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Emily Stinnett points out her contribution to the Oceans of Possibilities mural created by Morgan County Elementary and Middle School students now on view at the Madison Aquatics Center.

Morgan County Student Mural Installed at the New Madison Aquatics Center

BUCKHEAD – The young artists of **Morgan County Elementary School** and **Morgan County Middle School** were honored this month when their beautiful mural was placed on permanent display at its new home: the **Morgan County Aquatic Center**. The installation of the students' artwork was part of the Aquatic Center's grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony that took place on Tuesday, June 2nd.

The mural was the culmination of a Steffen Thomas Museum Arts Outreach Program, *Oceans of Possibilities: Nature, Science and the Visual Arts*. Thanks to the generous support

of our sponsors (see below), STMA has used nature and science as ideas for a visual arts program with selected schools in the Lake Oconee communities for three consecutive years.

During Phase I of the 2007/2008 project, students from art teacher Laura Rice's fifth grade class at the Morgan County Elementary School and two of Marjean Meadow's eighth grade classes from the middle school produced watercolor paintings inspired by local rivers and streams. Well-known artist and award-winning book illustrator, Lindy Burnett, conducted the 18-week workshop.

During Phase II, resident, professional artists selected the best creations. With their help, the students assembled the large mural containing elements from the award-winning paintings. It is now displayed in the main lobby of the Aquatic Center, located at 1151 East Avenue, across the street from the Recreation Department offices.

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