



## School Rally Ideas

To: School Level Ambassadors & Student Activities Coordinators

We encourage schools to hold Kids Voting Hawaii rallies to promote civic responsibility, to excite students about the upcoming elections and to encourage them to vote. Kids Voting Hawaii District Coordinators and/or Complex Liaisons may be contacted for assistance.

Here are some ideas to help you get started.

### **Ideas for preparation and follow up activities for the rally**

Have students:

- Learn the "Kids Voting Hawaii V-O-T-E Song" (sung to the tune of "YMCA") with arm movements to spell V-O-T-E. Obtain copy of music via I-tunes or other source. See copy of lyrics on page 2.
- Make a banner for the stage and/or posters encouraging students to vote.
- Dress up in red, white and blue on the day of the rally
- Make or buy small American flags for students to wave at the rally.
- Write on a small strip of paper their wish for Hawaii, the U.S. now or in the future to hang on a Wish Tree (or trees).
- Make "I'm Voting; Are You?" or "Let's Vote" cards to take home to their parents after the rally to remind parents to vote on Election Day.

### **Rally Program (sample):**

The program can be planned and put on by the Student Council, Interact Club (in the high schools) or any class or student group. Schools can tap the talents of their band, ROTC, cheerleaders, athletic teams, singers and dancers, drama club etc. to enliven the program.

I. Welcome by student emcee

II. Presentation of Colors: Flags brought in by color guards (school's ROTC or Boy/Scout troop may be asked to do this) or flags can be on stage  
Pledge of Allegiance and/or National Anthem to follow.

III. Introduction of and short speeches by:

- Principal
  - Representative from Kids Voting Hawaii
- Other guests whom the school may want to invite to speak about civic responsibility
- Legislators from the school's district
  - Inspirational graduates of the school, community leaders, entertainers or sports heroes

IV. Kids Voting Hawaii V-O-T-E song  
Project words on screen if possible.

V. Student Sharing:

Examples:

- Student sharing posters or short essays done as a class assignment or school contest.
- Skit(s) by the Student Council, group putting on the rally or drama club.
- Song, dance and/or rap done by the football team, cheerleaders, dancers or other student or group on campus.
- Students reading their "Wish for Hawaii, the U.S. and the Future."

VI. Kids Voting Hawaii Question-Response Cheer

This may be led by students or Kids Voting Hawaii representatives who may be present at the rally.

VII: Closing and Kids Voting Hawaii V-O-T-E song to end the rally

**KIDS VOTING HAWAII**  
**V-0-T-E Song**  
(sung to the tune of Y.M.C.A.)

Say kids! Have you heard the news?  
We say, HEY kids! If you don't vote WE lose!  
We say – YEA, kids! It's a chance to choose  
And that's why KIDS VOTING works now!

Yes, kids! Election Day is near –  
We say, WOW kids – let's hear a big cheer!  
That's right; all kids have a chance to be heard  
And it's clear KIDS VOTING works now . . .

We'll go to the polls to vote  
And then you'll know that it's not a big joke!  
We care – that's right! Our voices we'll hear  
And that's why KIDS VOTING works now!

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(clap – 2—3—4)

(Chorus)

V-O-T-E Let us hear you now!  
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It's Hawaii's way to give the kids a say  
To make a difference right here today!

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### QUESTION-RESPONSE CHEER

Prior to the rally, prepare two large signs which can be seen by everyone in the audience: Vote and Kids Voting. The correct sign will be held up for the students respond to the questions.

1. What are you going to do by \_\_\_\_\_ (General Election date) \_\_\_\_\_ **VOTE**
2. To be a responsible citizen, what should everyone do on or by (General Election date)? **VOTE**
3. Students demonstrate or show civic responsibility by doing what? **KIDS VOTING**
4. What is this rally for? **KIDS VOTING**
5. On (General Election date) every \_\_\_\_ will count. **VOTE**
6. What program provides students the opportunity to vote on-line? **KIDS VOTING**
7. What program will show that student votes do count? **KIDS VOTING**
8. Students are learning about the voting process by logging on to which website? **KIDS VOTING**
9. Don't forget to remind your parents to \_\_\_\_\_ **VOTE**
10. You are all responsible citizens when you participate in \_\_\_\_\_? **KIDS VOTING**

