

Legislature tour sparks students' interest in history

Gazing up through the mural-painted rotunda into the dome of the Parliament Buildings, more than 60 students from Parksville Elementary School were awed by the grandeur of the province's seat of government.

Thanks to funding from the Provincial Capital Commission to help defray travel costs, the students spent a full day touring the Legislative Buildings, Royal BC Museum and Inner Harbour.

The politics behind the many changes to British Columbia's Coat of Arms over the years fascinated Grade 5 student Elizabeth Goodman. "I really liked learning why and how they changed it and how they added more detail through the years."



"I liked all the statues," said 11-year-old Gabrielle Spicer. "They are really interesting. My favourite one is the gold one of Captain George Vancouver on top of the biggest dome."

Touring the Parliament Buildings was an eye-opener for the Grade 5 student. "It is neat to hear about the events that took place so long ago. Everything is so old. It shows how important it is to know our history and how much we can learn from our past."

"This trip was very educational and important because it showed where Victoria came from," said Elizabeth. "They bring kids from all over the province to their capital. Kids should know where the laws are made and where our history came from."