

## **AM FIELD TRIP DOWNTOWN, 9/18: KEITER'S MEMORIES, briefly...**

Smooth xfer to #4 downtown. Rode to Hawthorne Bridge. Fire trucks. Walked to fire station, looked at art: the Willamette River artwork and discussed purpose of art. Walked N to talk about sewage and Big Pipe. Next, walked over the bridge to Waterfront Park...talked about layers of history, Harbor Freeway. Next, talked about security cams at World Trade Ctr. Walked to Lownesdale Square, pointed out buildings and looked at historical monument for hi tension line. Walked to Terry Shrunken Plaza, discussed war protests, public space..then City Hall for City Council meeting. Talked to Plut and Anita Kisse from KATU re vocation of journalism, then were joined by guy from Portland Mercury who discussed the Chassey case and need for journalists to follow stories when others lose interest. City Councilman Nick Fish came out, discussed his portfolio and the party-less council setup...how you have to be able to disagree but work on different levels on issues; he advised kids to follow their passions and stick with it, and mentioned that he will be introducing the idea of tents for homeless people--which he says number 7500 in Portland, if you include people sleeping in cars or camping or in shelters.

We walked to Portland State. Ate...then gathered to visit with First Amendment types who had boards discussing the 'child slavery' issue in Portland. Walked into the bowling alley, checked the gallery upstairs, then walked to the Library through the Art Museum display.

At the Library, we started in the Children's Library. Got cards for those in need; set parents at each floor and told kids to make sure they made it to each floor. We spent only one hour, with final checkout, then walked to Courthouse Square through Director's Park. Boarded the MAX and picked up the #70 back to SMS. Good trip.

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## **PM FIELD TRIP DOWNTOWN: Keiter's memories, in short**

Took the 70 after brief instruction in backpack removal, looking people in the eyes, filling in from the back. Bus was forced to detour around train, so we got off at Hawthorne, missed the 14 and walked the bridge. Noted beer bottles and junk on roofs next to us. Took the stairs down to the water, where we discussed public art (the river display), the Big Pipe project and sewage. Talked to Sarah, from Portland Art Academy, who was there taking pictures of the city. Went to the firehouse, where we talked to Jeff and Trevor the EMT, about being a fireman and the city's purchase of a new rescue boat. Jeff said this firehouse does 20 rescues a day, mostly heart attacks but some bridge jumpers. We talked about taxpayers covering the bills. We walked across the Hawthorne Bridge and stopped on the lift section to talk about an earlier collapse during a river race. Next stop was Waterfront Park, where we noted the layers of history, as with this park, which used to be the Harbor Freeway. Noted the seawall and mentioned the near-flood of '96. Talked to some ladies walking by, who said they use the waterfront all the time. We next walked past the World Trade Center to Lownesdale Square, where we read the historical marker for the world's first high tension line, between Willamette Falls and Portland. Next, we walked to Terry Shrunken Plaza and recited the First Amendment, and talked about the Vietnam protests there. Traipsed up to City Hall past the Chinese rocks from Suzhou, looked at the Liberty Bell and walked up to see City Commissioner Nick Fish. He talked about the plan to provide tents to homeless people, and the need to disagree in politics without burning bridges, as well as the importance of finding something you love to focus your energy on. We left City Hall and walked to the Portland Building after looking at Portlandia, then tramped inside to look at the big face mold in the mini-museum. Next, we walked to Portland State--more public art en route--and ate lunch, then walked upstairs to see pictures of Dorothea Lange from the Great Depression in the art museum and observed student behavior: studying, texting, using computers. We walked to the Art Museum and cut through under the red lanterns--more public art--and on to the library. There, we staged ourselves in the Childrens' Museum, then wandered the whole building. We got cards, checked out books, talked on the steps about the First Amendment and tramped off to Pioneer Square, stopping at Portland's newest park, Director's Park, still under construction. We watched firement respond to a bus heart attack, then grabbed the MAX to Lloyd Center, where we picked up the southbound 70. Lauren Radcliffe and Matt Fellen finally defeated Keiter the Champion at Rock, Paper, Scissors. Got off eraly and tramped past St. Agatha's to make the buses. Good trip.

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