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Dear Ms. Wendy Hood,

I wish to extend to you my heartfelt thanks for your role in this year's mural painting, as well as your sponsorship of the Memorial Drive Elementary School Historical Enrichment Committee.

In several ways, to several people at the school, I've tried to express how much this means to me. Knowing that you played such an important role in this decision, I wanted to make sure you know how much I appreciate it, in a personal and direct way.

Yours truly,

Dan Rather



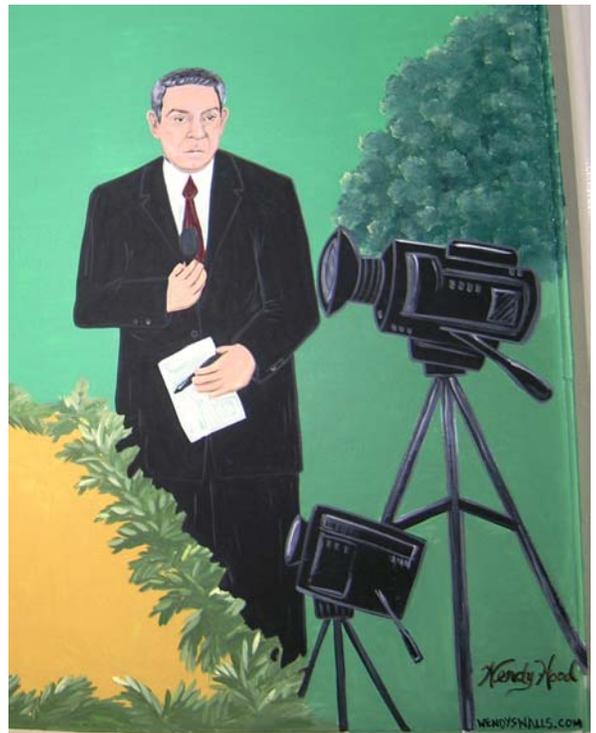
2003 Memorial Drive Elementary Historical Enrichment Mural

2003 Historical Enrichment Mural Honorees:

George H. W. Bush, Sr.
George W. Bush, Jr.
Dan Rather
Nolan Ryan
Mary Kay Ash



The 5th grade class of 2002~2003 at Memorial Drive Elementary School, a National Exemplary School in Houston, Texas, were asked to select five famous Texans to honor on the final section of mural space in the school cafeteria. Houston Muralist, Wendy Bowman (formerly Wendy Hood), was chosen to paint the honorees in a scene which was also composed by the 5th grade classmates. It was the proud PTA chairman, Mrs. Pamela Walker, who wrote to Mr. Rather about his inclusion in the final section of the MDE Historical Enrichment Mural. To everyone's delight, Dan Rather contacted local media including his Houston CBS affiliate station KHOU channel 11 to attend the dedication of the mural on his behalf, and to cover the story for the local news in May of 2003. Shortly after the dedication and ceremony, Wendy received her personal letter of appreciation from Dan Rather. "I was so excited to receive this special letter of thanks from Dan Rather! Little does he know that we share the same Alma mater, Sam Houston State University, where we both majored in RTF! He has such a gracious personality, and I will never forget this unexpected gesture."



~ Wendy Bowman