

# The RCS Patriot Press

Monday, March 10

Monday opened with a glorious blue sky and cool, crisp temperatures. After a hardy breakfast at the hotel, we toured through the beautiful Capitol building. One group was treated to a dancing, rapping, and pop-culture whiz of a tour guide who explained paintings, statues, and rooms in the Capitol. We also were glad to have the chance to sit in the House gallery and see where all of our lawmakers do their work and our President makes his yearly State of the Union address.



We then met our Representative Jerry Lewis who recounted his own first visit to DC and the discrimination shown to his African American classmates. He challenged us to participate in government and live for the welfare of others not for our own interests. After a few handshakes and pets to his Bischon-Poo (it's a cute dog, for those non-kennel club members) named Bruin, we were off to view the immaculate interior of the Library of Congress, then to the traditional group photo in front of the Capitol dome.



Then all the students grouped up and headed to lunch and the Smithsonian museums. The Air and Space Museum was a highlight, as well as the ever-popular Natural History Museum. The teachers enjoyed a student-

free lunch (a hidden DC secret) at a local greasy spoon under the recommendation of a certain English teacher.

After reconvening, we marched down to the neighborhood of Ford's Theatre where several students walked through the Peterson House, the place where Lincoln breathed his last breath. Also in the area were a few very high end souvenir shops. Among the most popular items were unique t-shirts and lids (aka ball caps).



We boarded the coaches once again and headed to the memorials of the Tidal Basin. The first stop was the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial where students took a hands-on viewing the statues. We then strolled

down to the Jefferson Memorial after hearing a great summary of his life from our tour guide, Sohailah.

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If that brother in the green doesn't wake up, I'm throwing a peanut at him!!



Perhaps the highlight of the evening may have occurred on the ride back the hotel. Suddenly, a few blocks down the road a flurry of police cars flashing their lights drove by. Then several limousines and an ambulance turned right in front of us as students scrambled to photograph President Bush's motorcade. Unfortunately, our paparazzi were not quick enough to get a print-worthy picture.

Back at the hotel, we enjoyed a nice dinner and a visit from George Washington

Carver. Who knew the wonders of the peanut?!?!? Everyone enjoyed his great reliance on God in his career. After a few gentle reminders about cell phone use, everyone headed upstairs for what we all hope will be a good night's sleep.

**Quotable Quotes:**

**“There are two boys who are *rancid!*” ~concerned mother**

**“The Chaperones on this trip are the tallest I’ve ever seen.” ~Larry the bus driver**

**“I miss my dog!” ~mother after seeing Bruin**

**“Mr. Wit, when can I have my cell phone back?”**

**“Mr. Wit, when can I have my ipod back?”**

**“My boys just needed some structuring.” ~Carmen Storay on her group of students**

**“It’s amazing what you can do with a peanut.” ~George Washington Carver**

**“SHHHHH!!! IT’S MR. WIT!!!!” ~Several students heard talking after lights-out**

**Sincerely,  
The Fab Five**