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Madera Unified to Host Dedication Ceremony for the Ed Gwartney California History Center

Madera, Calif. - Madera Unified will host a dedication ceremony for the Ed Gwartney California History Center at Monroe Elementary School. Family, former students, district staff and city officials will be in attendance to honor the late Ed Gwartney at the dedication ceremony.

In September 2018, the Board of Trustees voted to approve naming the Monroe Children’s Museum after its founder, Ed Gwartney. Mr. Gwartney developed, created, and maintained the many components of the museum. For over twenty years, Ed made California history come to life for central valley fourth graders — and older visitors. Mr. Gwartney made a tremendous difference in terms of student learning, life lessons, inspiration, and innovation. His life was well lived and his career had decades of dedication to students and families he treated like his own.

The museum was launched in the 1900s by Ed Gwartney to display a realistic small-town environment of the late 1800s to early 1900s in California and the local area to give students hands-on learning experiences. Schools from the surrounding districts and counties were invited to contact the James Monroe Elementary School to schedule visits and performances.

A tour of the History Center will be available immediately after the ceremony.

When: Thursday, May 2, 2019
Time: 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Where: Monroe Elementary School (1819 N Lake St, Madera, CA 93638)
Madera Unified School District was established in 1966. The District aspires to be widely recognized throughout California where students are challenged to broaden their vision, inspired by meaningful opportunities and strive for authentic achievements.