

PVA PARENTS TO THE POLLS Voting Extra Credit

Instructions:

- Take your parents/family members/friends to vote whether it is during the early voting period or on November 6th...join them, observe the process, and take a selfie at the polls and post it on social media with the hashtag #tookmyparenttovote, #tookmyuncletovote, #pvavotes, or #hisdvotes--then screen shot the social media post and email it to your teacher to receive extra credit...THEN SPREAD THE WORD! Tell your friends to do the same thing, mobilize the vote!
- **Alternative Assignments:** (if parents or family members are unable to register to vote): Sign up to volunteer at the polls, or even visit a voting location and observe the democratic process! Take a picture of this activity, then email to your teacher! Or write about why voting is important!
- Email should include 1.) subject your email with "voting extra credit" 2.) documented evidence of your completion of this activity (screenshot and post on social media) 3.) what you learned during this process?
- **Extra Credit distribution:**
- Social Studies Department:
 - Determined by the teacher

How to get started:

Steps to achieving the end to voter apathy:

1. Start having conversations with your parents now about their plans for voting (A good question to ask is "When do you plan to vote? Are you going before or after work?" If people are prompted to visualize voting their more likely to turn out)
2. Be ready to put a stop to any excuse they use. Start planning today, figure out closest locations for early voting or correct polling location on Nov. 6th, print out sample ballots, know exactly what is necessary to bring with them to the polls on voting day.
3. Schedule this day into your calendar (and theirs) and be ready to join them on November 6th (or early voting dates)
4. Let them know why this is important to you and why you are going to hold them accountable
5. Go to the polls with your parents...take a selfie...circulate it on ALL social media, with the hashtags : #tookmyparenttovote #hisdvotes

Why this is important/messages for your parents:

- Vote for those you can't vote→ YOU (the children)
- Speak up for what you believe in-->your voice is strong and what you have to say matters
- The future of Texas depends on who turns out to vote November 6th
- Please vote- don't let others decide for you who's elected and what issues matter

Information resources:

one of the biggest reasons people don't vote is because they don't have the information about where, when and how to vote! Well we are providing you with answers

Election Day: NOVEMBER 6th (when the pools open and close)

- Find you poll <https://harrisvotes.com/VoterBallotSearch.aspx?L=E>

Early voting: October 22nd- November 2nd

- Early voting locations <http://www.harrisvotes.com/SelectEarlyVotingMap.aspx>

Sample ballots <https://harrisvotes.com/SampleBallot/SampleBallot.pdf>

Other resources

<https://harrisvotes.com/>

<http://www.votetexas.gov/>