

## FOR RELEASE

October 30, 2009

### Elks Club to donate dictionaries to Elmira district third-graders next week

Representatives from the local Elmira Elks Lodge #62, a fraternal and community service organization, will distribute dictionaries to approximately 530 third-grade students at eight elementary schools in the Elmira City School District next week. This is the fourth year that the local Elks organization has done so.

Dictionaries also will be given to each of the schools' third-grade teachers and all home-schooled third-graders.

The Elmira Elks Lodge is located at 300 Gray Street, Elmira, and includes approximately 600 registered members. The annual dictionary giveaway is national in scope and is coordinated by the Elks National Foundation. Dictionaries are distributed to school children nationwide by approximately 2,200 Elks Lodges.

Funds for the dictionaries come primarily from Elks members' donations. In addition, all unions from the Elmira City School District donated funds to pay for the dictionaries. These include the Elmira Teachers Association (ETA), the Elmira Schools Supervisory and Administrative Council (ESSAC), the Instructional Support Employees Association (ISEA), the Custodial, Maintenance and Cafeteria Workers (CMCW), and the Communications Workers of America (CWA).

#### SCHOOL

Beecher Elementary  
Broadway Elementary  
Diven Elementary  
Fassett Elementary  
Hendy Avenue Elementary  
Parley Coburn Elementary  
Pine City Elementary  
Riverside Elementary

#### DATE & TIME

Monday, November 2 @ 9 a.m.  
Monday, November 2 @ 1 p.m.  
Monday, November 2 @ 10 a.m.  
Monday, November 2 @ 11:15 a.m.  
Tuesday, November 3 @ noon  
Tuesday, November 3 @ 9 a.m.  
Tuesday, November 3 @ 1 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 3 @ 10 a.m.

MEDIA ARE INVITED to attend the dictionary giveaways at any of these school locations. Please sign in at the school's main office and follow district policy for parental consent for media release when photographing or filming students. Principals have access to these consent forms, and teachers should be aware of which students cannot be publicized.

#### Elementary Schools

Beecher  
735-3500  
Broadway  
735-3600  
Coburn  
735-3650  
Diven  
735-3700  
Hendy  
735-3750  
Fassett  
735-3900  
Pine City  
735-3800  
Riverside  
735-3850

#### Middle Schools

Broadway  
735-3300  
Ernie Davis  
735-3400

#### High Schools

#### Alternative High School

735-3350

#### Elmira Free Academy

735-3100

Southside

735-3200

#### Administration

735-3000