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ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHAT: Unveiling of murals at new Apopka Elementary School

WHEN: 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 5, 2015

WHERE: Apopka Elementary School, 311 Vick Road, Apopka
(Google Maps: 675 Old Dixie Hwy, Apopka)

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The broad expanse of Apopka history has been memorialized on four 4' x 7' murals commissioned by School Board Member Christine Moore. The artwork will be unveiled and installed Wednesday at the newly-renovated Apopka Elementary School, where it will arrive escorted by the Apopka Fire Department. Community leaders will join Superintendent Barbara Jenkins, Principal Lukeshia Miller and members of the school community in the lobby to celebrate the paintings' arrival.

The murals will also be shown and discussed during a meeting at Apopka City Hall at 1:30 p.m., immediately prior to the school event.

Painted by Sanford artist Lisa Mikler, the panels feature key aspects of Apopka history:

- 1) Gifts of the Earth: Featuring natural heritage from Native American settlement through modern ecotourism
- 2) Community of People: Representatives of Apopka's multicultural communities stand together to support the flag of Apopka
- 3) Creativity and Progress: Displaying the breadth of Apopka industry from turpentine to indoor foliage, lasers and computer chip manufacture
- 4) Our Gift to the World: Apopka Elementary students singing at the Jazz Festival, flanked by historic figures from Apopka arts and athletic history

The murals are intended to become part of the fabric of the school. "It's about providing an educational foundation in lots of areas," Moore said. For example, students this fall plan to embark on an oral history project connected to the murals.

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