

-Blast Off- JED Goes to the Smithsonian

On Friday October 29, there was no school for Janney, but JED was in action, taking 51 students on a day-long trip to the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum.

The kids eagerly boarded two busses with their chaperones and headed to the Mall.



The group checked in at the Welcome Center to see what the museum had to offer.



Glen and his group checked out "MOVING BEYOND EARTH."



There were lots of cool, hands-on exhibits for the kids to explore. We got to use this computer to create our own space ship.



Here is Ms.Kim taking her group to explore the museum. Lots of the exhibits were interactive; we liked touching and playing with all of them.

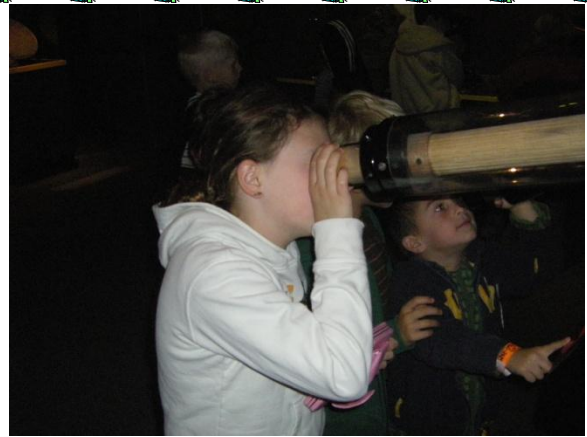
The JED kids also had a chance watch a show on the planets and the solar system.



The man who presented even picked one of the kids from JED as a volunteer to help with the presentation.



All the children brought bag lunches and ate in the cafeteria. After lunch it was time to check out more exhibits.



WOAH, I think I can see Alaska from here....



More cool things to see.... who knew there were so many different kinds of satellites in space?



Is that really a piece of the moon in there? Nope, it's a map.



Boarding the plane... to check out what it's like to be a pilot.



Mr. Poole and his group taking a tour of the Space Shuttle. Did you know NASA has flown 5 different Space Shuttles for missions: Endeavour, Atlantis, Discovery, Challenger, and Columbia.



Glen learning that hot air lifts balloons up into the sky. The first hot air balloon passengers were animals: a sheep, a duck, and a hen. King Louis the XVI witnessed this flight - it was in 1783.

The group had a really great time, but they were tired at the end of the day.

Back at Janney, the kids had snack and then had a choice of: supervised play outside, an art-related project (Friday's project was sand art), or an organized, active game, like Mancala.

