

# SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

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### **Santa Fe County Clerk's Office Concludes KidsVote Program and Expands Access for 2026**

**Santa Fe County, NM** — Clerk Katharine E. Clark and the Santa Fe County Clerk's Office are proud to announce the conclusion of this year's *KidsVote: Practice Makes Future Voters* program, which once again gave young residents a hands-on opportunity to learn how elections work.

This season's KidsVote ballot featured fun, lighthearted questions designed to make voting approachable for children — from "Best Ice Cream" to "Best Type of Chile". Kids also cast mock votes on community-themed "bond questions" and issues inspired by *The Wizard of Oz*.

2025 KidsVote Results Highlights:

- Best Ice Cream: Vanilla
- Best Day of the Week: Friday
- Best Search Engine: Google
- Best Type of Chile: Christmas
- Best Pet: Dog
- Lollipop Guild Representation: Yes
- Bond Question #1 — Yellow Brick Road Improvements: Yes
- Bond Question #2 — Emerald Palace Renovations: Yes

Santa Fe County Clerk's Office is proud to have spearheaded innovative, community-based outreach programs like *KidsVote: Practice Makes Future Voters*, which the Clerk's Office first launched in 2024. We were excited to see other counties following our lead this year and bringing similar initiatives to their own communities. When our work inspires others, the impact multiplies—helping to build a culture of civic engagement and future voters across New Mexico.

#### **Expanding Access: Bringing KidsVote to Schools**

Next year, the Clerk's Office plans to take KidsVote on the road by bringing the program directly into classrooms. This expansion will make participation possible for every school interested — eliminating transportation and cost barriers that can make field trips to polling sites challenging.

“By bringing KidsVote directly to students, we’re ensuring that every child has the chance to experience the excitement of voting,” said Clerk Katharine E. Clark. “These programs build civic understanding and trust in elections from an early age.”

The Santa Fe County Clerk’s Office continues to lead the way in youth civic engagement through innovative initiatives that make democracy accessible, interactive, and fun.

If you’re a teacher, administrator, or parent interested in bringing *KidsVote* to your school, please contact Margaret Gouws, Voter Outreach Coordinator, at [megillett@santafecountynm.gov](mailto:megillett@santafecountynm.gov) to learn more about scheduling a visit.

For more information about KidsVote and upcoming outreach opportunities, visit [SantaFe.vote](http://SantaFe.vote).

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