

## READING COMPREHENSION AND COMPUTER LITERACY PROJECT: ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION

### **NEEDS IDENTIFIED:**

To improve literacy at the third-grade level, and provide third graders with their very own books from which they can learn. By giving each third grader their own dictionary, they are encouraged to become life-long readers, researchers, and begin to understand the importance and power of literacy.

To improve computer literacy at the fifth-grade level, by providing classrooms with advanced technology (Chromebooks), thus ensuring that students have access to current technology. This will specifically provide access to technology for underprivileged students in the school district who may not have access to this type of advanced technology at home.

### **HOW PROJECT WILL MEET THOSE NEEDS:**

Rotary Club of Laguna Beach, together with the Interact Club, will give a dictionary to each third grader in the Laguna Beach School district. We anticipate that our Club will distribute over 300 dictionaries. Each dictionary will be marked with a Rotary club sticker by our local Interact club volunteers.

Rotary Club of Laguna Beach will purchase 15 Chromebooks through the Laguna Beach School District (simply to ensure that the Chromebooks are purchased at a discounted rate), and distributed to a 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom that focuses on expanding the students' access to advanced technology.

### **TIMELINE:**

- Summer 2015: Confer with school district to determine which classroom should receive the Chromebooks
- October 2015: Distribute Chromebooks to classroom as soon as possible after the beginning of the school year (anticipated date: October 2015)
- February 2016: Distribute Dictionaries to every 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom in Laguna Beach Unified School District

### **PROJECT FUNDS:**

- Paperback dictionaries: \$594.00
- Stickers for dictionaries: \$33.00
- Chromebook laptops with perpetual OS license for education (discounted cost quoted from LBUSD) \$4,498.40
- Rotary Stickers for Chromebooks: \$4,498.40

### **CLUB MEMBER INVOLEMENT:**

- Approximately 25 Rotarians. Working in small groups, the small groups will:
  - Assemble all dictionaries and Chromebooks for distribution and divide dictionaries into separate boxes for each school in the school district
  - Visit each 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom in each of the five elementary schools in Laguna Beach: Top of the World, El Morro, St. Catherine's, and Anneliese (2 locations) to distribute, in person, the dictionaries with the Rotary stickers
  - Visit each 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom at the two Laguna Beach Unified Campuses (TOW and EM) to deliver and present the Chromebooks
  
- The Committee Chair and Club President will coordinate LBUSD purchase of the Chromebooks at the School District's discounted price. The District has the ability to purchase technology at a greatly reduced price. We estimate the price of the Chromebooks to be approximately 30-50% below standard market pricing, which will allow us to purchase nearly 50% more Chromebooks.
  
- The Interact Club Youth Chair and President will ensure Interact involvement by arranging for the Interact club to place Rotary stickers in each dictionary for distribution, and to arrange for some Interact members to be present during the dictionary distribution. We anticipate 15-20 Interact members to become involved
  
- The Club president, the Community Service, Chair, the Club PR Chair and Photographer will attend the donation ceremony with the LBUSD representatives for Photo Opportunities and Press Releases