

Mission Bay High School

Interact Club



Interact is Rotary International's service club for High School Students. Our club is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mission Bay.

Interact clubs are self-governing and self-supporting. They can draw from the student body of a single school or from two or more schools in the same community. In our case, all of our members are from Mission Bay High School.

Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, members develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
- Advancing international understanding and goodwill

With more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries and geographical areas, Interact has become a worldwide phenomenon. Almost 200,000 young people are involved in Interact.

SoCal Dictionary Project

Assigned School: _____

Contact person to schedule class distribution:

Name: _____ Phone : _____

Points to make during your classroom visit:

Introduce yourself and other club members. Explain that the purpose of your visit to their school is to give each student their own personal dictionary to help them with class work and homework.. This is an annual Rotary service project in the community and Interact is Rotary International's service club for high school students.


Distribute dictionaries.

These books are a gift and belong to them not to the school. While they should never write on school books these books are theirs. Have each student write his/her name on the label inside the front page of their book. This will evidence they are the 'owner' of their dictionary and if lost can be returned to them. They may wish to decorate the edge or outside to show it belongs to them. They may want to highlight words they have trouble spelling or turn down the corner of the page for words they use regularly.

Let the students know that you and your fellow Rotarians/Interact Club members want to see their success in school and throughout life. Ask the students why people need to know how to use a dictionary. Emphasize how it is important to pronounce and spell words correctly. You may have your own experience you want to share. Try to engage the students as much as possible because they want to contribute to the conversation. It is not unusual in some classrooms for students to be shy. Encourage participation.

Have the students look up at least one, but not more than three words. Example: there and their – these words sound alike but have different meanings. Talk about the meanings and have the students read each meaning.

Provide address and ask teachers to have class write a thank you letter and send it to your club. Thank the teachers and students and wish them the best.

 Don't forget to take plenty of photos for your club history and the local or school newspapers.



DATE

RE: Third Grade Dictionary Project
Bay View Terrace Elementary

Dear Parent:

Today, your child received a free Webster's soft cover dictionary funded by The Rotary Club of Mission Bay. Your child's teacher may ask that your child bring this to class but it is light enough to carry home to do homework.

A dictionary is perhaps the most important reference tool a child should own. It is your child's resource for pronunciation, spelling and word meaning. A dictionary can also aid a child in improving his/her reading, writing and creative thinking skills. Educators state that students become more independent and curious when they have the tool to 'look up the word.'

We enjoyed the opportunity to provide a dictionary to your child today, and we wish your child great academic success.

Sincerely,

(Name of Club President)
Interact Club President

PS. We invite you to join us at this year's pancake breakfast on October 22 at the Wavehouse in support of this Rotary project. Contact sthorning@sbcglobal.net for information.