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Who: SCVUSD Third Graders  
What: Receive Dictionaries from Rio Rico Rotary  
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Photos:  (6) Photo Credit: Carol Cullen  
• 1_Vartola_Beardsley_Sundstrom_PB-Rio Rico Rotary Dictionary Donations 008: RR Rotary President, Tony Vartola, and fellow Rotarians, Dale Beardsley and Lynn Sundstrom, present dictionaries to each of the Peña Blanca third graders.  
• 2_Sundstrom_PB-Rio Rico Rotary Dictionary Donations 024: RR Rotarian, Lynn Sundstrom hands out dictionaries.  
• 3_Reading_PB-Rio Rico Rotary Dictionary Donations 036: Students enjoyed receiving new dictionaries  
• 4_L-R_Jose Vasquez_Sergio Rodriguez_PB-Rio Rico Rotary Dictionary Donations 040: (L-R) Third grade students, Jose Vasquez and Sergio Rodriguez, are fascinated with their new dictionaries.  
• 5_PB question_PB-Rio Rico Rotary Dictionary Donations 047:  
• 6_Thankyou note for dictionary: Every student at Peña Blanca wrote a “thank you” note in anticipation of receiving their new books. President Vartola shares the first note in the set written by Kiana.

SCVUSD Third Graders Receive Dictionaries from Rio Rico Rotary

Peña Blanca Elementary third graders were speechless when Tony Vartola, Rio Rico Rotary President, introduced a little known fact found in new dictionaries presented to every third grade student -- a 1,900-letter word?

The Rio Rico Rotary recently gave away approximately 250 dictionaries to all SCVUSD third graders at San Cayetano, Mountain View and Peña Blanca Elementary schools. Visiting Peña Blanca were President Tony Vartola and fellow Rotarians, Lynn Sundstrom and Dale Beardsley. Other Rotarians, including the newest club member – David Verdugo, Superintendent, visited the other two elementary schools on the same day to distribute dictionaries.

The Rio Rico Rotary is a volunteer service organization whose members donate their time and resources to help others.

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**Background:** Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District No. 35 is a growing, dynamic school district covering approximately 267 square miles. The district operates six schools. Approximately 3,300 students are enrolled during the 2014-2015 school year.