# Family Fitness Night

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## Target/Goal

- \* Involve families and the community in a school event
- \* Help families understand the importance of living healthy lifestyles
- \* Gain support for your physical education program



FAMILY FITNESS



#### Where do I start!?

- 1. Pick a date with administration!
- 2. Reach out to local organizations
- 3. Figure out space options
- 4. Ask for teacher volunteers

- Decide your pricing options
- 6. Advertise!
- 7. Enjoy a fun evening with students and their families ©



### Picking a Date...



- Pick a date that has meaning and purpose (if possible)! Have a reason to celebrate being active!
- Dates to keep in mind:
  - > Times when fundraising for PE may be necessary
  - > ACES Day (All children exercise simultaneously) MAY
  - National Sports and Physical Education Week- MAY
  - > Any other significant days/weeks at your school

## Reaching out...

- Contact local organizations that can volunteer their time. Many organizations are willing to do so, in order to get their names and information out in the community!
- Suggestions
  - Local gyms/fitness centers
  - Health care providers (school nurse)
  - Community center
  - Health food stores/suppliers
  - > Firefighters and police officers



#### Advertise!

- \* When it is time to advertise for your event, do so early!
- \* Send home flyers with the students
- \* Send out telephone "instant alerts" to student's parents
- \* Depending on how large you want the event to be (who you want to attend), advertise in the community.

## Spacing and Organizations

After confirming the participation of local organizations, it is crucial to determine what facilities you have available and your spacing options.

#### **Examples:**

- \* Organize your "hands on" fitness activities in large areas like the gym or larger classrooms (aerobics, kickboxing, Wii fitness & sports games, etc.)
- \* Organizations that are present to hand out information can all be placed together in an area like the library or cafeteria.

#### Activities

**Aerobics Class** 

Bowling Zumba Class

Ping Pong Hands Only CPR

Mini Golf Blood Pressure

Volleyball Obstacle Course

Basketball Park District

Weight Training Local Sports Organizations

Box Hockey Raffles

Just Dance Concessions

### Health Fair



- Opportunity to display students' work throughout the year
- Create a platform for students to become health and fitness advocates
- Topics can include: diabetes awareness, obesity, nutrition label literacy, tobacco/alcohol/drug prevention
- Research careers of health professionals

## Who Can Help!?

- Start at your school when looking for volunteers.
- Teachers, Aides, Administration, Parents (PTO)
- Most, if not all, organizations will send someone out to run their station/activity.



## Decide Pricing

- This event can be completely free if you choose, but can also be used as a PE/school fundraiser.
- Money can be made through...
  - > Tickets to attend the event
  - Concessions (healthy food options)
  - Sell raffle tickets for prizes (fitness equipment, t-shirts, free week membership at participating gym, pool passes, etc.)

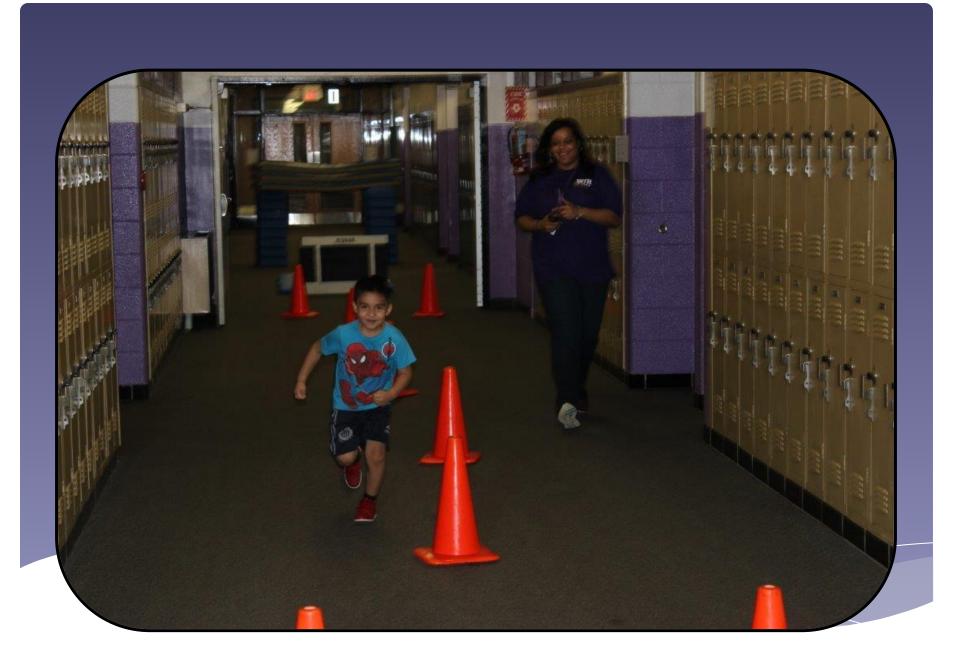
## Brainstorm























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## Thank You!!