STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

SCHOOL: Southampton Township School District

ACTIVITY: Penny Wars

DATE(S): Various times throughout the year

CATEGORY: Fundraising/Educational

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PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THIS PROJECT:

Penny Wars is always one of our biggest fundraisers. The following grades participate in this fundraiser: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th. What we do for this fundraiser is that we reuse 6 big pretzel jars and we cut slits in the top of the lids and label them with each grade level participating. Next, we put these labeled jars out for a week in our cafeteria. This fundraiser is a competition to see which grade level can collect the most pennies. The students work together to "sabotage" other grade levels with silver and paper money. In the end lots of money is donated. Each penny is equivalent to one point, each nickel is equivalent to negative five points, a dime is equivalent to negative ten points, and so on. The winner of this competition, the one that has the most amount of points, is given points toward Clash of the Classes and the money is used for charity.

DESCRIBE THE PLANNING & EXECUTION OF THIS PROJECT:

What we do to plan Penny Wars is that a couple officers go to our principal's office during their lunch and discuss dates and rules with our principal. Next, the jars are prepared and labeled. At a student council meeting our representatives sign up to man the jar table during lunch. This is a very quick and easy fundraiser to do when you don't have any Student Council Events for a while.

DESCRIBE THE BENEFIT OF THIS PROJECT BENEFIT TO SCHOOL AND/OR COMMUNITY:

The money we made through this fundraiser last year was donated to the people in need in Haiti due to the earthquake. In previous years we used this money to help with holiday baskets donated to local families in need by Mt. Holly Childrens' Home. This year the money is going to Spread the Magic.

EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PROJECT, REFLECTING ON ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES YOU MIGHT CONSIDER:

Penny Wars is always a fun and educational experience for all involved. A possible change in this event would be to have the jars available for a longer amount of time.