

# **CHAMPLAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINNIPEG, MANITOBA**

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**Our mural talks about the problems affecting the marine and coastal ecosystems. Each animal represents a different problem affecting these ecosystems.**

**The turtle talks about oil spills, and how the marine animals are dying from the oil. These oil spills come from ships, oil rigs and factories. The sea lion talks about plastic bags, which look like jellyfish. Animals eat these bags, or get tangled in them, and they choke and die. The whale tells us about factories dumping their garbage into the ocean, and the effects of these chemicals on the life in these ecosystems. The dolphin shows garbage on a beach. The baby on the garbage shows that when they grow up there may not be beaches for them to enjoy.**

**We used a variety of mediums to create our mural, including sand on the beach, flyers to represent garbage, and plastic bags were used to create the seaweed surrounding our animals. We worked in partners to research each issue, and then to represent that issue on our mural.**

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