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3rd Graders at Long Neck Elementary School Receive Dictionaries From Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club

(Millsboro) (March 11, 2014) — Nearly 120 third grade students at Long Neck Elementary School waited patiently in the school cafeteria Tuesday morning, March 11, to receive a special surprise from the local Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club. Members of the club, led by President Harry Hiltner, arrived shortly after 8:30 am and after a rousing rendition of “God Bless America,” led by Rotarian Judy Mangini, distributed Student Dictionaries.

This is the fourth year that the Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club has distributed dictionaries to third graders at the school. Part of an international program, 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, over 18 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.

Long Neck Elementary counselor, Cathy Besden-Showell remarks: “The third grade students were very excited about receiving their dictionaries, which had much more in them than just the definitions of words, and that some of the students even brought them to the cafeteria to look at while they ate their lunch.”



At left: Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club President Harry Hiltner with dictionaries and 3rd grade teacher Robin Miller left, and her daughter, Shelby Moore, Teacher in Training. Above, third grade students leave the cafeteria with their dictionaries. (Student releases on file with Cathy Besden-Showell.)

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