

East School Penny War

Penny War is a spirited game of friendly competition between grade levels. The participating students not only have fun, they also raise money for the *Veteran's Memorial Wall* here in Torrington.

The object of the game is for each grade to collect as many pennies as possible during the "war" while simultaneously "sabotaging" the other teams. *Of course, the ultimate object of the game is to give the students an opportunity to raise money to support a project that helps others.*

Each team collects coins in a jug which is labeled with the name of the grade. The containers will be kept in the main hallway outside the music room. Students will bring pennies to school and put their pennies in the container that belongs to their team. Their team receives one point for every penny in the container. However, it gets more complicated. Students may sabotage the other teams by putting "silver" coins (nickels, dimes, and quarters) into the containers of the other teams. Each silver coin subtracts points from that container by the value of the coin. A nickel subtracts 5 points from the total, a dime reduces it by 10, and a quarter by 25. A dollar bill would subtract 100 points and so on. This is where strategy comes into play and why the game is so much fun.

The Penny War starts immediately and will end on Friday, June 11. The winning grade will be announced on the last day of school, Monday, June 14, during our Flag Day Celebration. More information will follow regarding our festivities on the last day of school. Thank you in advance for your help in supporting our cause!

