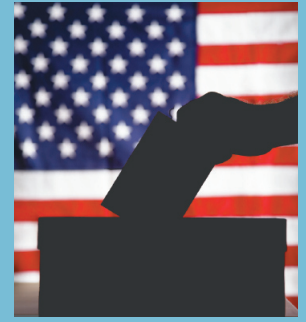


# BALLOT BOX BULLETIN

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## BOOK CLUB

The July/August book is Anything You Want by Derek Sivers. All the details are listed at the end of the newsletter. KVUSA hopes that you will read the book and join the online discuss on the national website.

## CONFERENCE

Join us in Las Vegas on Oct. 20th and 21st for the 2011 Conference!!

*\* Join members of the Conference Planning Committee for a no host dinner at the resort on Wednesday, October 19th.*

### Thursday, October 20th

**9am:** Quick Welcome

**9:15am:** Leadership Training presented by DeVee Dietz and Dr. Helen Usera, Chiesman Center for Democracy

**11:30am:** Break for Lunch

**1pm:** Official Welcome, KVUSA Update

**1:30pm:** DCD Update

**2:30pm:** Anything is Relative - Various Kids Voting leaders manage discussions on different topics

**4:30pm:** KidsVention Presentation

**5pm:** Dismissal

### Friday, October 21st

**8:45am:** Meet in Lobby

**9am:** KidsVention

**Noon:** Conclusion of KidsVention

**12:30pm:** Wrap of Conference

## Kids Voting Tampa Bay is getting Recognized

The Martin County Supervisor of Elections, Vicki Davis, included a nice article about Kids Voting Tampa Bay and DoubleClick Democracy in her summer 2011 newsletter. The article mentioned how students from Warfield and Jensen Beach Elementary Schools voted on their favorite book during the Sunshine State Young Readers program. Students from kindergarten to third grade read a series of books and voted for the one they liked most. It also shared how students from Martin County High School and Clark Advanced Learning Center voted for their class officers; and, member of the LEADERShip Martin County, Class 21, elected Crystal Stiles as their LEADERShip Commissioner.

Martin County wasn't the only county to recognize Kids Voting Tampa Bay this summer. The Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections also added a page to their website that features Kids Voting Tampa Bay and DoubleClick Democracy.



## August Educator of the Month

KVUSA is pleased to announce that **Dennis Holt** is the August Educator of the Month. Dr. Holt is the Secondary Social Studies Supervisor for the Hillsborough County school district. His leadership and support were instrumental in the success of the DoubleClick Democracy pilot program. The success of the DoubleClick Democracy in the 2008 Presidential Mock Election launched the locally built online voting system to national adoption. More than 115,000 students participated in the DoubleClick Democracy pilot program. Furthermore, Dr. Holt promotes and encourages Hillsborough County social studies teachers to participate in the Kids Voting Tampa Bay program.

Kids Voting USA truly appreciates the work and passion Dennis Holt demonstrates for our program.

*Don't forget to follow KVUSA on facebook and twitter!!*

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## Are You Attending??

Written by: Dr. Diana Carlin, KVUSA Board Chairman

With all of the political activity in early primary and caucus states and media speculation about nominees, you would think the 2012 election was far less than 15 months away. For everyone involved with Kids Voting, 15 months will go far too quickly as we work to recruit new schools or affiliates, prepare teachers for 2012, put advisory boards together, fundraise, and loom for new ways to engage students of all ages.

One of the best ways to accomplish all that is required to keep Kids Voting vital and growing is to attend the annual meeting October 20-21 in Las Vegas. Being around other program directors, hearing what is going on throughout the affiliate network, and observing Kidsvention is just what we all need to kick off the year of activities leading to election day. The conference will also provide a way to share exciting news about the upcoming 20th anniversary of Kids Voting.

More details on the conference will be out shortly, so don't forget to make regular visits to our new Web site.



## KVUSA Busy, Busy

With the 20th Anniversary coming up and a Presidential Election, Kids Voting USA is busy working on many projects.

Here is a calendar:

- ~ **August 5th:** KVUSA presents at the Newspaper Association Managers meeting
- ~ **August 12th:** Information about the different way to access the curriculum on the new web site. (It's NEVER been this EASY!)
- ~ **Middle of August:** Information about the latest enhancements to DoubleClick Democracy. KVUSA listened to your suggestions and feedback and has made DoubleClick Democracy even better than it was.
- ~ **August 31st:** KVUSA Board Meeting in Washington DC
- ~ **September 1st:** DEADLINE to register for the annual conference in Las Vegas
- ~ **First part of September:** Information about "Teacher of the Year"
- ~ **October:** Information about the activities for the 20th Anniversary. This includes fundraising and promotional opportunities for the affiliates, symposium for students and a gala in Washington D.C. Also throughout 2012, KVUSA will be highlighting a specific topic and curriculum activity each month.
- ~ **October 20th and 21st:** 2011 Kids Voting USA Conference
- ~ **February/March:** Symposium and Gala

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