

# SCHOOL SPIRIT IDEAS

## CONTESTS

- **Birth of a New Season** - match the baby picture to the athlete
- **Fan of the Week** - Pick the most spirited fan at weekly game and display photo on a poster. Give prizes and announce name on school intercom.
- **Pride My Ride**
- **Guess the Poms** - Toss a bunch of pom poms in a large, clear container. Place the container in a display case where students see it. Have the students guess how many poms are inside the container. The winner receives a pair of poms and free admission to the big game!
- **Spirit Links** – Cut strips of construction paper. Each class will have their own color. Students purchase a chain strip for \$.25 and write their name on the strip. A designated person staples class strips together. At a pep assembly, place all the class chains in a box. Playing suspenseful music, slowly pull out each class chain and the one that is the longest receives the amount of money collected for the chains. Next have the football team have a tug of war with the chains and the name on the spot where the chain breaks wins a prize.
- **Spirit Couch** –Decorate an old couch in school colors. Place it on the sidelines in a special location at the football game. Place poster through out the school explaining the rules for the contest. During the week, every time a student demonstrates school spirit, a cheerleader hands out a spirit ticket and puts the matching stub in the spirit box. At the end of the week, draw one name from the box and that person sits on the spirit couch at the game with a friend of his choice and is served pizza and soda at halftime.
- **Mystery Greeter** – Appoint a different cheerleader every Friday to be the mystery greeter. Throughout the day, she says hello to everyone she sees and they, in turn, answer “Go Cats!” Everyone that says “Go Cats!”, gets a treat. The 25<sup>th</sup> person to respond back is the grand prize winner and receives a special prize.

## REWARDS

**Give out spirit promo gifts in the hallway, in classrooms, at lunchtime, at games and pep assemblies to students who display school spirit. Handing out these little surprises are fun incentives to promote school spirit.**

- Plastic Eggs filled with Candy – “Thank you for the EGG-tra spirit!”
- Fireballs Candy – “ Thanks for being fired up for the game!”
- Spirit Sticks - licorice in school colors – “We like your school spirit!”
- Bubble Gum – “ Your school spirit BLOWS us away!”
- Balloons – “ Let your spirit soars!”
- Raisins – “Thanks for RAISing the roof and showing your spirit”
- Starburst Candy – “You are a STAR”
- Sunflower Seeds – “Love the way your spirit blossoms!”
- Snicker candy bar - “Your spirit is nothing to SNICKER at! Keep up the good work!”
- Reisen candy – “Support the Cats and give them a REISEN to win!”
- Mentos candy – “Just some moMENTOS for your school spirit!
- Banana – “Go bananas for the Wildcats!”
- Cheer Grams – Cheerleaders pass out cheer grams to anyone showing school spirit.
- Good and Plenty candy – “Our Cats are GOOD so show PLENTY of spirit at the game “
- 100 Grand Candy Bar – “Your spirit is worth a GRAND!”

- Free giveaways - <http://www.spiritstop.com/> , <http://www.spnproducts.com/>

## PEP RALLIES

Needs to be fun, interactive, include other groups. Keep the assembly under 30 minutes.

<http://www.oakharborcheer.com/Spirit3.html>

## THEMES

Twos the Night Before the Game - <http://www.oakharborcheer.com/Spirit2.html>

Braveheart

Ride the Wave to Victory

Get Fired Up

Let Your Spirits Soar

Make a Splash, Show Your Spirit

Mission Possible

Helpful sites - [www.orientaltrading.com](http://www.orientaltrading.com)

<http://www.oakharborcheer.com/Themes.html>

## MOTIVATING THE CROWD

<http://www.oakharborcheer.com/Spirit.html>

<http://www.oakharborcheer.com/SideLineCheering.html>

## MOTIVATING THE ATHLETES

- Locker Posters – photo of the team with saying underneath, “Challenge – The harder the conflict the more glorious the triumph”
- Water Bottles – “Quench Your Thirst for a Victory” [www.oakharborcheer.com/WaterBottleIdea.html](http://www.oakharborcheer.com/WaterBottleIdea.html)
- Jerseys, Singlets, Basketballs in Locker rooms
- Nestle Crunch Bar – “Crunch the Bear”
- Blast Drink – “Blast pass Kentwood onto the State Title”
- "You're Worth Grand"- \$100,000 candy bar
- "Whip The Bulldogs " - Licorice whips
- "Give It Extra Effort" - Extra gum
- "Score Big" - Skor candy bar
- "Work Together Like the Three Musketeers" - 3 Musketeer candy bar.
- "Roll-Em Over" - Tootie Rolls or Rolos
- "Charm the Bull Dogs" - Charm suckers
- "Mighty & Mean" - M&Ms
- "Send'em to Mars" - "Mars candy bar
- "Burst Their Bubble" - Bubble gum
- "You've Got the Power" - Power Bars or Poweraide
- "For all your 'egg' tra effort!" - treats in plastic Easter eggs
- Basket full of oranges with message written on their skins
- "You are all that and a bag of chips" - Give a bag of chips
- "Shock the Bulldogs" Shock candy
- "Let's leave the Bulldogs behind in our trail to victory" - give a bag of trail mix
- "Bubble up and blow them away" - give them bottles of bubbles
- Pins for Pins (Wrestling) - <http://showyourpins.com/>
- Mazes - <http://www.oakharborcheer.com/AmazingYear.html>