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Frierson unveils remodeled library

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School**

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Wadmalaw, SC - Edith L. Frierson Elementary School became a partial magnet Montessori school in 2018 and as a result, did a complete overhaul on their media center to reflect the teachings of Montessori. The remodeled space includes a mural handpainted by local artist Claudia Boyce depicting Wadmalaw, local landmarks with historical ties to the school and the surrounding area.

Frierson serves District 9 offering three primary Montessori classrooms, serving 3, 4, and 5-year olds, and one lower Elementary classroom. In addition, Edith L. Frierson Elementary serves non-Montessori classes in grades 2-5.

In the new media center, everything from the colors to the chairs model the Montessori Method.

The components of the Montessori program are grounded in choice, concentration, independence, and order. This instructional method is characterized by providing a prepared environment: tidy, pleasing in appearance, simple and real, where each element exists for a reason in order to help in the development of the child.

"The revitalized library environment meets the needs of all children and has furniture of varying sizes where children can work independently or in small groups in a truly beautiful setting," said Principal Dr. Deborah Davis-Cummings. "The District's commitment to creating a Montessori program for the families of D9 is very evident in the revitalized Edith L. Frierson Elementary and Montessori School."

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