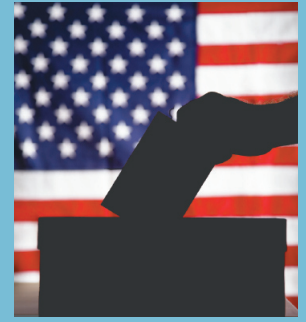


BALLOT BOX BULLETIN

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF KIDS VOTING USA FEBRUARY 2012



DATES TO REMEMBER

February 6th, 2012:

KVUSA Board Meeting

February 28th, 2012:

Deadline for Educator of the Month nominations & Ballot Box Bulletin articles

March 1st, 2012:

Annual Requested Information Due

March 5th, 2012:

KVUSA Board Meeting

March 29th, 2012:

Engaging Today's Youth for Tomorrow's Civic Engagement Symposium & Luncheon

March 30th, 2012:

Deadline for Educator of the Month nominations & Ballot Box Bulletin articles

April 1st, 2012:

5% discount off Affiliate Dues Expires

KV Stoughton Conducts Voter Registration Drives

The affiliate is hosting voter registration drives to encourage parents of the elementary students to register. KV Stoughton is working with the Secretary of State's office as well as the Superintendent of the school district. They also are promoting key election dates and deadlines. The overall goal is to encourage those parents who are required to be with their child to participate in the Kids Voting election to register, if they are not.

Kids Voting Central Ohio Youth Council Visits General Assembly

Kids Voting Central Ohio has a Youth Council that meets monthly during the school year. Composed of high school students from various member high schools, the Youth Council advises Kids Voting staff on programs and interacts with elected officials from the Kids Voting Honorary Board of Elected Officials.

On January 19th, the Youth Council met with members of the Ohio General Assembly and went on a quick tour of the Ohio Statehouse. State Representatives Ted Celeste, Mike Duffey, Michael Stinziano, Nancy Garland, and State Senator Charleta Tava-



Brandon Edwards, Chase Wilson, Terrance Davis, Arnold Osei-Owusu, Nick Cooley, Chris Trobaugh, Mike Musil, Tyler Edgington, Alexandria Pickett, Esmeralda Hernandez, John Kohler, State Rep. Michael Stinziano, Zachary Davidson, State Sen. Charleta Tavares, State Rep. Ted Celeste, State Rep. Mike Duffey, State Rep. Nancy Garland, Assistant House Clerk Tom Sherman, Alexander Scales.

res shared legislative priorities, personal backgrounds and political insights with the students and answered student questions about the state budget, funding for higher education and election laws.

February Educator of the Month

KVUSA is pleased to announce that **Mr. Travis Lamb** is the February Educator of the Month. Mr. Lamb currently is the Head of Middle School and Middle School Social Studies at Topeka Collegiate. He led the task force for Shawnee County, which has great student participation. He organized meetings, recruited other teachers and community leaders to partake, and arranged the logistics for Election night.

Kids Voting USA truly appreciates the work and passion Mr. Travis Lamb demonstrates for our program.

OTHER NEWS

KVUSA Welcomes New Board Members

Linda Reeves the Vice President of Kids Voting Mesa County is the newest affiliate representative on the Kids Voting USA board. She is replacing Richard Coe, Kids Voting Southeast Pennsylvania Executive Director, and will be serving a three year term. She is a retired American History and Government teacher. "We love Linda's energy and passion for Kids Voting! We are looking forward to working with her in this capacity," said Rachel Willis, the Executive Director of Kids Voting USA.

Alex Ross also is joining the national board of directors. Alex is a senior at the University of Kansas. Currently, he is interning for the organization and focusing on the contest, symposium and fund raiser luncheon. Alex has been instrumental in the creation of these activities that celebrate the organization's 20th anniversary. Diana Carlin stated, "We are so pleased to know that his work with the organization will not end with the symposium in March. He thinks outside the box and brings a young perspective to our discussions."



Engaging Today's Youth for Tomorrow's Civic Leadership Symposium 2012

MARCH 29, 2012 | RONALD REAGAN INTERNATIONAL BUILDING ROTUNDA | WASHINGTON D.C.

www.kidsvotingusa.org/EYT2012

Engaging Today's Youth for Tomorrow's Civic Leadership Symposium Schedule

Thursday, March 29th, 2012

9am - 10am EST: The Future of Civic Engagement Panel - Representatives from other civic education orientated nonprofit organizations will share details about how your students can get involved in their programs locally.

10am - 10:15am EST: Break

10:15am - 10:45am EST: 6-8th grade Making an Impact Winners Presentation

10:45am - 11:15am EST: 9-12th grade Making an Impact Winners Presentation

11:15am - Noon EST: International Presentation on Civic Engagement
The best part about the symposium is that even though it will be held in Washington D.C., no one has to travel to DC to participate. The symposium is being broadcast live via Cisco Webex Technology. KVUSA will be distributing the URL link soon. Have your educators mark their calendars!!

Directly following the symposium, KVUSA is hosting a fundraiser luncheon. Mr. Mike McCurry, the former press secretary for Bill Clinton's administration and consultant for Public Strategies Washington, Inc, is the keynote speaker. Luncheon tickets may be purchased from the national office for \$125. Hotel rooms are available at the Hilton Garden Inn Washington, DC/U.S. Capitol. To make a reservation, please call 1-800-HILTONS and ask for the Kids Voting USA group rate of \$179 per night.

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