

## **Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 Donates Dictionaries to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students at Union Street School**

The Springfield Elks Lodge presented Elks dictionaries to third grade students at Union Street School. This has been a tradition for the lodge for over 20 years.

The Dictionary Project was founded in 1995 by Mary French of Charleston, SC. Its primary focus is to promote literacy to children in third grade as they transition from learning how to read to identify and use information. Nationwide, the Elks have donated more than 1.2 million dictionaries to third-grade students and their teachers as sponsors of The Dictionary Project. There are 600 lodges that actively participate in the program.



*Victor Baskevich (Lodge Trustee) and Carolee Murchie (PER), present dictionaries to students of Union Street School in Springfield VT*