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“A vote is a small piece of power given to the voter but an overwhelming force given to a nation”

— Jessica Manley, High School student, San Jose, Calif.

CELEBRATE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

on

Election Day, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

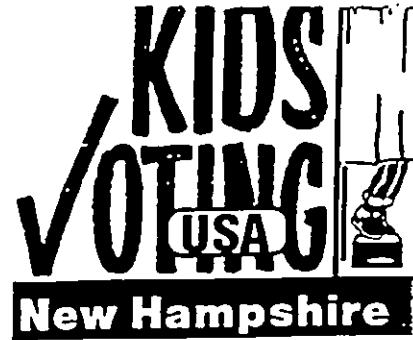
Your student(s) also has an opportunity to vote at the polls, on a Kids Voting ballot, in a designated section of the Ward. Kids Voting is a curriculum based program in the Manchester schools, culminating with going to the polls and voting with the adult members of the family. Please make every effort to take your student with you to the polls, so they will not miss this valuable learning experience. If you need to register in order to Vote, you may do so at your polling place on November 3.

You have the freedom and privilege, as a US citizen to vote in this election, which will determine who will hold important state and federal offices. Let us all take the responsibility we have to make a difference and challenge the media prediction of apathy and low voter turnout. Media predictions do not make winners and losers, VOTERS do!

WE ARE THE KEEPERS OF DEMOCRACY – MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT.

SEE YOU AT THE POLLS on Tuesday, November 3

Polling places are open from 6:00AM to 7:00 PM



Voter Registration Form

Please type or print

WARD # _____

NAME (LAST)

(FIRST)

(MIDDLE INITIAL)

STREET ADDRESS

APARTMENT NUMBER

CITY

COUNTY

NH

031

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY, STATE)

DATE OF BIRTH

TYPE OF REGISTRATION

- NEW VOTER
- NAME CHANGE
- ADDRESS CHANGE
- DELETION
- PARTY CHANGE

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR (TEACHER)

DATE

11/3/98
George -

My 12 year old
daughter voted today,
by secret ballot
of course.

George






**NEW HAMPSHIRE GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 1998
WARDS 1, 2, 12**



TO VOTE, COMPLETELY FILL IN THE OVAL TO THE RIGHT OF YOUR CHOICE LIKE THIS:

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS



- To vote, fill in the oval opposite your choice like this
- To Vote a Straight Ticket
fill in the oval opposite the political party of your choice like this
if you wish to vote for all candidates running in that party. If you vote a straight ticket, but wish to vote for one or more individual candidates, you may do so, and your vote for an individual candidate will override the straight party vote for that office. However, if you vote for one candidate in an office where more than one candidate is to be elected, be sure to vote individually for all candidates of your choice for that office, because your straight ticket vote will not be counted for that office.
- To Vote a Split Ticket
If you do not wish to vote for all candidates running in the same party, fill in the oval opposite the names of the candidates for whom you wish to vote like this
- To Vote by Write-In
If you wish to vote for candidates whose names are not printed on the ballot, write in the names on the blank lines for write-in votes and fill in the oval.

-  **STRAIGHT TICKET
REPUBLICAN**
For all candidates of this party fill in the oval
-  **STRAIGHT TICKET
DEMOCRAT**
For all candidates of this party fill in the oval
-  **STRAIGHT TICKET
LIBERTARIAN**
For all candidates of this party fill in the oval



For Governor
Vote for not more than ONE:

- JAY LUCAS** 
Republican
- JEANNE SHAHEEN** 
Democrat
- "KEN" BLEVENS**
Libertarian No photo available


For United States Senator
Vote for not more than ONE:

- JUDD GREGG** 
Republican
- GEORGE CONDODEMTRAKY** 
Democrat
- BRIAN CHRISTESON**
Libertarian No photo available
- ROY KENDEL**
Independent American No photo available



For Representative in Congress
Vote for not more than ONE:

- JOHN E. SUNUNU** 
Republican
- PETER FLOOD** 
Democrat

For Executive Councilor
Vote for not more than ONE:

- THOMAS COLANTUONO**
Republican No photo available
- "JIM" NORMAND** 
Democrat

For State Senator
Vote for not more than ONE:

- PATRICIA "PAT" KREUGER** 
Republican
- STEPHEN T. DESTEFANO** 
Democrat

**QUESTION 1
NON-BINDING REFERENDUM**

"Should the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approve the issuance of up to \$50,000,000 of fully insured bonds for the construction of a civic center in Downtown Manchester, total project to be paid with private funds and a portion of the City's share of the State Meals and Rooms revenue?"

- YES
 NO

KIDS VOTING USA



Keepers of
DEMOCRACY

FALL 1998 NEWSLETTER

New Hampshire

Building Better Voters, One Student At A Time

The 1998 Kids voting USA National Conference was held May 27 - 29 in Phoenix, Arizona. Board members, executive directors, students and other representatives from Kids Voting projects throughout the nation convened to discuss issues concerning the Kids Voting Program.

The conference consisted of speakers, workshops and panel discussions on topics such as curriculum, maximizing student involvement, and the resources of communities, the use of technology in the class room and community, public relations, and fund raising.

Dr. Carl Glickman, professor of Social Foundations of



Mike Hickey, Helen Hamilton, and Dr. Glickman.

Education and Chair of the Program for School Improvement at the University of Georgia, addressed the delegates as to "why

it is necessary to continuously educate students about the importance of participating in the democratic process of voting."

"Students must see the connection with learning and bettering their life. Education and democracy are inseparable with students quite capable of learning and understanding the importance of voting." Dr. Glickman observed. He also noted there are more affluent people in America today and yet they harbor more cynicism than ever, and he said, "don't think they don't make a difference!"

Dr. Glickman, a former Principal in the Somersworth NH school system, is the author of several books, articles and essays inspiring hope and concrete action about democracy, education and the future of our children.

KIDS VOTING GEARS UP FOR A SUCCESSFUL '98

Kids Voting is gearing-up for the federal and state elections by touching more youngsters this

election year in the Merrimack Valley and Seacoast Region, while expanding to the North Country, in the towns of Whitefield, Lancaster, Jefferson, Twin Mountain and Dalton.

Coordinators hope to reach more than 24,000

students in 1998, while continuing to expand into other areas of the state.

Important elective state and federal positions are at stake in New Hampshire in 1998 and students will make their choices, along with the official adult vote for Governor, a United States Senate seat, two Congressional seats and all New Hampshire Senate and House of Representative seats. Local, state and federal governments are important in our daily life and we all have an obligation to know the politics, the issues and what is going on throughout the year, not just at election time.



✓ In 1998
New
Hampshire
was rated
Seventh
in the
nation for voter
turnout.

There is room for
improvement for the
1998 elections, let's
get out and vote!

'Kids Voters' Re-energize Dismal Election Day Turnout

"Kids Voting New Hampshire generates excitement in both the classroom and voting booth. It's a 'win-win' program for students, parents, educators, and business and government leaders — especially in a state like NH that is so steeped in political tradition!"

Mike Hickey
President & CEO
Bell Atlantic — NH

"Learning the rights and responsibilities of citizenship is the first step toward teaching a person to care about and for their community and becoming a productive citizen. Kids Voting is one of the most fun and rewarding programs in which me and our employees are involved. We love Kids Voting!"

David A. Jensen
President & CEO
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NH

"This one initiative gives all of us at PSNH an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to education, community involvement, and volunteerism. As 'Keepers of Democracy' it's incumbent upon all of us to promote the power behind each individual vote."

Bill Frain
President & COO
Public Service of NH

On November 3, millions of students across the US, including several thousand in New Hampshire will have the opportunity to head to the polls to cast a ballot—helping to combat the crisis which puts democracy at risk. This crisis is real and alarming. In 1996, only 30 percent of those aged 18–24 voted. In most cities, the mayor is elected by less than 10 percent of the eligible voters. But there is hope for the future. As Keepers of Democracy, Kids Voting USA/New Hampshire programs are preserving democracy in the '90's and on into the 21st century.

How it works. Kids Voting USA/New Hampshire is a private, nonpartisan, nonprofit, grassroots organization in the schools, community, and home. The Kids Voting curriculum prepares students for election day with hands-on action and research based activities. The program culminates on election day when kids go to the polls, accompanied by parent or guardian, to cast their own ballots, in their own voting booths, on the same issues and candidates as adults. Results are reported to the media just as official results are.

Program scope. In 1998, the Kids Voting USA network comprises:

- 5 million students
- 40 states, plus the District of Columbia
- 200,000 teachers
- 80,000 volunteers



- 16,000 voter precincts
- 6,000 schools

For 1998 in New Hampshire

- 24,000 students
- 51 schools
- 39 voting wards
- 500 volunteers
- 6 school districts

The Impact. Stanford University research shows that students who participate in Kids Voting know and care about political events. They become active and attentive citizens, learning skills that are likely to stay with them as adults. In addition, it changes the behavior of students and as importantly, their parents. Kid Voting communities see adult voter turnout increase between five percent and 10 percent.*

Private Sector Support. Kids Voting USA/New Hampshire

receives all its funding from the private sector. Corporations and private foundations have been the key lines of support. It's major sponsors are Autofair Automotive, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Hampshire, Citizens Bank, MediaOne, Healthsource, the City Clerks Offices of Concord, Portsmouth, and Manchester, McLane, Graf, Raulerson, & Middleton Law Firm; Bell Atlantic NH, Public Service of New Hampshire, Knistrom Foundation, Tyco International (USA), and Bigelow & Company, CPA, PC. In addition, more than 50 businesses, service organizations, Chambers of Commerce, city governments, and individuals across the state have contributed to the program.

*Bruce D. Merrill, Ph.D., Director, Media Research Program, The Walter Cronkite School of Journalism & Telecommunication, Arizona State University.



Kids Voting NH- Greater Portsmouth

Kids Voting Greater Portsmouth Area successfully completed its first round of elections in 1997.

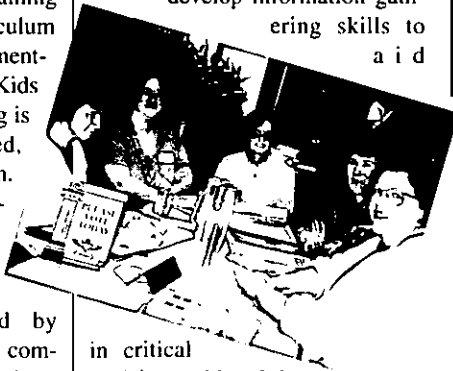
And 1998 looks to be more exciting as others join the program. The towns of Greenland and Rye will be using the Kids Voting curriculum in their classrooms. In May the

Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce hosted Chamber Children's Day. The 8th annual event, sponsored by Fleet Bank and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care of New England, brought thousands of families into downtown Portsmouth for an afternoon of activities. Kids Voting Greater Portsmouth had a booth at the event. At the booth, children could experience a democracy by voting on three ballot questions, participate in a government and history trivia game, and enter to win Kids Voting prizes. The booth drew hundreds of children who were excited to have the opportunity to have their voice heard.

Teacher Training held in Manchester

On April 16, 1998 a Teacher Workshop was held in Manchester for teachers working with the Kids Voting USA curriculum. More than 50 teachers from the North Country, Concord, Merrimack Valley, Greenland, Rye, and Manchester worked with Shari Middleswart, the Community Education Specialist for Kids Voting USA. Shari is responsible for development and maintaining the Kids Voting USA Curriculum and developing and implementing teacher training for the Kids Voting program. Kids Voting is a "creative, action packed, learn by doing" curriculum. Many teachers with experience in the curriculum as well as new teachers to the curriculum participated in the workshop. Developed by teachers for teachers, it is a comprehensive series of K-12 classroom activities that enable students to acquire knowledge through

personal experience that bridges the community with the classroom and culminates with the act of voting at official polls on election day. It is considered to be one of the more innovative curricula of the past decade. Overall, the Kids Voting curriculum is a key preparer for election day that stimulates youth and adults, at home and at school. Its goal is to develop information gathering skills to



in critical decision making. It is mighty in its simplicity. And it works!

Teachers:

Get the KIDS VOTING word out!!
Please use every opportunity to remind parents to
TAKE THEIR KIDS TO THE POLLS
ON NOVEMBER 3
Parent/Teacher Conferences are a perfect
time to mention Kids Voting and encourage
parents to vote also!

Dates to Remember

Primary Election
Tuesday, September 8th
Because the primary is just one week after school begins, students will not be prepared to vote in this election.

General Election
Tuesday, November 3rd
All students participating in Kids Voting are eligible to vote in this election

National Kids Voting Day, Monday, Sept. 28th
The "kick off" event for this election year will be at the State House in Concord. Participating with the students will be Governor Shaheen; Speaker of the House, Sytek; President of the Senate, Delahunty and Secretary of State, William Gardner.

KV Pilot Program

By: Barbara Shaw, Northwest Elementary, Grade 5, Manchester

The success of the pilot program for Kids Voting-USA/NH in 1996 has begun a renewed enthusiasm for civic responsibility among our elementary and Jr./Sr. high school students in 1997 and 1998. Preparing them to accept responsibility and to make good decisions is a key component of the Kids Voting curriculum. This involvement in responsibility and decision making from early childhood could produce a generation of politically motivated adults as has not been seen in half a century! Teachers from around the state have been attending workshops to become familiar with the concept of Kids Voting. They have learned that this program reaches across the curriculum. It is multisensory, and activity based. It doesn't teach politics; it teaches the democratic process and how valuable each of

us is to that process. Most importantly, it teaches self esteem and self worth.

These motivational workshops allow for sharing of ideas and preparation for implementing the program in each district. Teachers learn how adaptable the lessons are to established curriculum, and how all subjects, including the arts, are integrated in the program. Kids and teachers are urged to be creative and expressive. They learn how much influence they have on each other and the elections by being informed and involved.

As do many other teachers, I love the Kids Voting curriculum and through its use see the evolution of a generation of involved and informed citizens whose decisions mold a bright future for our country.



New Hampshire

I am able to:

- Work at the polls, Tuesday, Nov 3, 1998
 anytime 6am-9am 9am-1pm
 1pm-4pm 4pm-7pm 6pm-8pm
 Tally election returns
 12-3pm 3pm-6pm 6pm to finish

Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers for Kids Voting. If you can help, please call...

- Manchester & Concord — (603) 645-2191 • Portsmouth — (603) 436-1118 ext. 23
- White Mountains SAU #36 — (603) 444-0138

or clip & mail this coupon to

- Kid's Voting New Hampshire, 900 Elm Street, 19th Floor., Manchester, NH 03101

Yes! I Want to Volunteer.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

School District _____

Thank You!

Sponsors and Volunteers Make It Happen

Learning the value of voting and making knowledgeable decisions will make a real difference in children's lives for years to come. The Kids Voting New Hampshire program and election day process would not be possible without the commitment and enthusiasm of our volunteers.

Our sponsors, board and committee members, educators and election day volunteers are a constant support and source of inspiration. Kids Voting sponsors are providing more than just financial commitment and have set the pace for involvement. Kids Voting has a wide range of sponsors who not only provide leadership on boards and committees and volunteers for the polls on election day, but also donate office space, supplies,

materials, and equipment. City Clerks' offices have been tremendous in sharing their knowledge of the "nuts and bolts" of the election process by helping us with the development of the different ballots for all 12 grades, finding voting space in the wards, and counting ballots.

We sincerely applaud and thank the hundreds of volunteers that make Kids Voting happen. The countless hours, miles driven, phone calls placed, ballots counted and countless other tasks cannot be measured, but are most appreciated by the thousands of kids who are able to have the Kids Voting curriculum and cast their ballot on Nov. 3. We know the attention brought to the kids increased adult voter turnout!

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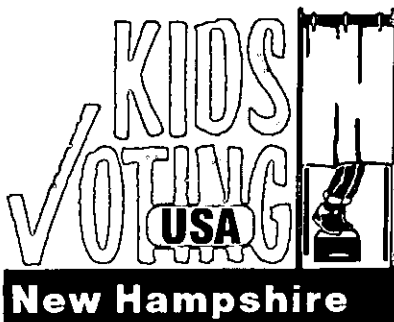
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