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Carter G. Woodson School unveils hallway mural art project

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After months of hard work and gallons and gallons of paint, last week the community was invited to see the unveiling of the hallway mural project at Carter G. Woodson School (CGWS). Throughout the summer current students and alumni worked with local artists Leo Rucker and Fredo Felix to turn the dull hallways into beaming pieces of art.

The mural project was funded by the Winston-Salem Arts Council and includes hand-painted portraits of the school's founders and images of well-known people like Carter G. Woodson, Maya Angelou, Ruby Bridges, Nelson Mandela, Winston-Salem natives Josh Howard and Chris Paul, and several others.

During the unveiling ceremony, school director Ben Harris thanked Rucker, Felix, the Winston-Salem Arts Council, Rasheda Shankle, who led the project, and others who made the idea of a mural come to life.

Harris said he got the idea during a visit to Arusha, which is the capital of Tanzania and located in East Africa. According to Harris, at one of the centers they visited there was art on every wall. After running the idea by school founder Hazel Mack, they decided to do the same thing for the middle and high school students at CGWS.



Photos by Tevin Stinson

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"This really started as a seed that was placed in my mind during a trip with students to Tanzania, while visiting a center in Arusha. And at that center controlled by a beautiful sister ... the center had an art mural over every piece

of wall," Harris continued. "So serendipitously through Ms. Mack, I found Ms. Shankle who took this idea and was able to collectively put what we had in our minds a reality.

"I hope our students see themselves in the art

and be inspired to achieve the greatest heights of academic success. We're so thankful for everyone who participated in this project."

Carter G. Woodson is a public charter school that has been serving stu-

dents in grades K-12 since 1997. The school offers free tuition and bus transportation to and from any neighborhood in the city. Rooted in tradition and evolving to remain competitive for the 21st century, CGWS provides an

academic standard of excellence that differs from the traditional classroom. Along with the major core courses such as math and English, CGWS also offers courses in art, liberal arts, culture, agriculture, and sustainable living.

WS/FCS opens new middle school

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The first day of school is always filled with fun and excitement, but there was a little added joy at Lewisville Middle School



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Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools' (WS/FCS) latest addition was completed earlier this year and was part of the \$350 million bond referendum approved by voters in 2016. The school can hold about 800 students and was built to reduce overcrowding at Jefferson and Meadowlark Middle Schools.

During the ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, August 23, Charles McAninch thanked district leaders for bringing a middle school to the Lewisville community.

"It is a pleasure to

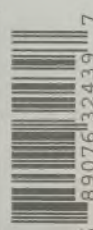
welcome you all to Lewisville Middle School," said McAninch during the ribbon cutting ceremony. "What an exciting day! Our students are back and back in a brand new school. And I want to thank everyone for their support in making this happen."

Mayor of Lewisville Mike Horn said the opening of the school marks the beginning of a new era.

"New schools present new opportunities for our students, for our staff, for our teachers, and for our residents. Thank you so much to the school board, thank you so much commissioner, for being able to make this school possible."

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