



# Celebrate FCCLA!

During National FCCLA Week, February 12-18, 2012 members plan and carry out activities to address teen and societal concerns and show how Family and Consumer Sciences education can help them achieve the ultimate leadership experience. Is your chapter doing something fun and exciting to recognize members, promote your chapter, raise funds, or celebrate FCCLA this year? Remember to submit a description and pictures of your chapter projects to [teentimes@fclclinc.org](mailto:teentimes@fclclinc.org) for a chance to see your project highlighted in *Teen Times*!



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## Monday - Share Our Strength

- Host a Great American Bake Sale or Clean Out for Kids Yard Sale.
- Partner with a restaurant to have a certain percentage from dinner go to Share Our Strength, then encourage your school and community to eat out for a cause (see Share Our Strength's Great American Dine Out for examples).
- Have a car bash. Get an old car from the scrap yard and have people pay a dollar or two to hit it with a sledgehammer.
- Host a steak feed to raise funds. This usually involves co-oping with other CTSO's and is a great fundraiser!
- Sew blankets, make hair bows, and/or create other items in your FACS classes using your school colors and sell them at sporting events or other school activities.
- Ask a company to donate an iPod or other item and raffle it off for \$1/ticket.
- Host a Silent Auction with donated items.
- Walking Bake Sale – take the bake sale to a local business! Go to the businesses and sell baked goods to them.
- Do a money change challenge between 1<sup>st</sup> period classes. The class that collects the most money wins a prize.
- Host a food/can drive for a local food pantry and share information on FCCLA, Share Our Strength, the local program, and government food assistance programs like SNAP and WIC.
- Teacher Dress Down Day as an incentive for donating.
- Ask students to bring a bag lunch and donate their lunch money.
- Show a Share Our Strength video during morning announcements, at lunch, or during classes.
- Ask teachers to dedicate at least one of their lessons for the day to hunger awareness. Math teachers could have geometry students graph statistics and economic students could talk about the short-term cost of hunger versus the long-term cost of health problems. Social studies classes could discuss the societal issues of poverty and hunger specifically in various demographics of the United States. English teachers could have students read stories or watch videos about kids suffering from hunger and write an essay or speech about the issue. FACS teachers could address the differences between kids just getting food and kids getting nutritious food or work with leaders in the community to hold a mock Cooking Matters or Shopping Matters class.
- Host a Go Orange Dance and donate the funds raised.
- Have a community cook off. Get community members to bring a homemade specialty like chili to see whose is the best. Have a panel of judge's sample everyone's dish and then charge other community members \$5 to try the different entries. The FCCLA chapter could provide drinks and a complimentary item like homemade rolls or frosted sugar cookies for dessert.

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### Tuesday - Membership Recruitment

- Do a presentation to your school about FCCLA.
- Set up a booth during lunch with free healthy snacks for the afternoon and encourage people to join FCCLA.
- Have an FCCLA logo scavenger hunt around the school and give a prize to those who find all of the logos.
- Host an FCCLA talent show. Publicize the event a couple weeks in advance and then give members the chance to show off their FCCLA knowledge and skills by performing a skit, song, or dance about FCCLA in the talent show!
- Have an FCCLA sundae party! Invite members to "build an FCCLA sundae" by receiving a different topping for each FCCLA fact question they answer correctly.
- Have an obstacle course, focusing on teamwork, communication, etc. Winners get an FCCLA themed prize.
- Place FCCLA fact questions throughout the school and have students collect them and correctly answer them for a prize.
- Make it a competition between the current members: give a pizza party or some other incentive to the member who recruits the most new members.
- Host a Meet and Greet: invite your community to come and learn about FCCLA. Have snacks, play games, and give prizes to anyone who can answer fact questions. Also, have all current members tell stories about their experiences with FCCLA, and encourage them to join.
- Put up pictures of members doing fun stuff at conferences.
- Make heart-shaped FCCLA cookies for members to sell for Valentine's Day.
- Have members go to all of the classrooms during one period of the day and talk about FCCLA; benefits of being a member, how to join, and how it has impacted them specifically.
- Red Out Day – members wear red and put red stickers on non-members.
- Have all FACS classes do Step One.

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### Wednesday - March of Dimes

- Encourage students and teachers to wear purple for prematurity awareness.
- Sell purple hair extensions and have students wear them.  
(<http://www.hottopic.com/hottopic/Accessories/HairAccessories/Purple-Hair-Extensions-2-Pack-836670.jsp>).
- Tour a local NICU.
- Write a fact about prematurity and/or baby health on each teacher's white board. (Ask teachers for permission first.)
- Purple out the lockers. Have pre-cut purple fact papers and have students cover/decorate their lockers or a wall.
- Make the March of Dimes logo out of purple cups on a wire mesh fence at your school. Then have a short educational assembly.
- Host a March for Babies around your school track.
- Sew baby blankets in your FACS classes and donate them to a local NICU.
- Sell purple ribbons and encourage the whole school to use them as shoe laces on Wednesday. Ask the school basketball teams to change all of their shoe laces to purple ones and put a sign up in the gym to help spread awareness. Have a table at the game with FCCLA members available to talk about March of Dimes and hand out information.
- Put together awareness goodie bags with items like premie diapers, folic acid, a Baby Ruth candy bar, and other fun items in a purple bag. Provide them to teachers to give out as prizes in their classes or have a contest during the day.
- Have a contest to see who can wear the most purple.
- Mark cars or lockers to represent prematurity statistics.



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### Thursday - Membership Recognition

Leave little notes and treats in your members' lockers so when they come to school the next day they feel special. Personalize the notes and/or treats for an even more special recognition.

- Hold a breakfast or dinner for chapter members.
- Have all chapter members wear red.
- Have prize drawings throughout the day for members to be entered into.
- Have a special break in the day before lunch to reward members with brownie sundaes.
- FCCLA Award Ceremony - create plaques or certificates to give to each member for their participation in FCCLA events such as Community Service activities, Competitive Events, etc. and invite them and their families to an award ceremony to thank them for their involvement.
- Give each FCCLA member a 100 Grand candy bar with a note attached that says: You are worth more than a hundred grand! Thanks for all you do for FCCLA!
- Make a movie to show on your school's networking TVs that highlights the chapter's accomplishments.
- Highlight a STAR Event participant or project each day or during each period on Thursday.
- Give out academic awards for FCCLA members with a certain level of GPA.
- Have a member fashion show.
- Teacher Appreciation Day – thank teachers for supporting FCCLA and members throughout the year.



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### Friday - Soles4Souls

- Hold a shoe drive during the week between classes. Each class will compete to see who can bring the most new or gently used shoes. Hold a pizza party for the winning class on Friday.
- Put shoe-shaped flyers with facts about why shoes are important and the groups of people who don't have access to footwear on everyone's locker.
- Have a sock-hop and instead of charging admission, everyone has to bring a pair of shoes to get in or have a discounted admission fee for those who bring shoes to donate. Sell fun, crazy socks during the week or at the door.
- Make/have donated shoe shaped cookies/baked goods and sell them. Take the funds and purchase some gently worn shoes from a local thrift store.
- Dance Your Shoes Off - Have a school dance and for admission you have to bring a pair of shoes.
- Have a "Shoe Carnival": Invite your community to a day full of activities (games, bounce houses, etc.) and charge a pair of shoes to get in.
- Sell shoe shaped cut outs for \$1. Each time someone purchases one they get to stick it on the wall. Make it a competition between classes on who can make it to the "finish line" first. Use proceeds to purchase shoes.
- Have the school go shoe-less during 1<sup>st</sup> period to remember the people that are not fortunate enough to have shoes.
- Put out cut outs of bare feet on the floor leading to posters on the walls with information on Soles4Souls or have the info on the feet themselves.
- Work with your school and/or a community group to set up a trip for a teacher and a few students to take donated shoes to a Soles4Souls drop off warehouse location and give an incentive to the students who collect the most pairs of new or gently used shoes.
- Work with your school's athletic department to have free or reduced admission to a sporting event for those who bring shoes to donate to Soles4Souls.
- Have a raffle and enter people's names for each pair of shoes they bring in during the week and draw the winner(s) on Friday.