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VIRGINIA ZOO PARTNERS WITH PARK PLACE SCHOOL

NORFOLK, Va. – The Virginia Zoo announced a new partnership with Park Place School today, donating backpacks filled with supplies for students to use during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Park Place students and their families have been invited to the Zoo Saturday, Aug. 30 to participate in a special scavenger hunt to collect their school supplies. One of the Zoo's core missions is education and this event will help the students achieve their educational goals while also providing an exciting outing for some local families.

"This is a very fun opportunity for us to engage our immediate neighborhoods and get to know each other better," says Greg Bockheim, the Zoo's executive director. He added that the Zoo is proud to help foster the success of Park Place students and looks forward to contributing to future projects and learning opportunities.

Park Place School was founded in 1999 and students from surrounding school districts have been enrolled since 2001. The school's mission is focused on small classes; intensive teaching in the basic skills of reading, spelling, writing and math; and core values that positively impact the students' lives, families and communities.

As an accredited Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) facility, the Virginia Zoo exhibits more than 400 animals on 53 beautifully landscaped acres. For more than a century, the Virginia Zoo has demonstrated a commitment to education and conservation, and offered a fun-filled day for visitors of any age. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and located at 3500 Granby Street in Norfolk. Daily admission prices are \$11 for adults, \$10 for seniors (age 62 and over) and \$9 for children ages 2-11. Children under 2 admitted free! Visit www.virginiazoo.org or call (757) 441-2374 for more information.

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Zoo employees Joshua Hillman, Brittany Babcock and Sandra Simmons show off backpacks filled with school supplies that will be donated to Park Place School students during a special event at the Zoo Saturday, Aug. 30 (Virginia Zoo photo by Meg Puckett).

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