



The Dictionary Project

The Dictionary Project is a national effort to provide every student with his or her own dictionary. In Arizona, Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis groups, Elks and even business owners have adopted schools and provided every student with a dictionary. But many schools have not been adopted. Our goal is to have every student receive a dictionary. Last year we were at 85%, but that left thousands of students without a dictionary.

The Dictionary Project is one of the most popular projects our clubs have undertaken. Members go into third grade classrooms for 15-20 minutes to present the dictionaries, and the excitement on the students faces is heart warming. And it is not expensive, about \$50 to \$60 per classroom.



I am writing to invite you and your group to adopt a school and become part of the effort to give every third grader a dictionary.



If you are interested, we can provide you with the names of schools that need sponsors, either in your area or in a rural or reservation area with great need but few service clubs. We can also provide a script to use at schools and other materials we have developed. I have included a sample dictionary so you can see the value you get for \$1.70.

By the way, my only motivation for promoting this is I have found it to be a great benefit to me and to the students. I still remember the student who kept raising his hand every few minutes during the presentation - can I take it home? can I leave it at school? at the end of the year do I have to turn it in? can I bring it out of the country? After four yeses, he finally believed that he could keep the first book that he could call his own.

For more information on the Dictionary Project in general go to www.dictionaryproject.org. If you want to become involved in Arizona please contact Joe O'Reilly at joreilly@mpsaz.org or 480.472.0241. I can tell you which schools need a sponsor, reserve your choice of schools and show you how to sign up through the national Dictionary Project.



The students are very grateful

I Love the
dictionary
it's awesome



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Thanks for
the dictionary.



December 12, 2006
Dear: Mr page, Mr. and Mrs. Latlen

Thanks for the Students Dictionary we really appreciate the wonderful book so please come back soon. Oh and did you know my parents use mine and your dictionary. Oh and I almost forgot to tell you I know how to say [supercalifragilisticexpialidocious].

Sincerely
David



Nov. 15, 2006

Dear Rotary Club,

Thank you for the very cool dictionaries. I really like the Sign Language. I learned that pickle has two meanings. I will use my dictionary for cursive. Thank you again for the wonderful gift.

Sincerely,
Kearalyn



Dear Dr. Duvall

Thank you for the Dictionary
I love it because I can learn
all the cities and that is so
sweet I will read all day because
I love it so much

sincerely
Alondra,

