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K-Kids Eliminate Week May 6–10 is a time to raise awareness and funds to help put an end to maternal and neonatal tetanus around the world. The activities you stage will support [The Eliminate Project](#). And now is the time to finalize your plans.

Still need some ideas? Check these out:

1. **Host a hat day.** Ask students to donate \$1 to wear a hat during the school day. This project is virtually effortless but can raise a lot of money quickly.
2. **Collect spare change.** Have students decorate cans, cups or even milk jugs using the [cutout toolkit](#). Then, go around to the lunch tables and ask students to donate spare change.
3. **Host a Penny War.** The object of the [penny war](#) is for each team to collect as many pennies as possible while sabotaging the other teams with nickels, dimes and quarters.



We even have an easy-to-use picture (graphic art) you can use to promote the event on Facebook. We also encourage you to switch your Facebook cover photo with this graphic to show your support. More ideas and resources can be found at www.KiwanisKids.org/EliminateWeek. Have fun and good luck!

Attention Kiwanis and Faculty advisors

Let us know what you think of K-Kids program kit materials by filling out this [brief six-minute survey](#). Your feedback will help us to provide you with the best possible resources to aid you in the amazing work you do as a club advisor. [Go here](#) before Friday, April 26 to let your voice be heard!

National Volunteer Week

April 21–27 is National Volunteer Week. On behalf of all the students you serve, and all those who benefit from your club's service, **THANK YOU** for devoting so much time and talent to K-Kids!

Build up to Builders Club



The school year is coming to a close, and your graduating members are looking ahead to middle or junior high school. Most likely, they're a little nervous about this next step. What better way to ease their minds than to encourage them to get involved with something familiar? If the school they'll be attending has a Builders Club, arrange for some current Builders Club members there to come speak at your club meeting. Coordinate a joint service project with the Builders Club to familiarize your graduating members with the members of the Builders Club they'll be joining. Have your members fill out this [intent to join Builders Club certificate](#). If the school your members will be attending doesn't have a Builders Club, help them learn how to [start one](#).

Transition in May

May is a busy month as the school year comes to a close and you prepare to start next year off right. Here are some suggestions for a smooth transition from one school year to the next:

- Invite newly elected and current club officers to attend a meeting to plan for next year.
- Transfer files to new club officers. Make sure they receive information from the previous year.
- Organize your year. Work on a plan for the upcoming year with your K-Kids president.
- Encourage your president to determine club member interest and begin committee and chairperson assignments for the upcoming year.
- Plan to attend the sponsoring Kiwanis club board of directors meeting to provide input during the club's budgeting process. Mention some of the service projects the K-Kids club hopes to conduct, and provide an estimated cost needed to conduct them.



Dates and deadlines

April 21-28	National Volunteer Week
April 26–28	Global Youth Service Day
May 1	Annual achievement report due
May 6–10	K-Kids Eliminate Week
May 6–10	Teacher Appreciation Week



From books and articles to videos and personal interactions, different things inspire us every day. Every month, we share a few of those inspirations in the Idea Oasis. Here's what's new this month:

BLOG [Building social and emotional skills in elementary students: passion and strengths](#)

"While the role of education is to give students a broad and foundational knowledge over a wide range of subjects, it is equally important for young people to be aware of and develop their unique strengths."

PROJECT IDEA [5 simple ideas to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week](#)

VIDEO [Music and life](#)

"But we missed the point the whole way along: it was a musical thing and you were supposed to sing or to dance while the music was being played." Check out this video that reminds us life is more than just a destination.

"Enthusiasm is the mother of effort, and without it nothing great was ever achieved." —Ralph Waldo Emerson

Have you stumbled across any interesting or inspiring articles, projects or videos lately? Send them to Abby James at ajames@kiwanis.org to be shared with the rest of Builders Club.



Mark your calendar and plan to check out these upcoming Kiwanis webinars:

May 7: [Analyze this: Making the most of your fundraising](#)

A lot of planning goes into a fundraiser. It may even be your club's key event each year. Do you get the most output from all that input? Or is it time for something new? Let's explore these questions--and determine the best use of your fundraising efforts. [Click to register.](#)



"Our chief want is someone who will inspire us to be what we knew we could be." —Ralph Waldo Emerson

