

**ASHEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS
NEWS ALERT**

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**ALERT: SEE ISAAC DICKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S NEW STUMPTOWN MURALS
UP-CLOSE AND PERSONAL; INTERVIEW ARTISTS**

Isaac Dickson Elementary School's Stumptown Mural Dedication

What: As part of its commitment to Excellence with Equity for all students, Isaac Dickson Elementary School is excited to unveil its new Stumptown/Hill Street mural.

Community input to the mural was carried out in the Winter and Spring of 2018 through a series of four listening sessions organized by the IDES PTO. At the listening sessions, elders from the Stumptown community were invited to share their stories about growing up in Stumptown and attending the old Hill Street School. The mural artist, Ernie Mapp (who has Stumptown roots), was on hand for the listening sessions. Mr. Mapp then captured his own interpretation of what he heard on the school walls and on raised panels while working with all the students in the school through the spring in Ms. Paige Duft's art classes as an Artist in Residence (with assistance from Daniel Suber).

Funding for the project was provided by the IDES PTO and a grant from the Asheville City Schools Foundation. Community elders also came to the school to share their stories and answer questions from the 3rd and 5th graders before the project began.

There are 14 panels associated with the Stumptown mural, and Isaac Dickson Elementary School plans to add panels of former Hill Street teachers to the wall the opposite the Stumptown mural, which depicts the old Hill Street Schools and the new Isaac Dickson building. The murals and panels are intended to be a permanent addition to the school.

As part of the upcoming reception, you'll be able to view the mural, interview its artist, hear spoken word and songs as well as indulge in a school-wide social and potluck, with pizzas being made from Isaac Dickson's very own new cob oven.

When:

Friday, September 21st

5:30 PM - Reception followed by a 30 minute dedication ceremony with spoken word
and song

6:30 PM - Potluck on the school grounds

Where:

Isaac Dickson Elementary School

125 Hill Street, Asheville, NC 28801