

Sainty students cast their votes

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No, their vote doesn't count but kids were standing in line to see just what it will be like when they are old enough to vote.

St. Francis students, kindergarten through 12th grade, have been discussing the election and candidates in their classes, reading their student *Time* magazine material and watching television so they could make an intelligent vote in this year's election.

Coordinator Robin Petersen said she has enjoyed the Kansas Kids Voting program and working with the kids.

I can see that the kids have enjoyed it, too, she said.

Becky McAtee brought her students to vote. She said the kids were excited about getting to vote. Just exposing them to the voting booths and making them aware of how voting is done was important too.

Most of the students said they would be glad when the election was over. They were going to vote when they were older and their vote would count. Several young girls, when asked who they voted for president, said they had voted the same as their parents.

Anyone who wants to see the Kansas state results as well as the National Kids Vote Results can go to the web at www.kids-votingkansas.org and www.kidsvotingusa.org.

Through the Kids Vote Kansas program, each student was able to cast their vote just like the adults. Their numbers were totaled and the results are as follows:

President/Vice President

John McCain/Sarah Palin 183
Barack Obama/Joe Biden 43
Ralph Nader/Matt Gonzalez 8
Bob Barr/Wayne Root 2
Chuck Baldwin/Darrell Castle 3
Write In - Gavin Cooper 1

Sheriff

Craig Van Allen (R) 113
Write In - David Warren 4

Treasurer

Dolores Jenik (R) 129

District Court Judge, 15th District, division 2

Scott Showalter (R) 131

Magistrate Judge, 15th District, 1st position

Robert Van Allen (R) 127

Clerk

Terry Miller (R) 128

Commissioner 2nd District

Ray Lee (R) 100
Dale Patton (I) 48

Commissioner 3rd District

Andrew Beikman (R) 116

Register of Deeds

Mary Morrow (R) 137

County Attorney

Kari Milliken Gilliland (R) 131

U.S. Senator

Pat Roberts (R) 169
Jim Slattery (D) 38
Randall Hodgkinson 11
Joseph Martin 13

U.S. Representative

1st District
Jerry Moran (R) 163
Jack Warner 26
Kathleen Burton 30
James Bordonaro (D) 5

State Senator

40th District
Ralph Ostmeyer (R) 130
State Representative
120th District
John Faber (R) 118
Robert Strevey (D) 22

District Court Judge

15th District, Division 1
Glenn Schiffner (R) 124
Supreme Court Justices

Court of Appeals Judges

Steve Leben Y-80; N-36
Joseph Pierron Jr. Y-75; N-40
Christel Marquardt Y-71; N-44
Richard Greene Y-81; N-33



RUTH MILLIKEN, right, handed Sydney Sundstrum her ballott so she could vote for the first time. Signing in is Payton Beims. Natasha Culwell was the other adult helping students sign in. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



EARLY MORNING VOTERS: Kids Vote Kansas was popular at the opening of the polls. Preston Witzel looks on while Hannah Bracelin signs in with her brother Cade. Jenna Confer drops her ballot in the box. Volunteers Brett Petersen and Travis Jensen helped students go through the voting process. Herald photo by Robin Petersen



VOTING was CarolEve Harris. In the background is Natasha Culwell and Ruth Milliken. Left, Phillip White, just finished voting. Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

