

Preparing for the Event

Our goal is to make this event a huge success at your school -- for everyone! The teachers should feel well prepared, the students should feel excitement and high self-esteem, and everyone should have a good time, learn something new, and feel a great sense of accomplishment in helping others.

Opportunity for Leadership

This is an amazing opportunity for an organization at your school to take this on as a leadership project. The group will put skills into action as they plan, organize, publicize and carry out their Dress Up 2 Cure event. The group can even reach out and work with groups from other schools in the community. They can design posters, run competitions, speak in front of each classroom, learn to tally results.

Groups to consider: Service Club, Theatre Department, Health Club, Sports Clubs, Speaking Club, Cheerleaders, Honor Society.

Opportunity for Teamwork

Offer competitions between classrooms and/or grade levels! For the winning classrooms, offer a prize like "win an extra recess!" or "no homework pass" or "eat lunch outside." They will also feel a sense of accomplishment knowing they have helped others and completed a challenge as a team.

Opportunity for Creativity and Fun!

Hey! It's April Fools' Day! And what would that day be without a few pranks? Here is an idea: prior to the event, each class dreams up a prank they can play on the other classes in their grade. Then, on April 1st, the class who raises the most money (kept a secret to the other classes of course!) gets to carry out their prank.

Switch desks around while another class is at gym. Set up all their chairs outside. Make them have to walk backwards in the hall for the afternoon.... let them get creative!

Opportunity for Education and Awareness

In this kit, we have a list of lesson plans for the classroom that allows the students to engage in the Dress Up 2 Cure event while having an educational focus. Please make sure your teachers have this information. All of the lessons plans are available in detail at www.dressup2cure.org/schools.

Opportunity for School Recognition

All participating schools will receive recognition on our web site and we will send press releases to your local media. This is a wonderful photo and story opportunity which will add to your school community's pride.