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The music classroom at the Capital Hill Cluster School-Watkins Campus, 420 12th Street SE Washington DC 20003, was housed in a ordinary classroom. Mrs. Catherine Pfeiffer, the librarian, suggested I help the music teacher, Mrs. Rene Harper, create a cheerful and inviting place for teaching elementary school music students. I spoke with Mrs. Margot Kerwin, a local artist and together we explored ideas and settled on a mural. A sunset design with shades of blue and pink was selected as the inspiration from the book *In the Time of the Drums* by Kim Siegelson and illustrated by Brian Pinkney. Mrs. Kerwin, the artist, helped outline the mural. Over several weekends scouts and volunteers laid drop clothes and cleaned and repaired the walls. Several Scouts helped help mix paints and finally roll and color the mural. The end result turned a drab classroom into an inviting music resource center that inspires imagination and appreciation.

# Pictures



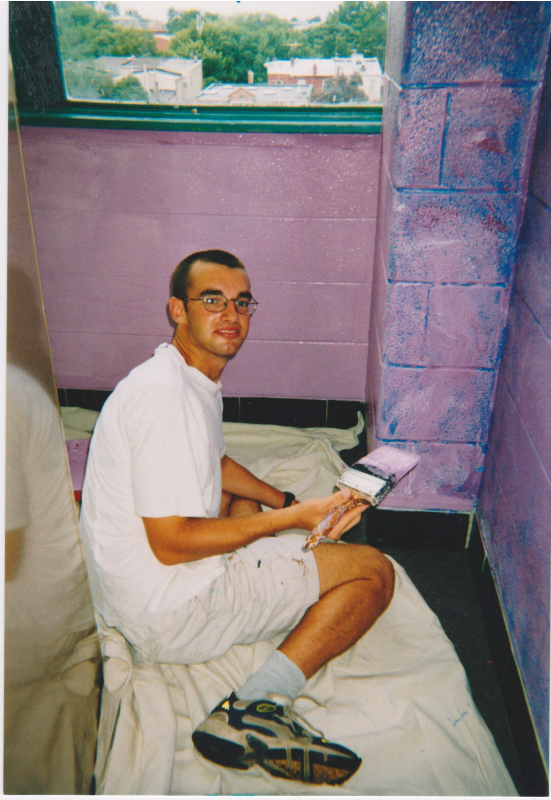
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