

# Revere's East Wall Repainted

The paint was peeling and faded on the east cement support wall at the edge of Paul Revere Middle School's campus. The original art, which was painted decades ago, had never been repainted or touched up.

Some of the art remained, giving students, parents and teachers a glimpse of how the wall looked at one time. But, with budget cuts continuing in public schools, the luxury of painting an exterior wall was at the bottom of a "to do" list.

The GoodMakers Street Team visited Revere assistant principal Justin Koretz and suggested repainting the wall with donated paint. GoodMakers is a nonprofit of young artists, athletes and activists who lend their talents to promote good causes. The project was adopted as collaboration between GoodMakers, LAUSD and Revere students.

Revere held an art contest for the mural design centered on the theme, "What's Your Secret Hope and Wish for the World?" Judges included five volunteers from the GoodMakers Street Team (including artist Guice Mann), Koretz, parents Katy Anastasi (PTSA president) and Lori Vogel.

Five pieces of art submitted by students Jodie Lim, Eb Odeh, Carmen Kelly, Anna O'Connor and Matthew Stockman were chosen to be painted on the 7-ft. high by 96-ft. long wall.

The parents, school and GoodMakers met with LAUSD's senior



*Jodie Lim paints the exterior wall at Revere Middle School after her design was one of five chosen. Painting in the background is Carmen Kelly, who also had a design chosen.*

project manager of painting Rudy Lopez, who was in charge of painting the middle school (the first painting in 30 years). He agreed to prime the wall and provide paint, brushes, tray and rollers.

"I did the final layout matching the district's paint-supplier colors to the artists' drawings," said Vogel, who provided Lopez with 28 color specifications.

"The district supplied materials already on hand because of other painting projects," said Revere principal Fern Somoza. "We were using materials Lopez was lucky enough to find. Murals that display student work and themes are an

excellent use of surplus materials that would otherwise go to waste."

On Sunday, May 15, about 60 students and parents, with members of the GoodMakers Street Team, spent nearly six hours painting the wall. —SUE PASCOE