**Swimming with the Fishes**

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 On Thursday, October 16, 2014, Mr. Walker’s (7th grade science) and Mr. Fitz’s (8th grade honors science) classes splashed on over to the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach.They arrived to school earlier than usual at around 7:15 A.M. Fifteen minutes later, they departed for the aquarium by a certainly comfy charter bus. Why do I say comfy? It was cozy because there was a foot rest, air conditioning, and, of course, super amazing seats. During the hour and a half bus ride, the students chatted with their friends, listened to music, and watched “Saving Mr. Banks.”

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 Around noon, the schedule became super fishy and heralded the best part of the trip… food! Most students purchased spectacular lunches at Café Scuba. Following the appetizing dining experience, the students continued to finish up their packets and later joined their instructors at the Ocean Theater to see “Monsters of the Deep 4D.” Next, everyone visited the vibrant gift shop or viewed other parts of the aquarium. After a long, memorable day of swimming with the fishes, it was finally time to make the ride back home.

Student Quotes on the Aquarium of the Pacific

Scott Simon (8th grade): “My favorite part of the aquarium was the otters.”

Sophie Aubry (8th grade): “My favorite part about the aquarium would be touching the sea creatures and the sea otters were so cute!”

Robyn Mortensen (7th grade): “Touching the jellyfish because they are so squishy and adorable! It’s been my dream to touch a jellyfish!”