



Election 2009 Newsletter

October 2009

*The **mission** of Kids Voting Buncombe County is to secure 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 critical thinking skills necessary for making informed decisions as voters.*



Dear Kids Voting Supporter,

Last spring, Kids Voting Buncombe County became an all-volunteer organization to sustain our mission during the recession. Your continued support is critical to our success this year.

We are focusing on the basics: the KV Civics Curriculum delivery in the classroom and the authentic election experience for students at the polls.

Additionally, Kids Voting offers a community service opportunity for high school students. As part of our KV High School Forum, students raise election awareness, promote voter registration to students turning 18, encourage participation in the KV election and advise Kids Voting-Buncombe County on student issues. They are trained as KV precinct captains and volunteers and can earn community service credit.

Please visit our website (www.kidsvotingbc.org). It has been updated, a Parents Page with *THE KIDS VOTING FAMILY VOTING GUIDE* has been added and the Teachers Page has been revised to provide easier access to the curriculum. It is our goal to simplify and streamline our organization as we continue to serve our young voters.

We appreciate the support of our volunteers and donors during this transitional year.

Kids Voting Buncombe County partners with schools and election officials to offer students a wide range of opportunities for civic learning:

Our program is school-based and made available to all public, private and home schools in Buncombe County for students in grades K-12.

This combination of classroom instruction, an authentic voting experience and family dialogue makes Kids Voting a powerful strategy for achieving long-term voting behavior.

Visit www.kidsvotingbc.org to learn more.

Kids Voting is providing an invaluable learning opportunity for Buncombe's young citizens. The organization is also providing the adult community with the opportunity to work together in assuring a bright future for democracy in our county.

Trena Parker, Director of Elections, Buncombe County.

Local Elections Affect Our Everyday Lives!

Streets. Water. Police. Parks.

Our lives are affected each and every day by the decisions made by our local elected officials. With no federal or state races, it's easy to think of this election year as being an "off year"-time to rest and regroup until we get ready for the "more important" elections next year.

But just as we continue to drive on our streets, drink our water, depend on our police and play in our parks, we need to continue with civic education for our students and stress the importance of municipal elections.

The people who win local elections are the people who decide where to locate a new school or how much we will pay in property taxes. It's not glamorous, but local elections are the cornerstone of democracy.

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!

Thank you for Serving Our Communities!

ON THE 2009 BALLOT

Offices to be Elected

Asheville City Mayor
Asheville City Council (3)
Biltmore Forest Mayor
Biltmore Forest Commissioner (3)
Black Mountain Mayor
Black Mountain Alderman (3)
Montreat Mayor
Montreat Commissioner (2)
Weaverville Mayor
Weaverville Councilman (2)
Woodfin Mayor
Woodfin Alderman (3)
Woodfin Water & Sewer (3)



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 Election Day, November 3. Volunteer captains are needed for a 3 - 4 hour time commitment in the precincts holding municipal elections. Training is provided.

If you are interested in volunteering for Kids Voting on November 3rd please email info@kidsvotingbc.org or call 775-5673.

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

Vote Early with Kids Voting

Can't make it to the polls on November 3rd? Kids Voting will offer Early Voting at all adult early voting locations in Buncombe County October 15 - October 31. Cast your early vote at any of these sites:

Board of Elections Office

8am - 6pm, Weekdays starting October 15, 2009

10am - 6pm Saturday October 24, 2009

8am - 1pm, Ending Saturday, October 31, 2009

Remote Locations

North Asheville Branch Library

South Buncombe Branch Library

Parks & Rec Building, Gashes Creek Rd.

West Asheville Branch Library

10am - 6pm Starting Saturday, October 24th - 30th

8am - 1pm Ending Saturday, October 31, 2009

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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