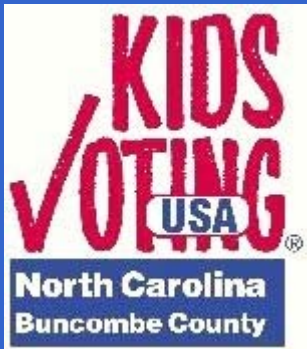


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# Back to School Educator News!

September 2011

*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.*



**Dear Educators,** *(all who influence the lives of Buncombe County youth: teachers, homeschoolers, parents, after-school providers, youth group leaders etc.)*

It's back to school time and Kids Voting Buncombe County has resources for your use as you prepare your students to be active community members and future informed voters. Of particular note:

**2011 Kids Voting Lesson Plans available for download** : We encourage you to discuss the upcoming municipal election, the candidates and referenda, with your students. Kids Voting has specific Civics Alive! lesson plans for Constitution Day and local elections for all grade levels that are aligned with the NC Standard Course of Study. The lesson packets are available for download from the Buncombe County and Asheville City School Systems' intranets or by email request to: [info@kidsvotingbc.org](mailto:info@kidsvotingbc.org).

**2011 High School Forum: The Election Process**: Kids Voting and the Buncombe County Board of Elections will host a forum focusing on the election process for high school groups and KVBC liaisons on Thursday, September 29, 2011 from 5:30 - 8:00 PM . *See additional information below.*

**2011 Kids Voting Election**: Kids Voting balloting, whether on-line or paper, will take place from October 20 through Election Day, November 8. Kids Voting Day is Saturday, November 5, 2011. *See details below.*

Please help us "spread the word" about **Kids Voting BC** by forwarding this e-news to fellow educators.

We appreciate the continued support of our teachers, parents, volunteers and donors. If you would like to help or have questions please contact us at 828-775-5673 or [info@kidsvotingbc.org](mailto:info@kidsvotingbc.org).

And remember . . . **Take your Student and Vote Together!**

**Trena Parker and the Kids Voting BC Board of Directors**



## Election 2011 Resources:

**Civics Alive! Curriculum:** We continue to encourage area educators to use our curricular resources in public, private and home school settings and then facilitate the Kids Voting student vote either on-line or with our downloadable paper ballot.

**2011 Constitution Day and Election Lesson Plan Packets** are available for download from the Buncombe County and Asheville City School Systems' intranets or by email request to: [info@kidsvotingbc.org](mailto:info@kidsvotingbc.org). Additionally, navigation of the full Civics Alive! Curriculum on our national website [kidsvotingusa.org](http://kidsvotingusa.org) has been greatly enhanced. Contact us for access information.



**Kids Voting Election:** The 2011 Kids Voting balloting period extends from October 20 - November 8, 2011. Students are able to vote on-line via our website [kidsvotingbc.org](http://kidsvotingbc.org), with our downloadable paper ballot at home, in school, in after-school programs or with the adults in their lives at adult polling locations during the Early Voting period.

**Kids Voting Day, November 5th, 2011:** Kids Voting Day will be the culminating event for our Election 2011 "real life" balloting experience. All Early Voting locations will be staffed from 8 AM to 1 PM by Kids Voting volunteers, many of whom are high school students, who will assist our young voters as they practice exercising their rights and responsibilities as informed American citizens.

**After-School Curriculum:** This year, Kids Voting BC has expanded our existing programming by facilitating the use of our Civics Alive! curriculum and "real life" voting experience in after-school programs, summer camps and other youth focused activities. Please contact us for access to this user-friendly resource.

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**[kidsvotingbc.org](http://kidsvotingbc.org):** Our website contains a wealth of information and links to additional valuable resources that enable educators to quickly plan meaningful classroom exercises.

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on **Thursday, September 29, 2011 from 5:30 - 8:00 PM** for high school student groups (civics classes, Interact Clubs, student government, 4-H Clubs etc.), their teachers and faculty advisors, KVBC school liaisons (elementary, middle and high school), all civics/social studies teachers and other interested parties on understanding the nuts and bolts of the election process and how students can participate even if they are under voting age.

**Groups from all high schools in Buncombe County are invited to:**

- \* Participate in interactive discussions with Board of Election personnel on the election process from candidate registration through voting and ballot tabulation.
- \* Be trained to host New Voter Registration events in their high schools.
- \* Learn about the Referendum Process and hear guest speakers debate the 2011 Sales Tax Referendum.
- \* Review the Kids Voting's High School Program and select Early Voting locations to captain on Kids Voting Day.

***This is a great opportunity for students to network with other area students as well as gain valuable volunteer experience and community service credit that also enhance transcripts and resumes.***

Dinner and snacks will be served. We hope all schools are well represented by students, teachers and KVBC liaisons.

Please respond/register your group (send your name, school and number of students attending) by email ([info@kidsvotingbc.org](mailto:info@kidsvotingbc.org)) by September 20, 2011. *Space is limited.*

***For additional information please visit [kidsvotingbc.org](http://kidsvotingbc.org) or call 828-775-5673.***

**Kids Voting Buncombe County** relies on the dedicated support and invaluable efforts of our many volunteers:

School Officials and Educators, KVBC Liaisons, Election Officials, Precinct Captains, Poll Workers, High School Forum Members, Parents and Board Members.

On behalf of the students we serve

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