



# 2011 Election Wrap Up!

*Kids Voting Buncombe County is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to securing the future of democracy by educating and involving youth in the election process today. Our goal is to educate students in Grades K-12 on the rights and responsibilities of voting to stimulate the critical thinking skills necessary for making informed decisions as voters.*



## **We Voted! Did You?**



*YWCA After-School Program students Olivia, Trevion and Tristan on Election Day*

Dear Kids Voting BC Supporter,

**Voting empowers even the youngest citizens!** It just takes one look at these proud faces to understand the mission of Kids Voting Buncombe County.

Providing meaningful civics education is the responsibility of all adults. Kids Voting BC provides the resources but it is the inspired work of many individuals using these resources that accomplishes the mission of educating today's students to become informed, engaged citizens.

As 2011 comes to a close, Kids Voting BC concludes our 12th year of service to the students of Buncombe County. In addition to our core activities of facilitating the use of our Civics Alive! Curriculum and offering a "real life" voting experience, our focus this year has been on adapting our curricular activities for **after-school programs**, enhancing **family resources** and providing **high school students with an "insider's look" at the election process.**

Our partnerships with the two local public school systems, area private schools, the Board of Elections, dedicated teachers, program providers, community organizations and families are invaluable. These collaborations enable us to accomplish our goals and we are greatly indebted to them.

**2012: The year of Active Citizenship:** We'd like to take this opportunity to issue a call to action. In this Presidential election year we will need volunteers to captain and staff 80+ polling locations on Kids Voting Day, Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

**Kids Voting needs your vote of support** to accomplish our planned enhanced activities to take advantage of the increased civic interest during the Presidential campaign year.

We trust that you will support our mission generously with your time and resources. **Look at the picture again, it's very rewarding work.**

**Happy Holidays!**

**Trena Parker, Chair & the KVBC Board of Directors**

*P.S. For additional information visit **[kidsvotingbc.org](http://kidsvotingbc.org)** or contact us at 828-775-5673 or **[info@kidsvotingbc.org](mailto:info@kidsvotingbc.org)**.*

## 2011 Election Results

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*YWCA After-School Program students voting on Election Day.*

**THE VOTE:**

Kids Voting provided a "real life" voting opportunity to Buncombe County students with paper ballots at Kids Voting booths during the Early Voting period at all Early Voting locations culminating on Kids Voting Day, November 5.

Additionally, on-line and paper ballots were available from Oct. 21 through Nov. 8 for use in schools, after-school programs and homes. Many teachers provided an in-school voting opportunity for their students.

**Student votes cast were a 14% increase over the comparable 2007 Election participation.** Public/charter school students comprised 87% of voters, private/parochial students 11% and home school students 4%.

Kids Voting Day comprised 11% of votes cast while on-line, in-school and after-school votes made up the remaining 89%.

98% of students reported their grade level when they voted. Of the students reporting 34% were in Elementary School; 53% were in Middle School; and 13% were in High School.

86% of students reported their school when they voted. Congratulations to the following schools/programs for their notable student participation in Election 2011!

**K-8 Schools:**

**Francine Delaney New School for Children: 100% Voter Participation**

**Middle Schools:**

**Hanger Hall (Private): 100% Voter Participation**

Asheville Middle School: 47% Voter Participation

**YWCA After-School:** 100% of students attending on Election Day, Nov.8

Additionally, entire classes lead by inspired teachers voted at Isaac Dickson Elementary, West Buncombe Elementary, Asheville High School and TC Roberson High School.

**Of Note: of those responding:**

80% of student voters discussed the election in class  
31% discussed the election with their families and  
20% discussed the election with their friends

60% had voted before with Kids Voting  
40% were new to Kids Voting

**OUR VOLUNTEERS:**

**High School Students:** Two Kids Voting Day locations (40%) were captained and staffed by high school students from the Erwin Interact Club. Additionally, the Kids Voting Student Forum participants learned about our democratic process and encouraged their communities to vote.

**Dedicated Adults:** The Altrusa Club of Asheville, The Links, and the Junior League of Asheville adopted and worked as Kids Voting Day precinct captains and volunteers in the remaining three locations (60%).

**Dedicated Educators who used the Civics Alive! Curriculum and facilitated activities.**

**Of Special Note:** School system administrators without whom the Kids Voting mission would be impossible to accomplish:

**Kelvin Cyrus & Dr. Pam Cocke:** Asheville City Schools

**Susanne Swanger & Deborah Goodwin:** Buncombe County Schools

**OUR ELECTION SUPPORTERS**

**VOLVO Constuction Equipment  
City of Asheville**

Your comments and questions are always welcome!

*We believe that the future of our country depends upon  
students becoming informed, active citizens.*

**Vote for Kids Voting BC! - Looking to 2012**

Our work for the 2012 Presidential Election has begun. Kids Voting BC anticipates providing our "real life" voting experience on Election Day, November 6, 2012, in all 80+ Buncombe County precincts.

Our volunteer recruitment efforts will be substantial and we will need the Buncombe County community's help. Please contact us if you, your family or a group you represent would like to help provide this important civic experience for our students. We have speakers ready to discuss this community service opportunity with you and your organization.

Kids Voting BC is also renewing our community appeal for financial support to sustain our mission. **We ask that you cast your on-line ballot, in deed and dollars, for Kids Voting Buncombe County.**

**Cast your ballot for Kids Voting BC here:**

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**Thank you for your Vote!**



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