Today's Program

What were we doing before virtual programs?

What are the Zoo's virtual school programs?

How do we know we're successful?
Before COVID-19

School Programs
2018-2019

- Field Trips
  - 129,577 Educational Visits

- Zoo Pals
  - 85 schools,
    6263 students

- Docent Tours
  - 10,000+ Students
Before COVID-19

School Programs

Outreach
25 programs, 1735 students

Zoo Magnet
300 students learn alongside animal care, classes onsite

Virtual
Nothing!
Asynchronous Learning

Learning at your own pace
Spring focus

Synchronous Learning

Class discussions in real time
Fall focus
Virtual Field Trips

Expand L.A. and LAUSD Partnership

Docent-Led Virtual Field Trips

Zoo Pals

Zoo Magnet

What's Next
Virtual Field Trips

Asynchronous and Synchronous
We foster lasting relationships between our communities, nature and animals

Short term outcomes

- Increase Empathy
- Increase Curiosity
- Increase Belonging
- Increase Focus
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Long term outcomes

- Community health
- Positive environmental identity
- Healthy biodiversity within communities
- Equitable access to nature

Opportunities for future collaboration and research projects
Virtual Field Trips

5 page views for 5 minutes (Sept-Jan):

Virtual Field Trip: 1866
Adaptations: 690
Excursión virtual (español): 139
Docent Led Virtual Field Trips

“What do you notice?”
Docent Led Virtual Field Trips

- 69 programs completed Dec-Jan
- 170 programs scheduled Feb-Mar

"What do you notice?"
Docent Led Virtual Field Trips

"Heather came this morning and it was amazing! I love love the content the back-and-forth between the habitat in this keeper and the wonderings...and the fact that you just don’t hand them answers. Fantastic!!"

"What do you notice?"
Zoo Magnet

Virtual behind the scenes and assemblies
"Thanks so much to you and your whole team for all you’ve done to help maintain our partnership and provide opportunities for our students to keep informed and involved with what's happening at the Zoo. The video Rosalio and the keepers put together for us was so special."
Partnership with Los Angeles Unified School District Local District Central
Expand L.A.

Evaluation and assessment ongoing
Zoo Pals

Title I school programming
Zoo Pals

19 classes already signed up Feb-May
Virtual Programming Studio

Designed to foster relationships with animals and nature
Thank You!

- Learning & Engagement
- Volunteer Program
- GLAZA and Funders