



Brenda Maoney Councilill paints the mural for Oakwood Elementary School.

## Artwork Enhances Oakwood's Cafeteria

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of Oakwood Elementary School commissioned internationally known artist, and North Carolina resident, Brenda Maoney Councilill, to design and complete a large scale wall mural in the school's cafeteria.

The completed piece reflects the educational elements denoting the core curriculum and regional beauty with inspirations of fruit and vegetables. The mural is designed to stimulate the imagination.

"The work is an infusion of several different ideas—bright and stimulating for all ages," said Councilill. "I've incorporated fantasy with the influences of technology, history and the sciences. There are no boundaries—as I've also added an acorn growing in the mighty oak tree—symbolic of Oakwood," she said.

Councill specializes in large-scale murals, particularly dome ceilings, tackling projects that often place her “high” in the world of art. During her distinguished career of more than 30 years, Councill has also created, in addition to murals, paintings and sculptures for corporate collections with companies such as AT&T, DuPont, CSX Transportation, Credit Suisse, and British Airways – as well as for private collections.

The Oakwood PTA raised the funds for this project to further enhance the daily lives of the Oakwood students and bring creativity to a space that now provides a colorful intrigue of history, art, nutrition and conversation.



Oakwood Principal, Jeff Hodakowski, shares in the excitement over the new mural by artist, Brenda Maoney Councill.



