

## Maggie's Civics Corner

### Lesson #45 - Voting



#### Maggie says ...

*In these difficult times, as our nation and the world pull together, it is more important than ever to understand our role as a citizen.*

**Today's lesson is about VOTING.** Today's lesson is about Voting. As many of you know, my dad was elected Governor of Pennsylvania, Mayor of Philadelphia, and District Attorney of Philadelphia. He was also head of the Democratic National Committee. He knows a lot about voting and running in elections. Voting is one of the most important rights we have as a Citizen. It is one of the ways you can exercise your voice in our country.

**Sticky Situation:** Your principal decided that your school should have a student council, a group of student leaders who meet regularly to discuss school issues such as fundraising ideas, special events, environmental issues, dress codes for students, and more. The principal suggested that the student council should have representatives from each classroom as well as officers including a president, vice president, and secretary. Although there will be student council representatives from all of the classes including kindergarten, first and second grades, your friends feel that only third graders on up should be able to vote for the officers of your student council. Would you support this idea?

**Activity:** The adults that I live with always talk about the importance of voting. It is their rule that they always vote in every election. However, some people feel like their vote does not matter and so they do not vote. Think about at least three ways you might encourage people in your community to vote. **Create a Get Out the Vote Campaign!**

**Civics Resources:** Check out the websites below for additional information:

[Junior Scholastic Lesson Plan – Every Vote Really Counts](#)

[Junior Scholastic Lesson Plan – Old Enough to Vote](#)

[PBS Learning Media – The Election Collection](#)

*(includes Teacher Toolkit)*

[PCNTV.com – Civics 101](#)