



Election 2010 Newsletter

September 2010

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 Kids Voting Supporter,

The Kids Voting Board of Directors recently adopted a "green" approach for the 2010 Mid-Term Election.

An all-digital approach to the student voting process allows KVBC to be environmentally conscious while maintaining its all-volunteer management model.

By using an on-line balloting method KVBC eliminates printing over 10,000 paper ballots as well as the labor intensive hand-tallying they necessitate.

The digital balloting will be implemented through two approaches this year. KVBC will offer an on-line voting experience for use in schools and homes from October 18 through November 2 and host **Kids Voting Day** on October 30 in all Early Voting locations where students can vote with their parents.

We're also sponsoring a **High School Forum** on September 21 hosted by the Erwin High School Interact Club. Students will hear local officials on the importance of our democratic process and civic responsibility then devise strategies to build enthusiasm for active participation in elections by students and adults.

Additionally, Kids Voting North Carolina and the N.C. Center for Voter Education are teaming up to host the 2010 "**Voice Your Choice Video Contest**." High school students have an opportunity to show off their creative spirit by submitting 30-second videos telling why voting is important. The deadline for entries is October 1.

Please visit our website (www.kidsvotingbc.org). It has been updated with lesson plans for Constitution Day and the mid-term election and all the details of the events and activities mentioned above.

We appreciate the continued support of our volunteers and donors. If you would like to help or have questions please contact us at 828-775-5673 or info@kidsvotingbc.org.

Please help us "spread the word" about **Kids Voting Day** by forwarding this e-news to everyone you think might be interested.

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

The KVBC Board of Directors

Red, White, Blue and GREEN!

2010: The Green Approach

KV will encourage **in-school on-line balloting through Election Day** (from October 18 - November 2) patterned after successful 2009 school programs in as many schools as possible. In-school voting will be facilitated by teachers and student groups with guidance from faculty advisors/KV liaisons.

KIDS VOTING DAY - Saturday, October 30, 2010 KV will provide an on-line voting opportunity in all Early Voting locations from 8:30 AM - 1 PM. All Early Voting locations will be staffed by adults and students from area high schools. Votes will be cast on-line with an internet connected device (computer, laptop, I Pad).

A paper ballot for use as a learning tool will be available for download from the KVBC website .

What are Mid -Term Elections?

Mid-term elections occur in the middle of a President's term in office, hence the name *mid-term*. While presidential elections are held every four years, general elections for other positions are held every two years.

Mid-term elections usually involve state governors, state and federal congressmen, and a number of local elected positions such as sheriff, school board representatives and judges. Since US senators serve 6 year terms, their re-election campaigns are usually held during mid-term elections.

President Franklin Roosevelt once observed, "Nobody will ever deprive the American people the right to vote except the American people themselves -- and the only way they could do this is by not voting."

Let's get the facts on the issues and the candidates, discuss with our friends and families and then let's take our kids and VOTE!

Attention Parents and Students:

Ask your teachers about the
KV Civics Curriculum
then
VOTE TOGETHER
on
KIDS VOTING DAY
October 30th
at any Early Voting Location

ON THE 2010 KVBC BALLOT

Offices to be Elected

US Senate
US House of Representatives (District 11)
NC Senate (District 49)
NC House of Representatives (District 114)
NC House of Representatives (District 115)
NC House of Representatives (District 116)
District Attorney (District 28)
Clerk of Superior Court
Sheriff
Board of Education (Enka, Erwin & Reynolds)

[Click for Candidate Information for Buncombe County](#)
provided by NC Center for Voter Education





Precinct Captains Needed

We would appreciate the gift of your volunteer time!

Kids Voting Buncombe County needs volunteers to assist young voters at the polls on Kids Voting Day, October 30 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Volunteer captains and poll workers are needed for a 3 - 4 hour time commitment in all Early Voting locations. Training is provided.

If you are interested in volunteering
please email info@kidsvotingbc.org or call 828-775-5673.

**Visit www.kidsvotingbc.org for complete information
and to register on-line.**

Mark Your Calendars!

Kids Voting Day

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at all

2010 Early Voting Locations

Kids Voting volunteers will assist the student vote at Kids Voting Booths using the "green" on-line Kids Voting Ballot. Information: www.kidsvotingbc.org

Kids Voting Buncombe County is an all-volunteer organization. We rely on the dedicated support and invaluable efforts of our many supporters:

School Officials and Liaisons, Precinct Captains, Poll Workers, High School Forum members, election officials and board members.

On behalf of the students we serve

THANK YOU!



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