Children sample college life

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APTOS — Nearly 3,800 fourth-grade students visited the Cabrillo College campus on Friday, taking part in an initiative to familiarize students with the college setting. The goal, according to college officials, is to provide a glimpse of college life and encourage students to consider attending college.

The event began with a guided tour of the campus, including visits to academic buildings, the library, and student centers. Students then participated in a variety of activities, such as taking part in a simulated class, meeting with college faculty and staff, and engaging in hands-on learning experiences.

“College is a big step, but it’s important for students to understand what college is all about before they even enter the classroom,” said Dr. Liz Zelinsky, Cabrillo’s Dean of Student Services. “We want to help students make informed decisions about their future.”

The college hopes to continue this initiative in future years, with the goal of reaching even more students in the Aptos School District.