

Calculators for Kids
Sparks Centennial Rotary Club

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Focus of the Program: To provide a simple six function hand held calculator to every fourth grade student in the city of Sparks, NV. This type calculator has been approved by the K - 6th grade math coordinator for Washoe County School District. According to WCSD, this calculator will augment, not replace, math learning skills for 4th grade students.

How is the program best implemented: We worked closely with the Community Coordinator Head of WCSD to determine which grade would utilize and appreciate the calculators. Our idea was a spring board off of the dictionaries for students effort by another Rotary Club. We will coordinate with WCSD to deliver the calculators to all 20 schools on the same day in order to provide continuity of effort, minimum disruption to the schools, provide a concentrated effort for public relations and media.

Results of the Program: While not fully implemented (delivery of calculators to be later this month), we will "touch" over 1587 children in Sparks, NV. Assuming minimal number of twins or siblings in the same grade, we feel we are bring the Rotary Emblem and "Service Above Self" motto to over 1500 families. Our club members will personally deliver the calculators to each classroom and provide a brief explanation of the Rotary ideals.