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The Vestal Elks support the literacy goals of Vestal third-graders with Dictionary Project

“Community... a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests and goals.” Third-graders in the Vestal Central School District will receive a special gift from their neighbors at Vestal Elks Lodge 2508... Their very own dictionary! Representatives from the Vestal Elks will be handing out the dictionaries on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at African Road, Clayton Avenue*, Glenwood, Tioga Hills and Vestal Hills elementary schools.

Since 2004, Vestal Elks Lodge 2508 has donated over 4,900 dictionaries to third-graders in Vestal Schools! We are incredibly grateful for their support of our students and appreciate this annual gift that provides a wonderful tool for enhancing their literacy skills. Having access to a dictionary helps students build their vocabulary, and having an extensive vocabulary is an important factor in academic success.

The Elks work in conjunction with The Dictionary Project, a nonprofit organization, to assist all students in completing the school year as good writers, active readers and creative thinkers. Thanks to civic organizations all over the country, such as Vestal Elks Lodge 2508, millions of children have received their very own dictionaries. According to The Dictionary Project website (www.dictionaryproject.org), educators see third grade as the dividing line between learning to read and reading to learn. This is why sponsoring organizations are encouraged to give the dictionaries to students in the third grade.

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***Media are invited to the distribution of dictionaries to third-graders at Clayton Avenue Elementary School by representatives of the Vestal Elks taking place at 10:30 a.m. on November 22.** The school is located at 209 Clayton Avenue, Vestal, New York.

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