



BGC Kids News

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MEET THE WIMPY KID STARS

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BGC Kids News went to Fox Studios to see *Diary of a Wimpy Kid Dog Days* and afterwards interviewed the actors Zachary Gordon, who plays Greg Heffley, and Peyton List, who plays Holly Hills.

Zachary and Peyton are so cool. They act like regular teens and are not stuck up at all. They are so nice.

BGC Kids News: What advice would you give kids who want to get into acting?



BGC reporters Fibiana, Liliana and Yolanda with Zachary Gordon and Peyton List, and PressFriends mentors Neema and Tessa.

Peyton List: I would say that school plays or community theater could give you experience and it's a

really good way to start off. When I was younger, I did a small school play. I
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FUN AT THE CABRILLO

Did you know that the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is a great place to visit? BGC Kids News went to the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium with PressFriends. We got a tour from Tessa, a PressFriends mentor, who also gives tours at the CMA.

We saw tidepool animals, octopuses, eel, starfish, and we got to touch animals in the tidepools. Next time your family wants to do something on

the weekend, visit the Cabrillo! They have lots of activities at the Cabrillo and on Halloween, they

have Sea Scare. This year, it is on October 27.

By BGC Kids News reporters



BGC Kids News at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

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THE BLUE MACAW

The blue macaw is a beautiful bird, which can be found in the warm, Brazilian forest habitat. They also live in Bolivia and Paraguay.

The blue macaw's food diet is tasty macadamia nuts. They also eat other types of nuts and fruit.

There are only a couple thousand blue macaws left in the world, so people must protect the birds. People must stop destroying their homes and collecting the birds to sell or eat. When somebody destroys a tree, he/she should plant another tree of the same type, so more

can be planted. Put the blue macaws in a safe society, so they can be safe, and do it fast, before they are gone from the world.

These lovely birds have very strong beaks. Their beaks are strong enough to bite anybody's finger off, including the world's strongest man's finger.

The real name of the blue macaw is the 'hyacinth macaw', but the common name is the blue macaw, because of their color of them. They are actually not all blue, because they have a yellow stripe, next to their beak.

Similar to woodpeckers, the blue macaws make holes in trees.

The blue macaw's egg is the same color, shape, and size as a chicken's egg.

Everybody should one day, make an effort to go see one. They are very rare birds, and they were, at one point, almost extinct, but made an amazing comeback in population size, stunning scientists. The scientists, at first, thought that they were not going to make it, but they did.

By Zenaya



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THE SUPER AQUARIUM

We went to visit the Cabrillo Aquarium this summer.

We saw big lobsters and large crabs. They were the biggest ones I have ever seen!

We also saw a lot of sea urchins. When you put your finger right in between their spikes, they start to hug your finger. Then when you gently pull it out, the urchin leaves ink on your finger.

Also, we saw a shark. It was just sitting there. It was kind of cool to see shark. We also saw a grey colored eel. Then we went to the library.

At the library, we looked at books and saw pictures of marine life in the books. Then we went outside to play games with Press-Friends until Leo took us

back to the Boys and Girls Club. We had a lot of fun and when we drove away from the aquarium, I saw dolphins. It was fun.

By Emmett



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DOLPHINS



animal.discovery.com/mammals/dolphin/

We are lucky to be able to see dolphins from the shore. Dolphins are fun to watch, because it seems like they are laughing. They are very cute and a pretty grey.

Here are some more fun facts about dolphins. Did you know that dolphins can blow ring bubbles with their blowhole? They use the blowhole to breathe.

A mother whistles for days after her baby is born. And, in addition to

using whistles and squeaky sounds to talk to each other, they also communicate by jumping out of the water and slapping their tails on the surface of the water. Dolphins also have a sonar system that helps them know where objects are and how big they are, even though they also have very good vision and hearing.

Dolphins migrate every winter from state to state. They swim in pods, which are groups of about a

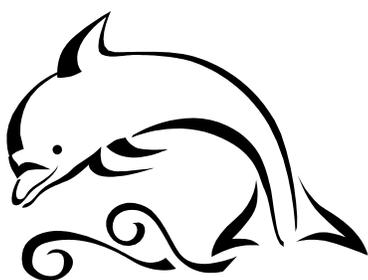
dozen dolphins. Some pods may join other pods and become herds, which can have hundreds of dolphins.

There are many types of dolphins, such as the bottle-nose dolphin. They are mammals like us, and not fish, because they need to breathe air to live.

Dolphins are relatives of porpoises, and the largest dolphins are killer whales (orcas).

By Alissa

SEA ANIMAL SURVEY



BGC Kids News reporters went to the Cabrillo Aquarium with PressFriends and learned about sea animals.

It was a lot of fun, and afterwards, I took a survey of everyone from the Boys & Girls Club and Press-Friends to find out about their favorite sea animal.

The results were this.

Shark=2

Sea urchin=1

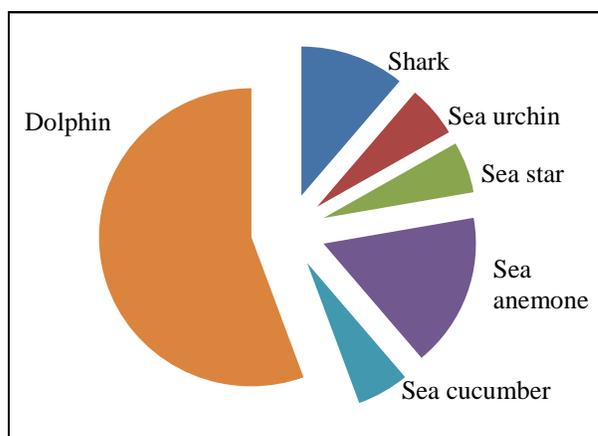
Sea star=1

Sea anemone=3

Sea cucumber=1

Dolphin=10

I had a fun time taking the survey. I don't understand why so many people chose the dolphin as their favorite, but dolphins always look like they are



smiling and have a lot of personality. Still, there are a lot of interesting features about the sea cucumber, the sea star, and the sea urchin too.

The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium has a lot of fun

and interesting sea life to see. If you and your family visit the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, let us know what your favorite sea animal is!

By Inece

GREAT WHITE SHARKS

One of the most impressive animals in the ocean is the great white shark. It can be 20 feet long and can weigh over 5,000 pounds.

Great white sharks feed on seals, sea lions, baby dolphins, porpoises, sharks, carrion, sea birds, turtles, bony fish, and in-

vertebrates. Great white sharks help keep the balance of ocean life equal. They catch their prey all over the world.

Great white sharks use their sharp teeth to catch prey and their teeth never get dull. They have more teeth to replace the dull ones. They can smell a

mile away and can see 65 feet away.

Great white sharks have special abilities to catch prey in the water. They use electric pulses to feel when fish are close to them.

Sharks are very interesting animals.

By Devyn



en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_white_shark

AMAZING OTTERS

Sea otters used to be a huge population in the ocean but now their numbers are dwindling off the California coast, although there are still a lot of sea otters in Alaska and Russia.

Sea otters eat by getting sea urchins, putting them on their belly, and

use a rock to smash the sea urchin until it breaks.

They defend themselves by having strong jaws and sharp teeth.

Sea otters live in kelp jungles and they wrap themselves in kelp when they are resting. They like to live in shallow water so long as there is kelp.

Sea otters can do tricks in the water like somersaults.

They sleep on their backs in huddles with families with their babies. I like sea otters because they could do a lot of cool stuff when they swim.

By Cristian



www.marinemammalcenter.org/education/marine-mammal-information/AHQ

SEA OTTERS

Sea otters are so cute. Otters look like seals. The Otters eat the inside of sea urchins.

Sea otters live in the sea. They are a cool animal because they have sharp teeth and strong jaws.

Sea otters sleep on their back in the water. In California, most sea otters are born between January and March, and in Alaska, most are born in the summer. Sea otters are the small marine animal in California.

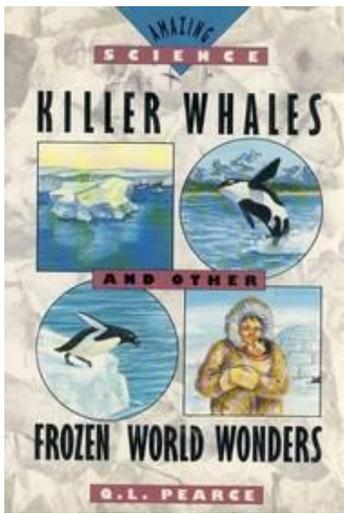
On a frozen pond an otter pokes its head into a hole. They have very thick coats to keep them warm.

When sea otters are hungry, it may go hunting along the edge of the water.

By Valeria



defenders.org/sea-otter/basic-facts



Book Review: KILLER WHALES

If you are looking for a really good book, “Killers whales and other frozen world wonders” by Q.L. Pearce is one amazing book! This book has different stories about different animals. It also talks about how Antarctica is a land of extremes. It’s also the windiest place in the world. At the time, sections of Antarctica straddled the equator. The story takes place in Antarctica, Africa, India, South America, and Australia.

Two really good parts of the book, one of them is that it takes place on the Earth, which is so fascinating since it is so close to us!

The second reason is that the killer whales can swim in gusts of up to 200 miles per hour which are not unusual.

But, the one thing I really disliked about this book is that some people are hurting

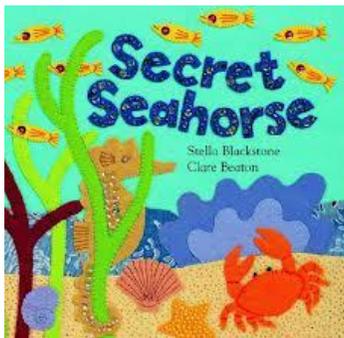
them, and the killer whales are slowly losing their lives.

Ways we can save killer whales are, that we can tell people to stop hunting them; we can stop littering garbage in the ocean, and warn others that the species might become extinct if we are

not careful. Killer whales may “kill” but we don’t have to do the same.



By Ashley



Book Review: SECRET SEAHORSE

“Secret Seahorse” is a picture book written by Stella Blackstone and Clare Beaton. It is an illustrated book with lots of picture of the underwater ocean.

In each picture, you try to look for the seahorse. The seahorse meets lots

of sea animals in the book but my favorite characters were the seahorse and the mermaid.

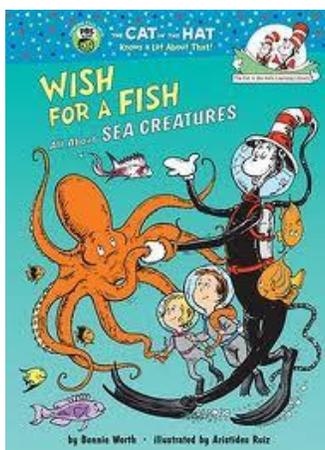
Secret Seahorse is a fun book to read. It has a fun story, but I didn’t like where the sharks destroyed the ship.

The book probably is for

younger children, but I think that anyone would like reading this book.

You can read this book in the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium library, which is open during the week and on weekends.

By Samantha



Book Review: WISH FOR A FISH

Today I read a book called “Wish for a Fish,” by Bonnie Worth. The book is all about sea creatures. The story takes place in the afternoon, at the beach. My favorite character is Thing 2, because he is adorable, and funny. I

liked the story because I got to see the nice creatures, I learned things I never knew before, and I liked the characters a lot. This book was okay because I liked the pictures, and it was easy to read. IT was missing a tuna in one

of the pictures, so I thought this book was only okay. People who will like this book include people who like Cat in the Hat, Thing one and Thing two, and Sally and her older brother were there, too.

By Karah

Movie Review: DOG DAYS

BGC Kids News got to see the new movie "Diary of a Wimpy Kid Dog Days" earlier than anybody else.

It was a good movie, better than the book, because the actors are really good. I give it an A+!

Reader, know this is a dream, the best thing to ever happen. This book is a must read and the movie is a must-see! Great summer flick to watch with your family and friends.

By Fibiana

One day, I went on a field trip to see "Diary of a Wimpy Kid Dog Days" at Fox Studios. We were in a private theater on the movie lot.

It was fun when the movie started, and we got to watch it with the actors from the movie, Zachary Gordon and Peyton List, and their families.

My favorite part of the movie was when Greg and Rowley went camping. I like that part because it

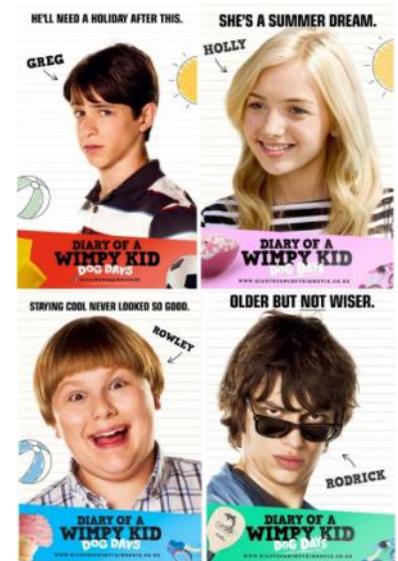
was funny when they put ants in their sleeping bags.

This is a fun movie that the whole family will like.

By Liliana

If you are a fan of the first two Diary of a Wimpy Kid movies or the books by Jeff Kinney, this latest movie is a must see.

All of your favorite characters are back: Greg, Rowley, Rodrick, Holly, Patty and Manny. Make sure to see the movie!



CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM'S ANNUAL SEA SCARE

Saturday, October 27, 2012—6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

San Pedro's Best Family Halloween Party is back!

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's Halloween event, "SEA SCARE" is washing ashore on **Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 6 to 9 p.m.**



See Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in a different light as it is transformed into an underwater world of chills, thrills and gills. Come in costume* and join in the masquerade of spooks and ghouls, trick-or-treat throughout the aquarium at six different treat stations, enjoy loads of fun and spooky entertainment. Kids of all ages can participate in activities at the Craft Corner such as spooky cookie decorating, slime making, trick-or-treat bag decorating, mask making, plus much more! Take a journey through the event's all new haunted maze, "The Ship of Screams." Then dance the night away in our all-new, expanded "Sea Scare Party Zone," with a live DJ and fun games. *Please call 310-548-7562 for more information on costume guidelines.

Admission: \$5 adults, \$1 children

*****NEW for 2012*** Participate in the CMA's first annual Sea Scare poster contest.**

Draw, paint or create your idea of a "SEA MONSTER". Complete rules are available on the CMA's website (www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org) and are due by FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st.

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Zachary Gordon and Peyton List

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remember that I went to the audition, and I was so nervous even though I had been practicing all week and I would sing in front of my mom and dad. When I finally got up there, I couldn't even sing Twinkle Twinkle so I totally deflated in the audition. It's hard to be confident in an audition but try to think that everyone there is in their underpants.

Zachary Gordon: If you do want to become an actor or actress or become affli-

ated with the movies, I think you should stay positive. When you go out for an audition and don't get a part, just move on. You never know if it's going to happen, but you have to know that you really want this because you have to work really hard for it.

In the end, it is worth it. You build relationships that are incredible. You have to enjoy every single moment that you have. Anyone that becomes an actor or actress will love it. Just stay positive and enjoy every moment.

BGC Kids News: What was your most memorable acting experience?

Zachary Gordon: For me, every little moment on the set was incredible. I wish I had taken more advantage of it. Steve Zahn (who plays Greg Heffley's dad in the movie) was really like my dad, and I miss him. It was incredible working with him, and he gave me a lot of good advice and acting tips.

Peyton List: Getting to meet everyone on the set, and I feel like we're a family now. Whenever we get together, it seems like we never even left.

Zachary Gordon: We really are best friends—it's not made up. We really care for each other, and I'm glad to say that we do.

BGC Kids News: Have you done stage acting as well as television and movies?

Peyton List: I once did an off-Broadway play, *Prime Time*, when I was eight. It is a lot more nerve-racking since there is only one take. Live TV is a lot like theater, because you have a live audience, and sometimes you only have two takes.

Zachary Gordon: I have never done anything in that category, but when I get older, I would like to work in theater. Steve Zahn told me that I would learn a lot from working on the stage.

By Fibianna M., Liliana M., and Yolanda M.



PressFriends and BGC Kids News would like to thank Twentieth Century Fox for the great experience of interviewing Zachary Gordon and Peyton List and for the movie screening.

Be sure to see the Diary of a Wimpy Kid Dog Days!

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