



March 24, 2008

Mr. Barry A. Graynor  
California Dictionary Project  
101 California Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94111-5800

Dear Mr. Graynor,

I am pleased to write a letter of support for the outstanding work provided by the California Dictionary Project (CDP). HEROES (Helpers Engaged in Reaching Oakland's Excelling Schools) coordinated the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Dictionary Day event in November of 2007, and it would not have been made possible without the collaboration of the CDP.

Dictionary Day is a special event for the HEROES volunteer program. We are able to bring community members into the Oakland public schools to deliver the very special gift of a free dictionary to students. For many volunteers, this event is an opportunity to participate in the classroom for a short period of time but can have a huge and lasting impact. The response by students is nothing short of sheer delight. They truly are grateful for the reference tool and are more than eager to learn.

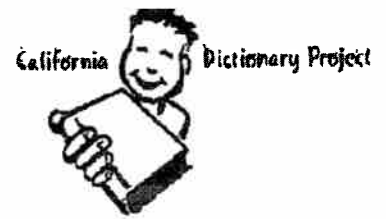
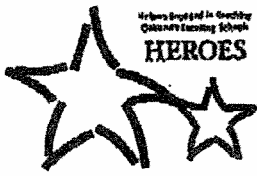
This school year, HEROES was fortunate enough to bring nearly 3,500 dictionaries to 131 third grade classrooms at 47 elementary schools across Oakland. Dictionary Day would not be possible without the support and funding of dictionaries from the CDP.

Thank you for the efforts you have made to increase literacy for Oakland's public school children. I look forward to working with you and the California Dictionary Project again next year!

Sincerely,

*Michele Brown*

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HEROES Program Director



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## Point Person Feedback Form

Your opinion counts! We need your feedback to improve next year's program. Please talk to the teachers and make sure they send in their feedback forms, too.  
Fax this completed form to: (510) 879-2909

- Your School: Sequoia Elementary
- Your Name: Valerie Bernhauve
- Your Phone Number: 510-879-1510

1. How would you rate the overall Dictionary Day event?  
 Excellent    Good    Fair    Poor
2. How would you rate the quality of the Dictionaries?  
 Excellent    Good    Fair    Poor
3. How would you rate the quality of the script given to volunteers?  
 Excellent    Good    Fair    Poor

4. What recommendations would you make for improving the process?

Thank you so much for the presentation  
& the wonderful dictionaries. They have  
been a valuable resource for the kids.

May we call you to discuss your comments?  Yes    No



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## Feedback Form for Volunteers

Your opinion counts! We need your feedback to improve our program.  
Please fax this completed form to: 510-879-2909

Your School: Manzanita SEED

Your Name: Thomas Magack


Your Phone Number: 510-658-0891

- How would you rate your overall Dictionary Day experience?  
 Excellent     Good     Fair     Poor
- How would you rate the quality of the Dictionaries?  
 Excellent     Good     Fair     Poor
- How would you rate the classroom presentation script?  
 Excellent     Good     Fair     Poor

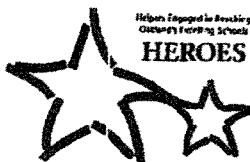
4. What recommendations would you make for improving the process?

I just want to say how much  
I appreciated the presenter, Duain  
Coleman. He quickly developed a  
great rapport with the kids and gave  
a great introduction to the use of the dictionary.

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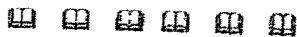
- Your School: ACORN Woodland Elementary
- Your Name: Robin Lovell
- Your Phone Number: 510-604-2780

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3. How would you rate the quality of the script given to volunteers?  
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4. What recommendations would you make for improving the event?

I think it's a great event.

Thank you!  
R Lovell

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