

## Literacy & Scholarship Volunteer Opportunities Sunrise Rotary Vero Beach



### Pre-K Program

Our club provides a “take home” book to each Pre-K student in Indian River County. Your mission (should you choose to accept) is to read a book to a Pre-K classroom at one or more elementary schools. You are provided with enough books for the entire class. After you read the book to the class, each child is then given a book of their choice (teacher facilitated). Each child then signs the inside of their new book. Your time at the school is approximately ½ hour. Visits to the elementary schools take place during a one week period in either March or April. You can volunteer one time or several times during that week. The kids love the attention and their new books.

### “Adopt a School Program” at Citrus Elementary School

- **“Reader”**-You will read a book (or two) to several K-1 students. This happens every Tuesday and Thursday during the school year from 8:15-8:45 am. You are automatically signed up to be a “Reader” and your name and date will appear in our weekly newsletter. If you do not want to be a “Reader” you can easily opt out. The list is alphabetical and you are only called upon once during the school year to read. If you cannot read on the date you are given it is your responsibility to find someone to replace you. Show your license at the office and receive a name badge. The office will direct you where to go for the reading.
- **“Greeter”** - Greet children coming off the school bus or in the cafeteria. Usually it can be any day(s) convenient for you. Arrive at Citrus 8:00 and leave at 8:45 am. Show your license at the office and get a name badge. A “Greeter” has many meanings: It can be giving the kids a “high five” and saying “ have a great day”, OR talking with a child whom you notice is sitting alone in the cafeteria and asking them about their favorite classes, OR shaking hands and telling someone they have a beautiful smile (and meaning it) etc., etc.
- **“Mentor”** - Mentor 4<sup>th</sup> graders on a Thursday 8:00 – 8:45am. If you think you would enjoy engaging children and giving them information about your profession please talk with Dr. Wiji to see if you can become a “Mentor” for a day. Many of the kids involved in this program have a tough life outside of school and they can learn a lot from you.



### **Little Free Libraries (LFLs)**

Stewards needed for LFLs. A Steward is responsible for making sure the LFL is replenished with books...a combination of hard and soft cover books, adult and children's books. It is recommended that you clean the LFL occasionally with a damp cloth to remove dust and dirt (not Windex) and to report if it is damaged in any way.

### **Three Scholarships: Music Scholarship, George C. Schroeder "Service Above Self" Scholarship, and Governor's Interact Scholarship**

Judges are needed for all three scholarships. Scholarships are awarded to IRC high school seniors and each of the scholarships has separate criteria. The deadline for scholarship submissions is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Ideally there will be 3-4 judges for each scholarship. The judge receives paperwork from all the candidates and ranks them according to the criteria for that particular scholarship. The judges meet, compare notes, and discuss their decision. You are provided with all relevant criteria to help make the decision.



### **Accelerated Reader Laptops for Middle School Students**

Sunrise Rotarians award laptop computers to contest winners of the Accelerated Reading Program at the Middle School level.



### **Mouse Pads for Schools**

North County Charter School was provided with new mouse pads for their newly renovated computer lab.

### **Backpacks for Children**

Sunrise Rotarians donate and pack school supplies for deserving students before school starts.

***You are encouraged to volunteer for any or all of these important Literacy projects.***

***For more information and/or to sign up for a specific project(s) please contact:***

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