

# SCIENCE CENTER FIELD TRIP

Last week, West Valley Christian Middle School students had an awesome field trip to the California Science Center in Los Angeles. They got to dive into hands-on exhibits, watch mind-blowing science films, and explore some seriously cool scientific concepts up close. With tons of excitement, they were ready to learn about science outside the classroom, and the trip delivered way more than they expected.

One of the biggest highlights was the Leonardo da Vinci exhibit, which is only at the museum for a limited time. The exhibit showcased da Vinci's incredible sketches and ideas, from his early flying machine designs to his detailed anatomical drawings, giving everyone a glimpse into the mind of a true genius. They saw life-sized replicas of his inventions—some they could even operate! The model of his flying machine was especially cool. By checking out these interactive displays, students saw how da Vinci's curiosity connected art, science, and engineering, inspiring them to be more creative and open to lifelong learning.



The students also explored the Ecosystems and Creative World galleries, which were full of interactive exhibits. In the Ecosystems exhibit, they walked through different environments, from a desert to a kelp forest, where they saw live animals and learned about how species adapt to their surroundings. In the Creative World gallery, they got a hands-on look at engineering and innovation, showing how science and creativity come together to solve real-world problems.

To top it all off, they watched an inspiring IMAX film about potential STEM innovations for the future of cities. The massive screen and surround sound made it feel like they were part of the action. The film featured engineers and explorers imagining how technology could reshape our lives in the future. It got everyone thinking about the possibilities in science, technology, engineering, and math, and for many, it was the highlight of the trip.



Overall, the trip to the California Science Center was an unforgettable experience that made science feel relevant and exciting. The exhibits and film opened their eyes to how science is all around us and left them buzzing with new ideas and memories.

