

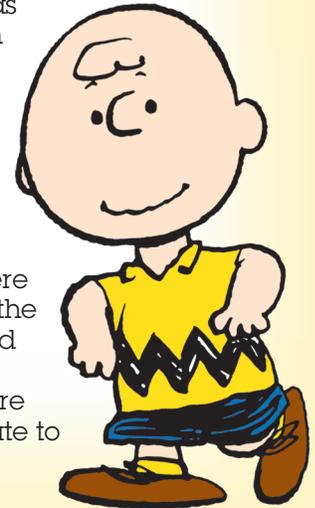


For Whom the Polls Toll

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please take time to complete this activity sheet with your child. We've been learning about the election process and the current presidential election in class, using Charles Schulz's classic Peanuts story, **You're Not Elected, Charlie Brown**, to add some extra interest and fun. In this story—which is available on DVD from Warner Home Video—Linus runs for student body president. Despite some outrageous campaign promises and a serious stumble along the way, he squeaks out a victory—but only by a single vote—and we are left to wonder if the best candidate won after all.

We've also been talking about the importance of voting because—as in the DVD—one vote can make a difference. Your child can learn about the voting process and the importance of registering to vote at Rock the Vote (www.rockthevote.com/), a non-profit organization that, since 1990, has fused pop culture, music, art, and technology to fulfill its mission of building long-term youth political power, to help him or her learn about the registration process. Set an example for your child by registering if you haven't yet, and be sure to cast your vote on November 8th.

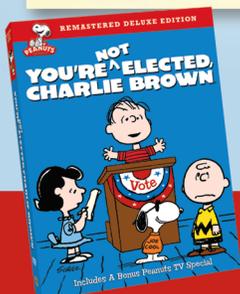


In this activity, you and your child will review the presidential candidates' platforms, listing issues of concern, and decide whose position you agree with and why—just as if your child were going to vote. Your child should then return the completed chart to school. In class, your child will discuss which candidate they agree with and participate in a role-playing activity where they can act as both interviewer and candidate to discuss the particular issues.

Where We Stand

The Issues	_____ 's Position	_____ 's Position	Whose position do you agree with?

Be sure to complete the shaded columns and have your child bring the chart back to class.



Now compare the positions the Peanuts characters have taken in this year's election by visiting the "Vote for President" website at www.peanutsrocksthevote.com.



Watch **You're Not Elected, Charlie Brown**, available on DVD, as you count down to the 2016 presidential election on November 8th.