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Eco Citizenship Project

Midtown Community Elementary School

Neptune, New Jersey

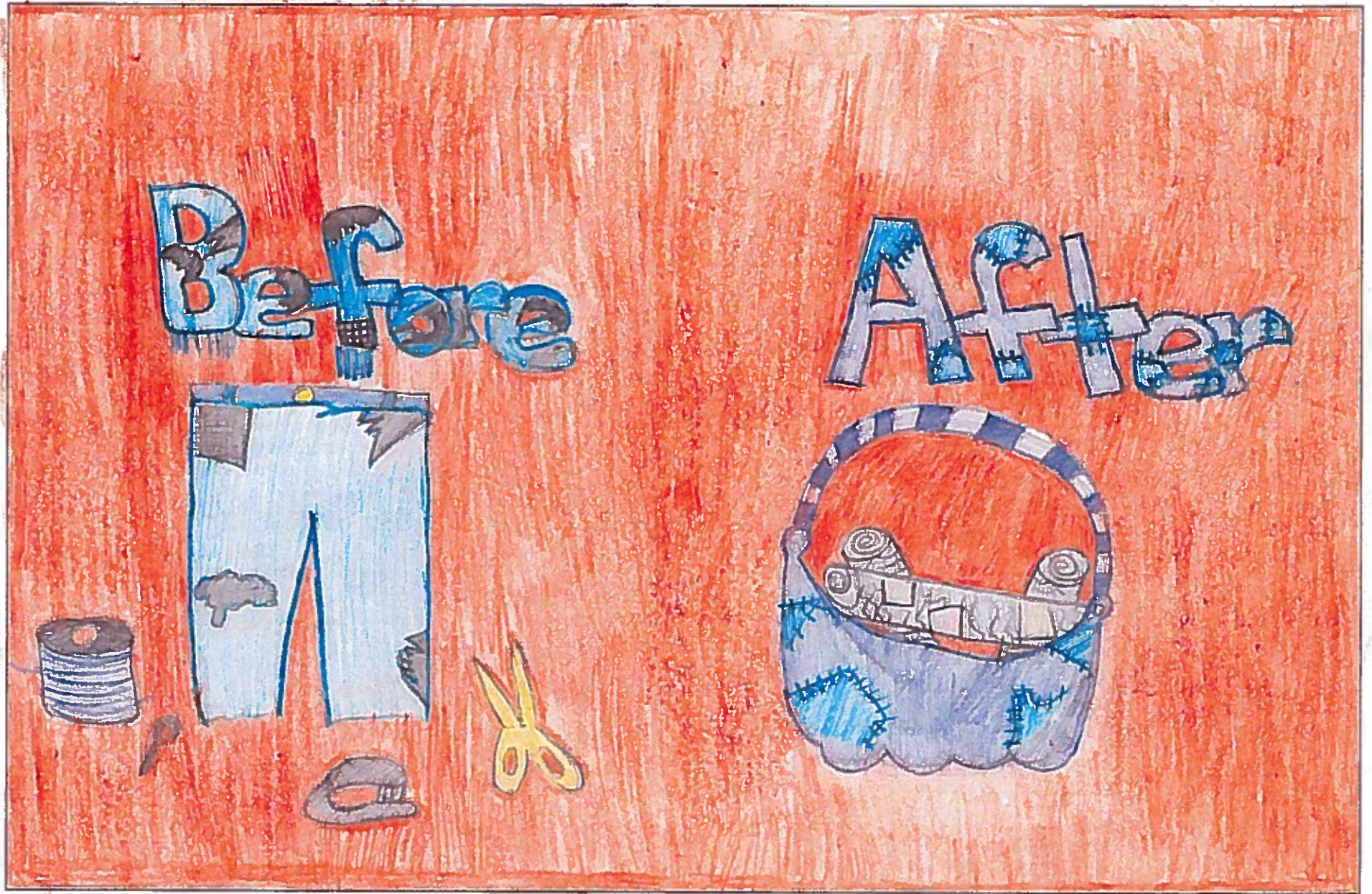
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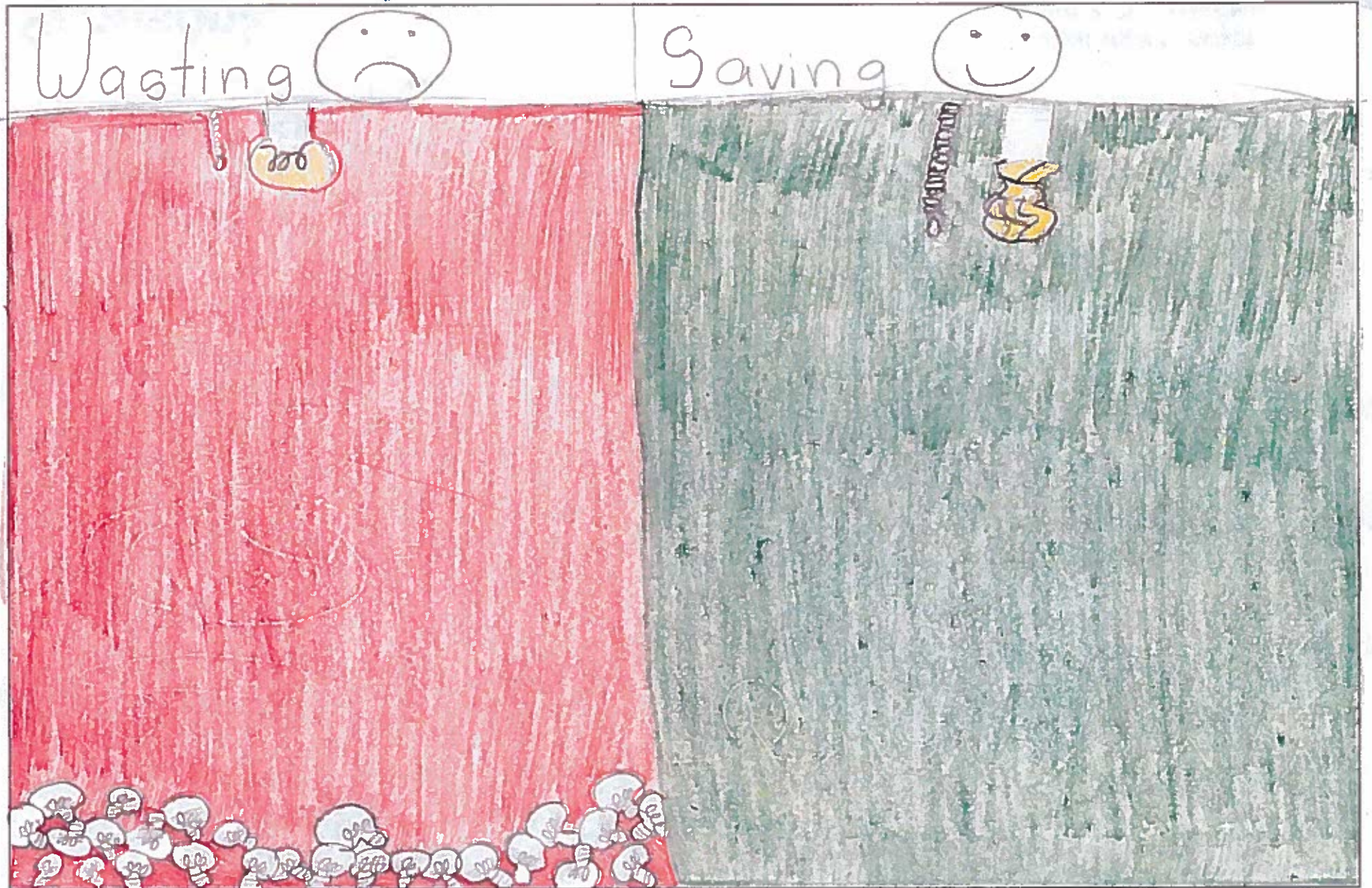




ACTION TAKEN: For day one we decided to upcycle old clothes that do not fit or cannot be worn. Instead of just throwing them away, we turned the clothes into something new. We enjoyed the time spent making new things. The team chose to upcycle a pair of old jeans and turn it into a purse. The picture above shows the before and after of the jeans. Even though it was challenging to find a way to turn old worn clothes into something new, saving money and helping the environment is the best deal you can find. We turned the remains of the jeans into a head band. By completing this action, we learned that old items are just new items waiting to happen.

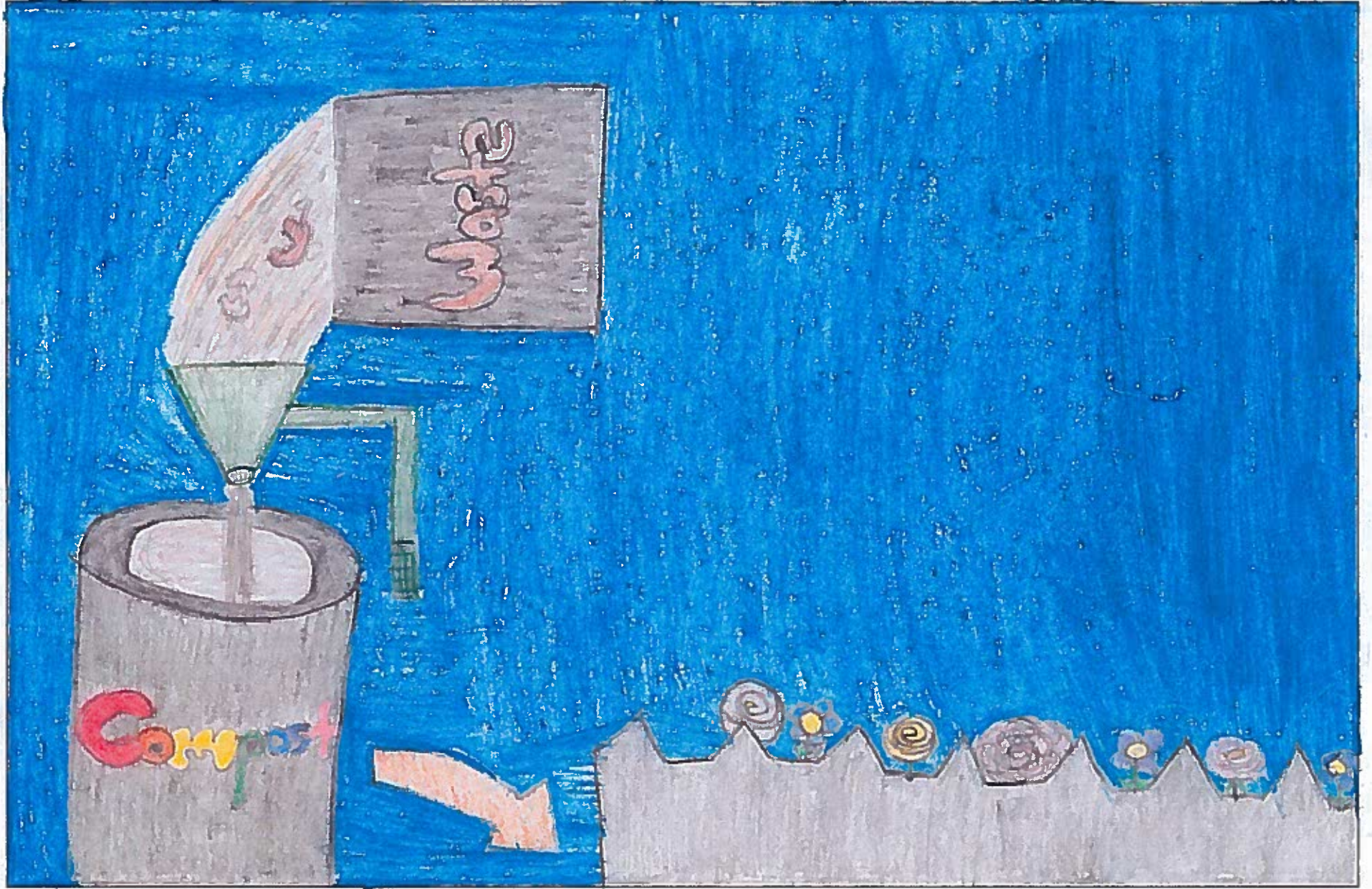
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ACTION TAKEN: For our second day we decided to change our light bulbs from incandescent to fluorescent. Fluorescent bulbs save money and energy. Incandescent bulbs waste money and most of all energy. CFL bulbs also last longer than other bulbs. The thing we enjoyed the most was knowing that we were saving energy. The most challenging part of this was finding a place where they sold the bulbs. By completing this action we learned that the environment can easily be saved if everyone does their part.

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ACTION TAKEN: For day three, our team decided to collect organic waste from our school and households. Composting is a cool way to fertilize crops and plants without harming the environment. This is also an exciting way to recycle. Organic waste such as vegetables, fruit peels, apple cores, eggshells, pencil shavings, and leaves will make a big difference in your soil. Believe it or not, you could even put coffee grounds in your composter. Composting produces heat and energy which can be used to quicken the plants' growing process. Also composting will add more nutrients into your plant. I learned that composting is like trash to treasure.

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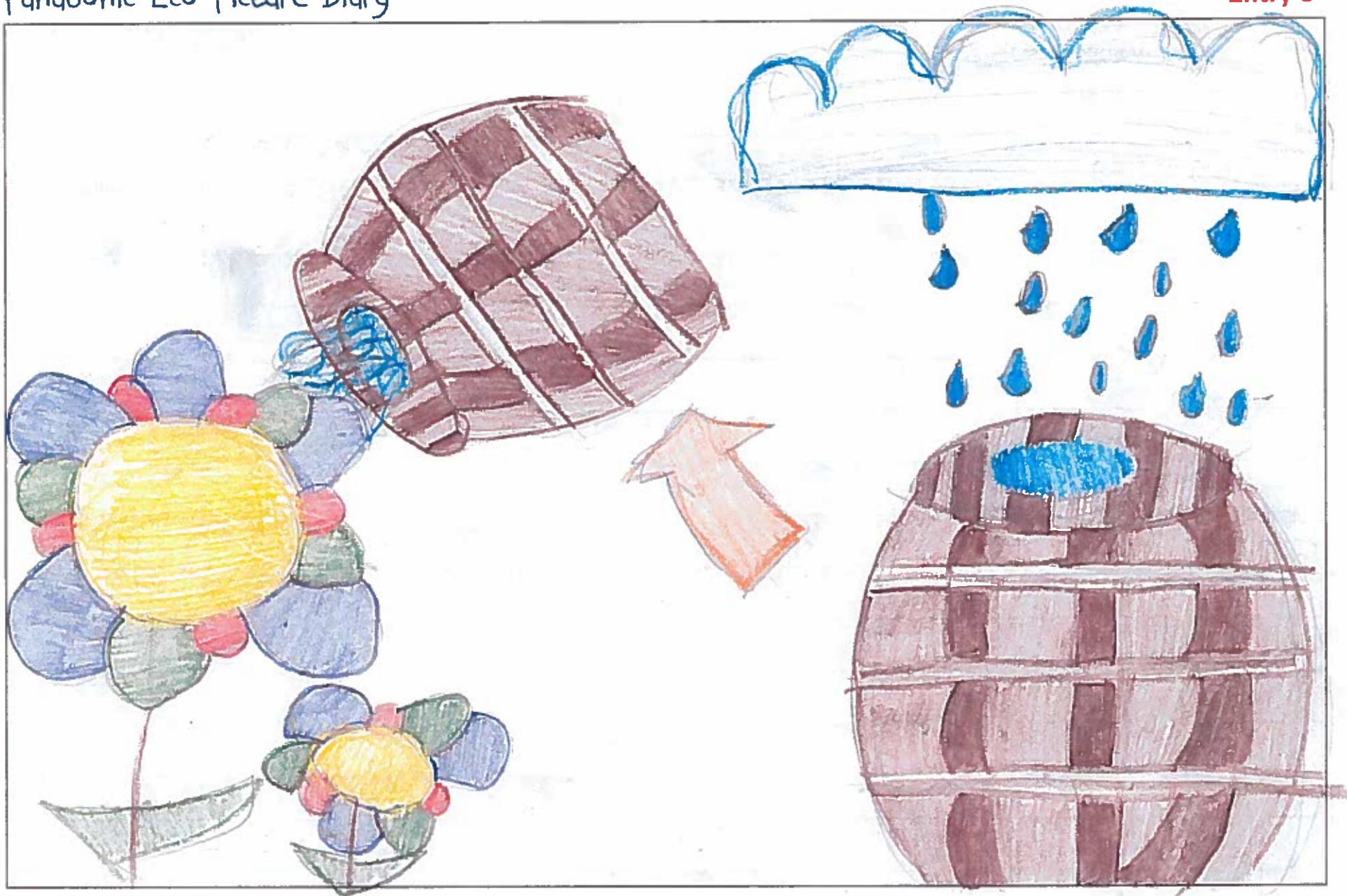
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ACTION TAKEN: For our fourth day we decided to do a beach clean-up with our friend and families. When we arrived at the beach, there were countless piles of garbage on the ground. Kids could not run around or play fearing the risk of stepping on glass, or other debris. As a team, we scoured the beach with our buckets and hands ready to collect trash. You will be amazed about how much trash was lying on the beach! We collected things like water bottles, glass, wrappers, old food, and cups. We relish the result of our actions. We know that there will always be litter. But, will there always be a person to pick it up?

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ACTION TAKEN: For day five we chose to save water. We put out a barrel when it rained and used it to water the plants. By doing this, we accomplished our goal in helping the environment. Our team enjoyed watering the plants with the rain water we collected. We found it easier to pick up the water with a smaller container. We learned you should use the tools that nature provides.

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