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Students at General Currie Elementary decorated this garden shed with wood-crafted tiles.

Students are now exhibiting artwork created with the help of professional artists through a partnership between the Vancouver Biennale and the Richmond School District.

The Vancouver Biennale awarded grants to 13 classes from six Richmond schools to engage in art-inspired inquiry with the help of professional artists.

It's part of the Biennale's BIG IDEAS in-School program, an annual program that integrates the Vancouver Biennale current and legacy exhibitions with the B.C. curriculum.

Students at H.J. Cambie Secondary unveiled their Biennale project Tuesday night to parents.

For one project, completed by Stephanie Davis's Grade 9 Pathways English class in collaboration with artist Adrian Walker, students were asked to find people in their lives who took "the road less travelled," and tell a story through photographic form.

Students then went on to depict some of the choices in their own lives in photographic form, according to teacher consultant Leanne McColl.

General Currie Elementary also unveiled its project Tuesday—a garden shed permanently decorated with wood-crafted tiles designed by students.

Four classes at Currie worked on the project with the help of artist Amelia Epp. Students investigated places that were special to the students, including their neighbourhoods and nature.

This year 1,500 students, from kindergarten to Grade 12, participated from 36 schools across seven school districts.

Other Richmond schools participating: J.N. Burnett Secondary, Matthew McNair Secondary, James McKinney Elementary and Mitchell Elementary.

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