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Artist teams up with students for new mural in Norfolk's Neon District

An artist and students at Governor's School of the Arts collaborated to design the mural that will soon be completed on October 21.



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NORFOLK, Va. — A new mural is headed to Norfolk's Neon District, and it's a collaboration between one artist and a group of local students.

It all started when artist Matt McGuinness cold-called officials with the Neon District and presented them with the idea for a "recipe mural" back in February of 2022.

That's when Rachel McCall with the Neon District put McGuinness in touch with the Governor's School of the Arts and proposed a class to involve students in creating the mural.

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McGuinness and his collaborator, Zeno, created a six to nine-week class that taught students at the Governor's School of the Arts how to make public art.

The thesis of the mural was "lunchtime." McGuinness and his students brainstormed different foods that represent lunchtime in Norfolk.

Students paired off and came up with five of the six foods that are going to be landmarks of the mural. The students researched the foods local to the area and McGuinness and Zeno finalized and designed the mural that will soon be completed on October 21.