**FACS EXPLORATION B – FREE ENTERPRISE IDEAS**

We have a food court.  Each kitchen fixes something to sell the first half of class, then the food court opens and they sell the second half.  (We have 80 minute classes). We use tickets instead of money.  We have 7 kitchens.  Each student gets 5 tickets, so they have to make choices of what to get.  I let the adults have unlimited tickets!  The students are encouraged to market their products with their teachers.  Parents are invited also.  The group with the most tickets get extra credit.  We stay in the classroom.  I know other teachers set it up in the cafeteria during lunch time.

**By: Sue Reber**

We make popcorn. We do a market survey to determine the kind to make. So far it is usually zebra style which is drizzled with milk and white chocolate. We design the bags and pick a winner to mass produce. Since we can't sell them for real money we determine the "cost" as a class voting on things like: taking them to teachers, best friends, random strangers etc. We mass produce them on a block day and deliver them. I have a popcorn machine that I bought at sam's club. The lab groups are set up in different stations like making the popcorn, melting chocolate chips in microwave, etc.

**By: Julie Gambles**

**Sunset Ridge Middle**

My students have made an item that they sell. I use printed money that they earn for the assignments they have turned in for this unit. They have to write down their recipe including everything and how much they need of each item. We do a price check of what the items will come to and then they determine how much they think they can sell their item for and make a good profit. I make them figure in their packaging or item the will need to serve the food on or with. Some of the things the kids have made are smoothies, cookies, mini pizzas, scone dots & honey butter, brownies.  
If the item needs to be made ahead of time I do that one day prior, then the kids take two days to sell, if the items can be made the same day they all get 25 min of prep and then sell their items. Half the kids sell one day the other half the next day. Everything is made in class no food made at home so we don't violate health code. Some kids don't make enough, some kids make to much or find they have to reduce their price to sell. Some that run out wish they had charged more. But when we go back and look at profit, we discuss what could be done to make things go better.  
The kids love it.

**By: Susan Wilde**

Suckers are always a huge hit.

**By: Barbara Bushnell**