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### ***3<sup>rd</sup> Graders at Long Neck Elementary School Receive Dictionaries From Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club***

**(Millsboro) (November 28, 2017)** — 131 third grade students in six classrooms with seven teachers at Long Neck Elementary School were treated to a special surprise from members of the local Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club, Tuesday morning, November 28, 2017. Each student received his or her own copy of A Student's Dictionary.



Third graders in Megan Phillips class look to locate the word “dog” in their new dictionaries. Rotary President (standing) Paulette Rappa leads them in the exercise.

This is the eighth year that the Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club has distributed dictionaries or thesauruses to third graders at the school. “The students and staff look forward to this event each year,” remarked Long Neck Elementary School Principal, Clara Conn. “The students enjoy receiving their dictionaries from the Rotary Club and are excited to use them in school and at home. This is a great opportunity to work with the Rotary Club to support students academically.”

Upon receiving their dictionaries, the children in each classroom were led through an exercise by Rotary Club President, Paulette Rappa, on how to look up words and use other parts of the dictionary with their school projects and personal growth. A scavenger hunt worksheet with the dictionary was left behind for the class to utilize in

another session. As Rotarians left one of the classrooms, one child excitedly remarked: “You mean we get to keep these?”

Part of an international effort known as The Dictionary Project, the program was started in 1992 and has been embraced by many groups, including Rotary clubs, throughout the world. Since its implementation, almost 30 million children have received dictionaries through this program. The Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club uses proceeds from its popular golf outing held each June at The Peninsula to purchase the dictionaries for the students.

“We believe supporting the children of our community, helping them achieve better literacy, ensures a better future for all of us,” noted Rappa.

The Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club meets weekly at 7:30 am on Tuesdays for breakfast at the Ocean Grill II on Long Neck Road. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome. Visit: [www.longnecksunriserotaryclub.com](http://www.longnecksunriserotaryclub.com) for more information.

## **About Rotary**

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