

## Come Together: Mosaic Mural



What does a celebration of diversity look like? Ritenour Middle School's art club students pondered this question as they brainstormed the image for a large mural. Two months later, their sketches have become reality. Thanks to a grant, Ritenour Middle's art teacher Jocelyn Meyer was able to work with Portfolio Gallery's Robert Powell and local mosaic artist Kathy Rickerman to create a large mosaic mural. Through thoughtful design, the mural incorporates every member of the building. Inside the husky print, students and staff created shaped thumbprint tiles to represent their personalities. Art students made symbolic objects in clay to show the different interests of students. Art club students placed broken tile, glass and mirror to form ripples behind the paw print. For years to come, those who walk by can see their reflections in the image and be reminded that they are an important and impactful part of the school.



Art club students get ready to break tile and glass



Students add grout to the middle panel



Students place the handmade tiles



View of the last grouted panel