



Patrick Airlie School Wall Mural Project



In the spring of 2009, the Patrick Airlie School community in Forest Lawn received a **\$2,500 Neighbour Grant** from **The Calgary Foundation** to launch a mural project to beautify their school grounds and to strengthen their connections with their surrounding neighbourhood.

The response from the community to the *Patrick Airlie School Mural Project* was generous and gratifying. Students, parents, teachers, neighbours, local businesses and community service providers all joined in, under the skilled direction of artists from Urban Youth Worx. Four hundred people of various ages and ethnicities pitched in, a remarkable achievement for a small elementary school of under 200 students.

Project organizers are proud of the beautiful mural on the side of Patrick Airlie School and the strengthened sense of community and citizenship the project created. They give particular praise to their students who responded enthusiastically to what for many was a first chance to participate in the community. People care about the schools in their neighbourhoods and one way to turn that caring into action is to organize local projects that offer informal and drop-in opportunities to participate.