

District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Encinitas

Project Title: K-3 Literacy in the Gardens

Progress Report Final Report

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries?
The K-3 Literacy in the Gardens project focused on increasing the literacy skills of K-3 students at Capri Elementary School and Paul Ecke Central School through the purchase of non-fiction texts. The gardens at both schools were the perfect outdoor science labs to provide the perfect reading environment for students. In addition, Rotarians from the Encinitas Club had contributed many hours developing and maintaining these exemplary school gardens as a community project. Since the purchase of the books, teachers, students, parent volunteers, community volunteers and Rotarians have been actively involved in creating a culture of readers and critical thinkers as they read science and history books and discuss these books with in-depth questions to further their inquiry and research. Encinitas Rotary President David Lam has done an excellent job presenting the values of Rotary to parents and students and keeping the Rotary Club of Encinitas informed on ways members can be actively involved in the project.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?
Ten Rotarians have been actively involved. Additional Rotarians are volunteering as readers.

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.
Rotarians have been actively involved in: 1) reading with students, 2) presenting to parents and students on the purpose of Rotary, and 3) helping to maintain the gardens.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project?
Approximately 700 students at both schools in grades K-3

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?
The project has helped the Rotarians have a better understanding of the Common Core State Standards for Reading/Language Arts, which emphasize the need to increase reading of non-fiction text. The experiences are building the Rotary – School District community partnership. Literacy especially of non-fiction texts is an emphasis of the college and career readiness goals through the Common Core State Standards. The Rotary Club of Encinitas and the Rotary 5340 Grant have assisted the students at the two Title I schools to narrow the ELA/Reading gap and it is expected that students will transfer these skills to other content areas such as history/social science and science.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?
The Encinitas Union School District provided additional financial support. In addition, the two schools used their reading specialists' time to train Rotarians on literacy support fundamentals including questioning techniques for volunteer readers. They also acted as outreach coordinators to the Rotary Club of Encinitas.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income	Amount
1. District Grant funds approved by the District	\$1000
2. Club contribution	\$1000
3. Other funding - Support from the Encinitas Union School District	\$58.32
Total Project Income	\$2058.32

8. Expenditures - please be specific and add lines as needed - receipts must be attached

1. Books purchased from Scholastic for Capri School and Paul Ecke Central School	\$912.95
2. Books purchased from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for Capri School and Paul Ecke Central School	\$1130.37
3. Donation labels printed and placed in each book - Paid by EUSD	\$15.00
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Total Project Expenditures	\$2058.32

9. By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all of the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures have been provided to the district. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights in the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or at any time in the future, throughout the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or later developed. This includes the right to modify the photograph(s) as necessary in RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of RI and TRF.

Certifying Signature

Nancy D. Jones

Date: March 14, 2014

Print name, Rotary title, and club

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