Photo Essay: Waters Breathe, Too: An Anthology

Day 1: The Foundation Process

Blank Mural

Staff Set-Up (Pre-Artists)

Facilitator (Claudia) Guidance
Claudia’s Explanation of the Paint

Claudia’s Explanation of the First Steps

Artists’ Jumping Into Action
Artists Making Good Progress on Mural Background

Finished Mural Background!
Artists’ listening to Claudia explain the next steps - Committees!

Clean Water Committee, Contaminated Water Committee, Characters Committee, Cloud Committee

Each committee discussing and drawing their vision for the mural
Before starting the artists must agree on a horizon point

Decision Reached

All the committees see how their ideas would work on the mural - used separate pieces of paper and erasable chalk
All hands on deck!

Claudia advising and guiding the first draft of our mural
Working with Claudia to make revisions

The works are ready to be painted over - look at that detail!

Artists contemplating which colors to use
A little more Claudia guidance before painting commences

Artists start outlining with brown

The committees making good progress
Artists working with great precision and meticulous focus

Take a peek at their thoroughness
Adding our finishing touches for the day

Voila: Day 1 complete ✅
Day 2

Continuing to solidify our sketches with brown paint

Starting the painting process! First section: the sky
Claudia giving a lesson on how to paint a realistic cloud

Further progress being made on the sky portion of the mural
Claudia informing students on which colors would be best for creating the “desert” portion of the mural’s landscape

Finished the sky portion! Now onto painting the landscape
Everyone is working hard on the landscape!

Background/landscape has been painted! Now onto painting the individual stories that are incorporated throughout the mural.
Painting the contaminated waters section of the mural

Day 2 Complete: Solid progress made by all the committees ✅
Day 3

Painters LOCKED IN 💪:
Claudia:

Claudia’s opening speech

Claudia giving guidance on paint mixing

Claudia and the house committee

Claudia’s Closing Speech
Everything coming together beautifully:

All the painters are coordinating and engaging with one another, helping the mural really come together.

As the day wraps up, the painters all rush to put on their finishing touches.

Mural progress by the end of day 3

Day 3 Complete ✅