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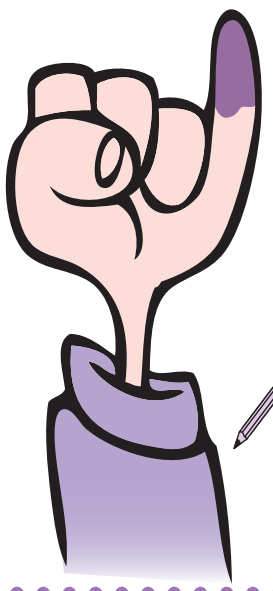
Purple Pinkies Raise $10,500 to Wipe Out Polio



Sonoma, Calif. – Students in the Leadership Class of Altimira Middle School in Sonoma have joined their local Rotary Club to help rid the world of polio.

"Polio is a disease that cripples people. Some people die from it," said Erin, a 7th grader.

The students organize **Purple Pinky Days** at their own school and at the five elementary schools in their district. Last spring, the students raised about $3,500 in small, one dollar donations during Purple Pinky Days. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation donates $2 for every dollar raised – so their $3,500 grew into a $10,500 donation.

Purple Pinky Days raise more than money – they also raise awareness about polio and how the disease can be eliminated

How many differences can you find between these two pictures?

Purple Pinky Days

Replace the missing words.

PURPLE MONEY SHOW DONATE REACHES DRESS VACCINATED

How do the students raise _____ with their Purple Pinky Days project? By having fun!

On Purple Pinky Day everyone is encouraged to _____ in purple clothing.

At the lunch break, students in the Leadership Class set up a table where kids can _____ one dollar and get their pinky dyed _____.

"We dye pinkies purple because when a child is _____ at a Rotary vaccination event, the child's pinky is colored purple to _____ that he or she has been vaccinated," said Jack, a 7th grader.

Some kids like to get more than one finger dyed. They pay $1.00 for each finger they want dipped into dye. "Some kids even dye their toes!" Jack added.

After dipping a finger (or two or three or more) into the purple dye, each student _____ into a box and pulls out an ice pop. If a person gets a purple ice pop, they can reach in and get another one.

A Special Test

Rotarians have a short test with only four questions. (Rotarians call this The Four Way Test.) Rotarians ask themselves these four questions about everything they say or do.

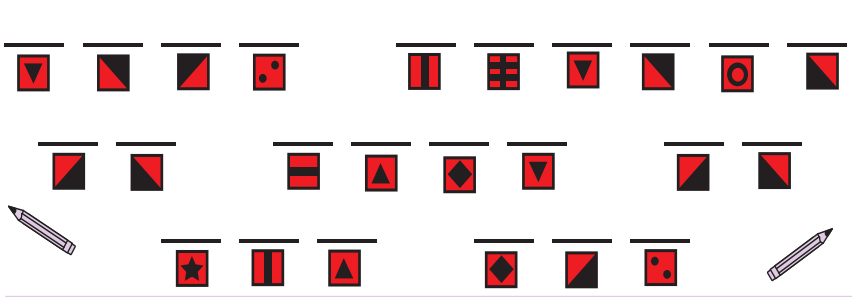
1. **Is it the TRUTH?**
2. **Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
3. **Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
4. **Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

If everyone asked themselves these four questions before they said or did something, how would it make the world a better place?

A Caring Code

Use the code to find out what seventh grade Purple Pinky Days organizer, Nadia, tells other kids:

= A	= O
= C	= P
= E	= R
= H	= S
= L	= T
= M	= U
= N	= Y



How many pencils can you find on this page? How many other things that start with P can you find?

Photo: Rotary.org

A Rotarian giving a child the polio vaccine.

What is Rotary?

Rotary is a global network of volunteers. Find out if you have a Rotary Club in your community. Ask if they will send someone to speak to your class about their efforts to end polio. **www.rotary.org**

Rotary

Extra! Extra! Finger Count

Instead of counting on your fingers, look through the newspaper and count the number of fingers you can find. Which finger is shown the most? Pinky? Pointer? Middle? Ring? Thumb?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Circle every other letter to find out the Rotary slogan.

ASTEMRB
VXITCYELA
JBUODVNE
RSTEPLVF
S_____
_____
_____

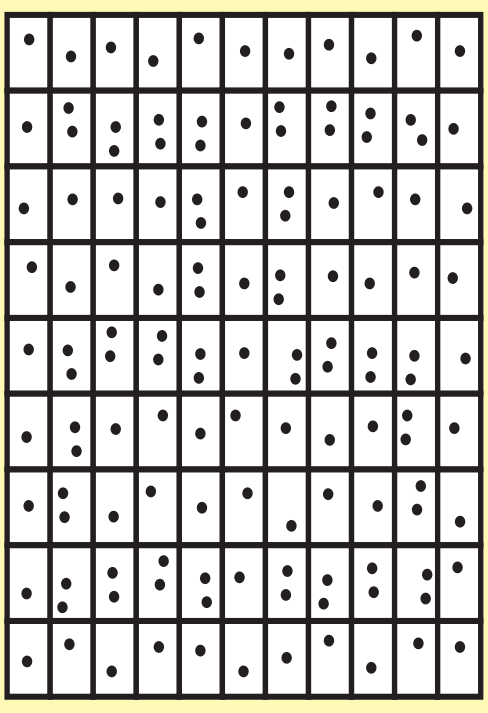
Discuss with a parent what you think this phrase means.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Defeating a Disease

In 1988 when Rotary's Global Polio Eradication effort began, there were 350,000 case of polio each year – about 1,000 cases a day.

To find out how many cases there have been so far this year, color the spaces with two dots purple.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

DONATIONS
PINKIES
DOLLAR
PURPLE
FINGER
ROTARY
POLIO
MONEY
DRESS
LOCAL
SMALL
WORLD
HELP
RING
DYE

W	H	G	E	R	E	G	N	I	F
O	L	N	P	L	E	Y	P	L	R
R	I	I	P	L	M	I	D	I	O
L	N	R	A	L	N	A	R	T	T
D	U	C	L	K	E	A	P	Y	A
P	O	L	I	O	L	H	O	E	R
L	L	E	L	L	A	M	S	N	Y
I	S	N	O	I	T	A	N	O	D
O	N	D	R	E	S	S	O	M	W

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Vocabulary Builders

This week's word:
ELIMINATE

The verb **eliminate** means to put an end to something, usually something unwanted.

Vaccination will help to **eliminate** polio from the world.

Try to use the word **eliminate** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

From the Kid Scoop Lesson Library

Homophones

The words **ate** and **eight** sound the same but have different meanings and spellings. They are homophones. Look through the newspaper and see if you can find more homophones.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

What is a cat's favorite color?

ANSWER: Purrrr-ple!

Write On!

Why tell the truth?

Tell about a time you were tempted to lie but had the courage to tell the truth.