



TAKE YOUR KIDS TO VOTE

Election Day - Tuesday November 2, 2010, 4 PM to 8 PM

Paxtang Borough Gymnasium – Paxtang Residents

Living Water Community Church – Lenker Manor Residents

Voting is one of the most important rights and duties of every American citizen, and the single-most effective way to make your voice heard. Voting allows you the opportunity to elect representatives that reflect your own views. It is a sacred right and your best chance to influence our government.

Our voting privilege, as with all privileges, comes with responsibility. Before going to the polls, we must all do our homework. We need to research the candidates, their voting records and stance on important issues, their plans for our future, and their character in order to make the best choice for our families. **This election you have a special opportunity to include your kids in your voting experience.**

What to do... Prior to the election, discuss the candidates and issues at home as a family. Then take your kids when you go to vote. You can take them through the line and into the voting booth with you to watch. After you vote, your kids will cast a special ballot on the same issues, plus a special “kid-friendly” question. The kids' election results will be posted on www.paxtang.com. With your permission, their names will be posted on that website, indicating their participation.

How to research candidates... A good place to start is www.votesmart.org. Click on the map, enter your zip code, and answer 12 questions to find out which US Senate and US House candidate is most like you. OR enter your zip code in top left corner under “Find Your Representatives” and scroll down to “Current Candidates”. You can see the races, the candidates, and follow links to research each candidate. You can read their biographies, voting records, position papers, and more. This is just a starting point. Continue your research until you are satisfied.

Thomas Jefferson said "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be." Liberty requires that we educate ourselves and our children.

Daniel Webster once said “Impress upon children the truth that the exercise of the elective franchise is a social duty of as solemn a nature as man can be called to perform; that a man may not innocently trifle with his vote; that every elector is a trustee as well for others as himself and that every measure he supports has an important bearing on the interests of others as well as on his own.”

Many of you already bring your children to the polls with you. Please consider bringing them to this mid-term election and modeling citizenship and responsibility for the next generation.

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