

# Sandy Springs Rotary Club project puts dictionaries in hands of local third graders

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The Rotary Club of Sandy Springs recently distributed more than 450 dictionaries to third grade students at the four elementary schools within its district.

The students of Woodland Charter, West Spalding, Hears Ferry and High Point Elementary received the books as part of the Club's Dictionary Project in the latter part of January.

A letter included with the dictionaries and addressed to students' parents read, "The Dictionary Project is designed to aid third grade teachers in their goal to see all their students leave at the end of the year as good writers, active readers and creative thinkers."

It went on to say that the "purpose [of the project] is to provide third grade students in the community with their own personal dictionary."

Sandy Springs Mayor Eva Galambos and councilmember Ashley Jenkins were on hand at the inaugural occasion held at Woodland Charter Elementary School and both watched on as David Evans, this year's Sandy Springs Rotary Club president introduced the project.

Dunwoody Springs was not included in the Sandy Springs Rotary project because its students received dictionaries from the Roswell Rotary Club.



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(Above) Rotary Club of Sandy Springs President David Evans helps Vanessa Miranda, 9, of Hears Ferry Elementary school, place the label identifying the new dictionary as her own. The Rotary Club is donating the dictionaries to third graders at four schools.



(Left) Nine-year-old Joon Soon flips through the pages of his new dictionary.



(Right) Kelsey Blevins, 8, looks through some of the maps included in the new dictionary.

## Spelling Bee Honors



Woodland Elementary Charter School principal Norris Price, left, congratulated fifth grader Katie Hearn after she took sixth place in the Fulton County spelling bee. Hearn was the only elementary school finalist. Jeffrey Klein, right, of Ridgeview Charter School finished second.

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