Eliminate Week: Are you ready?

Eliminate Week—an especially fun and easy way to support The Eliminate Project just before Mother’s Day—is just around the corner! From May 5–9, help us raise awareness and funds to help end maternal and neonatal tetanus around the world.

If you haven’t planned anything yet, here are some quick last-minute ideas your club can still do:

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.** Go around to lunch tables and ask for spare change. Tell students that they’re helping to protect mothers and babies around the world.

3. **Host a tournament.** You can do anything from ping-pong to Wii
bowling. Simply charge an entry fee and give away a prize, such as a donated gift card, to the winner. All of the profits will go to The Eliminate Project.

4. **Sell flowers.** Contact your local florist and buy carnations to sell at school. Encourage students to buy them for their friends, teachers and mothers. You can download tags to attach to the flower on page 6 of the [Eliminate Week toolkit](#).

We have an [easy-to-use graphic](#) you can use to promote the event on Facebook. We encourage you to switch your Facebook cover photo to [this graphic](#) to show your support. More ideas and resources can be found at [www.buildersclub.org/eliminateweek](http://www.buildersclub.org/eliminateweek). Have fun and good luck!

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**8th graders can now register!**

Kiwanis' [Key Leader](#) program is a weekend experiential leadership retreat for today's young leaders—including your 8th graders! It's a perfect way to prepare your older Builders Clubbers for high school in the fall. Participants learn the key to leadership—helping others succeed. Through workshops, discussions and team-building activities, students have the opportunity to learn leadership skills that will help them to change their schools, communities and world for the better. [Find an event near you](#) and connect with your Kiwanis club and local businesses for sponsorships.
Host a donation drive

Hosting a donation drive is a great way to involve your school in a meaningful cause, promote team spirit and demonstrate your school’s commitment to the community.

Here are some easy steps to follow to get your project started:

- **Get permission.** Get approval from your school or organization to host a donation drive.
- **Make a selection.** Decide what nonprofit your Builders Club is going to support and what item(s) are needed. Plan the event. Select a date and location for collecting the donations.
- **Promote your event.** Inform students, faculty and parents about your donation drive through announcements, fliers, emails and newsletters. Not only let them know what is needed but also educate them on why it’s needed.
- **Deliver your donations.** After the event, make arrangements to give your collected items to the nonprofit your Builders Club selected.
- **Celebrate.** Give your students a chance to talk about their experience and celebrate their hard work.
End-of-year service activity

The school year might be winding down, but that doesn’t mean the service is! In May, help your club coordinate a lemonade stand outside a grocery store or shopping center. Lemonade stands teach students about entrepreneurship and community service, and members can use their creativity to decide how to make the lemonade, decorate their stand and advertise the lemonade sale to the public. Proceeds from your club’s lemonade stand could even be donated to The Eliminate Project to benefit mothers around the world—just in time for Mother’s Day!

Get more information and resources about creating a lemonade stand, and check if your city participates in National Lemonade Day. Reach out to your local Kiwanians and ask for their support in helping the members plan and run their stands.

What’s on your calendar

Submit your report. Celebrate your club’s hard work this year and earn a
patch! Complete the Annual Achievement Report online or download a print copy.

Elect 2014–15 club officers. Electing officers now leaves plenty of time to make a smooth transition from current officers to new ones. You can find detailed information about each office on page 5 of the advisor guide.

Order banner patches. Complete an online form to request a new patch to honor your club members if your club participated in any of the following Kiwanis service activities:

- Kiwanis One Day
- Eliminate Week