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 Cheyenne Van Pelt, Rebecca Schnable, and Angel Evans take notes on the banks of a coal canal while listening to Robert Hughes, regional coordinator for the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Coalition.

## WATERSHED

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their maps.

"They all generally understood how the water would flow and that the water would run downhill," said Bestwick. Later, the students drew new maps to show the actual water flow.

The trip to nearby Toby's Creek was an eye-opening experience for the students. "The amount of garbage was stunning," said Bestwick. "It upset them and they wanted to go back to clean it up."

The students also learned about the pH scale as it relates to water quality and about aquatic organisms that are used as indicators of water quality. In Toby's Creek, they found a crayfish, which indicates a fair quality and a hellgrammite, a larva of the Dobsonfly, which is a healthy water indicator.

"There was like an orange glow in the water from the acid mine drainage and it smelled like rotten eggs."

Taylor Hodle  
 Dallas student

In addition, the teachers are using the project to cross over into other subject areas. In English classes, the students are writing persuasive letters to the Superintendent of Schools Frank Galicki about continuing these types of programs.

"For the most part, the letters are all in favor of these types of learning experiences," said Bestwick. "The students were really overwhelmed with it and they enjoyed it."

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