
Election Day Excitement

Candidate: person running for office **Campaign:** how a candidate makes a name for him or herself; usually with slogans, television commercials, signs, appearances, etc.

Before an election can happen, there must be candidates. Every candidate will have a campaign. It is important that each candidate gets their message across to voters. The voters need to know what a candidate stands for, what they are trying to accomplish, and how they will help the country and their community. It is the candidate's job to inform voters of their point of view and goals. It is the voters responsibility to learn about the candidates and decide who will be the best fit for the job. Then the election happens. Voters gather at something called a polling place, usually at local schools or community gathering centers. There, voters make their final decisions on who they want to win. It is very important that everyone's vote is protected and private. Voters enter a covered, small space to cast their vote or fill in a bubble on a secret ballot.

