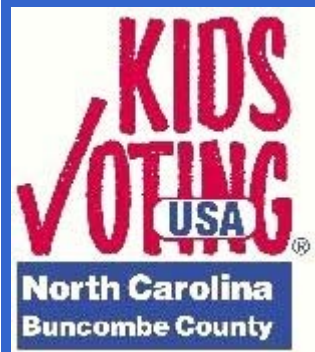


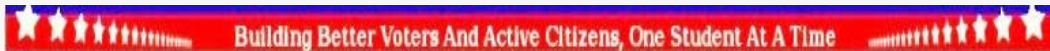
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# 2010 Election Results!

*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.*



## **IN APPRECIATION**

Kids Voting is most appreciative of all who worked diligently during the days leading up to the 2010 election in schools and on October 30th, Kids Voting Day. Our results reflect an increase in in-school activities encouraged and facilitated by volunteer Kids Voting liaisons who teach in area schools and promote the Kids Voting mission.

Special thanks to our area high school student and adult volunteers who encouraged their communities to vote and managed the Kids Voting Day booths. The Kids Voting mission would be impossible to accomplish without the support of these dedicated volunteers!

A special appreciation to our captains and volunteers for their flexibility when we reverted to paper ballots for Kids Voting Day due to last minute regulatory changes by the NC Board of Elections concerning Internet access near voting enclosures.

And lastly, many thanks to Charlotte Street Computers and Sprint - Hendersonville Rd. for providing computers and Internet access for Kids Voting Day that regrettably we were unable to use and to Volvo Construction Equipment for printing our ballots at the last minute.

Over the coming weeks, the Kids Voting board will review the 2010 program and election results and consult area educators and volunteers as we pursue the best model for our all-volunteer organization. All comments, suggestions and questions are welcome.

## OUR RESULTS

[\*Click for KV candidate results\*](#)

This year Kids Voting provided a voting opportunity for Buncombe County students in all Early Voting locations on Kids Voting Day, Oct. 30th. Additionally, an online ballot was available for use from Oct. 18 through Nov. 2. Many schools hosted in-school voting for their students.

### **A total of 2593 student votes were cast. An 83% increase over 2009 participation.**

Public/charter school students comprised 91%, private/parochial 7% and home school 1%.

Kids Voting Day comprised 12% of votes cast while online and school votes made up the remaining 88%.

### **99% of students reported their grade level when they voted.**

39% were in Elementary School

37.5% were in Middle School

23.5% were in High School

### **97% of students reported their school when they voted.**

Congratulations to the following schools for their notable (20% +) reported student participation (pro-rated by enrollment) in Election 2010:

#### **K-8 Schools:**

Francine Delaney New School for Children (Charter): 100% Participation

#### **Elementary Schools:**

Isaac Dickson Elementary: 80% Participation

Pisgah Elementary: 51% Participation

Hominy Valley Elementary: 40% Participation

Ira B. Jones Elementary: 20% Participation

#### **Middle Schools:**

Hanger Hall (Private): 49% Participation

North Buncombe Middle School: 45% Participation

Asheville Middle School: 32% Participation

#### **High Schools:**

School of Inquiry & Life Sciences at Asheville (SILSA): 42% Participation

Buncombe County Early College: 32% Participation

TC Roberson High School: 21% Participation

#### **Of those responding:**

79% of student voters discussed the election in class

38% discussed the election with their families

19% discussed the election with their friends

43% had voted with Kids Voting before

57% were new to Kids Voting

## OUR VOLUNTEERS

**Area High School Students:** 71% of Kids Voting Day locations were captained and staffed by high school student volunteers representing Asheville, Enka, Erwin, North Buncombe, Owen and Roberson high schools.

**Dedicated Adults:** Individuals and organizations adopting the remaining 29% of Kids Voting Day locations were the Altrusa Club of Asheville, the Junior League of Asheville, The Links, Inc. and Kids Voting board members.

**Dedicated Educators who Facilitated Activities:**

Special recognition is due our Kids Voting liaisons, volunteer educators in schools across Buncombe County who publicize the availability and user-friendliness of the Kids Voting materials. Our results this year reflect a greater use of the Kids Voting Curriculum in classrooms. Many of these educators utilize the Kids Voting tools and provide a classroom voting opportunity while others facilitate all school initiatives.

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

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

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

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