Kids Voting Shakopee

Building the Next Generation of Voters



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Election Day volunteers needed

Kids Voting needs volunteers to help staff some of our polling places on Nov. 8. If you can share even a couple of hours, email Michele at mhanlon@valleyfair.com.



Kids Voting Election Day hours

Shakopee Precincts 1-13, and Jackson & Louisville Townships: <u>7-9 a.m. & 2:30-8 p.m.</u>

Prior Lake Precincts 5 & 7 and Savage Precincts 5 & 7: <u>4-8 p.m. ONLY</u>

Students vote too! Tuesday, Nov. 8

Kids Voting Shakopee is a nonpartisan organization working to prepare students to be educated, engaged voters. Part of a national network, Kids Voting combines civic learning in the classroom, family dialogue and an authentic Election Day voting experience. In the classroom, students discuss the rights, responsibilities and mechanics of voting and citizenship. Students learn about the importance of participating in the democratic process. On Election Day, students in grades 3-12 have the opportunity to go to the polls with their families and cast a vote using the same process and ballot slate as the adults. It takes the mystery out of voting and gives kids a sense of pride and empowerment.

The Role of Parents

Kids Voting encourages families to be involved in teaching your children your own civic values. Discussing the election, talking about what you believe and why, and asking your kids what they think and feel about the candidates and issues will enhance your child's participation in the Kids Voting program. Review the Voter's Guide coming home with your child in late October. **Then bring your children with you when you vote on Nov. 8.** Look for the special Kids Voting area at your polling site.

For More Information

Learn more about Kids Voting and explore the many resources on our website at www.kidsvotingshakopee.org. Questions? Email Paulette at prislund@shakopee.k12.mn.us or Lorri at lorrihelkamp@att.net



Bring your student to meet the candidates

The Shakopee Chamber of Commerce will host a Meet the Candidates event involving candidates running for office in the November 8 election. Separate debates for each office will be held. Students and families are encouraged to come and meet the candidates from <u>5-6 p.m.</u> and then stay for one or more of the debates. WHEN: Thursday, October 13, 2016

- · 6-7 p.m. Scott County Commissioners candidates
- 7-8 p.m. Minnesota House District 55A candidates
- 8-9 p.m. Minnesota Senate District 55 candidates

WHERE: River Valley Church, 1350 Crossings Blvd., Shakopee (near Home Depot)

The candidate debates will be recorded and may be viewed on demand on the Shakopee Chamber website at www.shakopee.org.

The Shakopee Diversity Alliance (SDA) will host a second opportunity to meet the candidates on this year's ballot on <u>Thursday, October 27, 7 p.m.</u> The debate will be held at Shakopee City Hall, 129 Holmes St. S., Shakopee. (www.shakopeediversity.org)