

# JDRF Illinois Powered by Kids

**Program Purpose** JDRF Illinois Powered by Kids is an educational, youth fundraising program with two goals: to educate students, teachers, and families about type 1 diabetes (T1D) and provide them with an opportunity to have an impact in the fight against T1D through fundraising. This program will help raise awareness about T1D within your school community and can be completely customized to fit your school's specific needs. JDRF staff will support you along the way by providing educational resources, fundraising tips, and creative coaching to help make your school event a success!



## **Program Outline**

- School Kickoff Event
  - Introduce the program - this can be done in homeroom, virtually or with a school wide assembly. If you have students with T1D see if they would be willing to share their story.
  - Use the provided **Kickoff Presentation** or create your own!
  - Send an email or letter to parents explaining the program – **Parent Letter Template**
- Host School Fundraiser
  - Choose between a variety of **Fundraising Ideas** including **Spirit Week**, selling JDRF paper sneakers, tickets to a school sporting event, talent show or dance, bake sale, change wars, stuck for a buck, pie to the face, student v. staff dodgeball game, etc.
  - Build excitement by promoting the fundraiser during the **Morning Announcements**
- Implement Diabetes Education
  - Students will learn about the warning signs, symptoms, and management, of diabetes, the difference between type 1 and type 2 diabetes, that it's not contagious and although T1D is an everyday struggle, it does not stop people from living their lives and being successful.
  - We offer a variety of classroom resources in the **Teacher Toolkit** including educational videos, informational text, and classroom activities!
- School Walk Day
  - Announce fundraising total and reward top fundraising students, class, or grade level
  - Entire school community coming together as one to celebrate their success
  - Walk around the school, wear JDRF blue, field day or fun day

## **Program Resources**

- Kickoff Presentation
- Parent Letter
- School Fundraising Ideas & Incentives
- JDRF Themed Spirit Week
- Morning Announcements
- Teacher Toolkit

For more information contact [Lindsey McCarthy](#) or [Ashley DiMiceli](#)  
**Click here** to register your school today!