

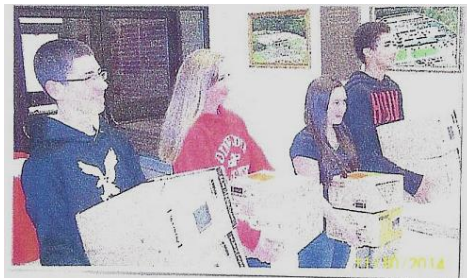
Virginia Elks Association News

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Petersburg 237 does "Back to School with an Elk" at Schools



Petersburg 237 Secretary Eric Hamilton Gives notebook to Mrs. Whited, Peabody Middle School Activity Manager



L to R, Front Row: Lecturing Knight Judith Brooks, Tiler Carman Fleet, and Dinwiddie Student-Helpers.
Back Row: Exalted Ruler Dave Fleet and Ronald Brooks.



Eric Hamilton gives backorder supplies to teacher Mrs. Johnson

Petersburg 237 used the Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant to help At-Risk and At-Need youth by partnering with Colonial Heights City Recreation and Parks Department. This year Lodge members instituted and facilitated an event, "Back to School with an Elk."

The aim of this program was to provide school supplies to worthy youth in four middle schools; Petersburg, Hopewell, Colonial Heights, and Dinwiddie. A lodge member established contact with school Activity Managers in their area. This was the key to success. Eight Lodge 237 members spent over 100 hours to provide for over 400 students.

This was hard work, but, thanks to the Elks National Foundation \$2,000.00 Beacon Grant, for 32 student, teachers and parents, it happened! It was worth the hard work and time to see an At-need or At-risk student being given the tools to allow them to perform the work assigned and further their education.



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