

Kid's News

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Kids' Right to Vote

by Lindsey

The election is a very important time of the year. Kids should be able to vote. They should be driven by their parents to the polling location to vote and then taken home by their parents. If kids voted it would make a difference in which president was elected. Adults have no more rights than kids, and everybody should have their own right to vote for the president. If kids could vote, the law should be that they can't talk about their votes, and they should have to know a lot about the candidate to vote for him or her.

When the next election comes, kids older than 10 should be able to vote. There are some reasons why kids can't vote now. They don't have the education and



information on our political system to be able to make a good decision. Kids don't understand the views of the candidates on issues such as the country's health system, or welfare system, or taxes. They will easily be persuaded by other kids' opinions about whom they are voting for. Kids would be voting without knowing what they are really voting for. They might copy someone else's ballot.

The law should say that if kids are ever allowed to vote, they should be supervised. Kids aren't very educated in politics. If kids knew more about the candidates, it would be fine for them to vote. Although all adults are allowed to vote, some adults vote without knowing how the candidates view the important issues. These adults are voting in the same way that kids would. If these adults do this, then why can't children vote? The real point to make here is that these adults should not vote at all. I think that kids should have the right to vote.

Harry Potter

by Bryan

Harry Potter is a good book for advanced readers. It is a story about a boy who lost his parents and was delivered to his aunt and uncle and his cousin. Since they hate him so much, they make him work hard. One day he gets a letter saying he can go to a wizarding school, but his uncle won't let him go. Then a wizard comes and takes Harry school shopping. Next, Harry is taken to a magic train to a school of witchcraft and wizardry and has a lot of adventures there. One adventure is that he finds out the story of how his parents died.

After interviewing classmates, I found some people like and don't like Harry Potter. Nick says he likes Harry Potter because it's creative and funny. Damani likes it because it takes a while to read and you think something bad will happen but it doesn't. Reid says it is advanced because it's so long.

From a Kid to a Redskin

by Patrick

I stood toe to toe with a giant of a man. It's amazing how big professional football players are. On Saturday afternoon, Oct. 28, 2000, I went to Redskins Park in Ashburn, Va., with the hope of interviewing one of the players. While waiting in the parking lot for the players to leave practice, I was lucky enough to see Michael Moore, all 6 foot 3 inches tall, weighing 320 pounds. He approached his car and I went over

to see if I could ask him a few questions.

He told me how his father got him interested in football when he was in the 9th grade. Moore's greatest teacher in life is his father. Moore played offense and defense at Fayette County High School in Alabama. He attended college at Alabama for three years and then transferred to Troy State. In 2000, "Mookie," as he is known to his fellow players, signed a contract with the Washington Redskins. He's an offensive lineman and his

number is 66.

To make my day complete, he offered to give me his autograph and he shook my hand. I wished him luck on the game that he would be playing on Monday Night Football. He got into his car and left the parking lot. I couldn't stop smiling. Just think – I was lucky enough to interview a Redskin. What a thrill!

