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MEDIA ADVISORY

Parent Group from Burroughs Elementary Helps with Design of Community Mural in Southeast Fresno

What: Burroughs Elementary families and others from the neighborhood assist with the creation of a community mural, facilitated by the Arne Nixon Center for the Study of Children’s Literature at Fresno State

When: Saturday, May 11, 2019 – completion of mural and celebration
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Dedication at 10 a.m.

Where: Wall at northeast corner of Cedar and Tulare avenues

Families from Burroughs Elementary School will join with others from their neighborhood to complete a community participation mural, a project facilitated by the Arne Nixon Center for the Study of Children’s Literature from the Madden Library at Fresno State. Rafael López, an internationally known children’s literature illustrator, artist, and muralist, has created the mural design with suggestions from those who live in the community. A parent group from Burroughs was instrumental in the design process, requesting a focus on reading and students as future leaders. López’s design includes a person reading a book and a figure reaching for the stars to represent life-long learning and the search for excellence in life. The parents also wanted to include symbols of unity and peace, which López incorporated using a flying dove and hands reaching out to each other. López has created over 20 such murals to beautify neighborhoods across the nation.
Other ideas from the parents will be represented through technology. Fresno State students in Dr. Laura Huisinga’s Immersive Design class will add animation and textual elements that can be viewed at the mural site with the use of a smart phone or tablet.

López, along with community volunteers, began graphing, outlining and painting the upper reaches of the mural on May 6. On the last day of painting, May 11, children, families and community members will help complete the lower reaches. The day will also include a dedication of the mural, children’s activities, entertainment and a resource fair.

For more information about the project: ancmural.org or contact Arne Nixon Center curator Jennifer Crow at jcrow@csufresno.edu or (559) 278-8116.

“I am so excited about the connections this project makes between Burroughs families, their community and Fresno State’s Arne Nixon Center. The mural will add beauty to the neighborhood and convey a message of hope that our Burroughs families had a direct hand in,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson.

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