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Giant Springs Elementary Donation in Honor of Four Generations

Great Falls Public Schools recently received a donation for the new Giant Springs Elementary from Thomas and Cynthia (Cindy) Duffy. The Duffy's purchased kitchen appliances for the new school worth almost \$5,500.

Tom and Cindy wanted to honor four generations of family members who attended and graduated from Great Falls Public Schools. They include Margaret Babcock Duffy (Class of 1920), James and Anne Duffy (GFH Class of 1952), Thomas and Cindy (Ward) Duffy (GFH Class of 1974), Conrad Duffy (GFH Class of 1996), and Erin "Gracie" Duffy O'Brien (GFH Class of 1999). Cindy returned to her alma mater and is currently teaching at Great Falls High.

Additionally, the fifth generation, Joseph "Tuff" O'Brien, will be attending kindergarten at Giant Springs in the fall. His cousin, Tynlee Duffy, and then sister, Grace O'Brien, will follow shortly after him.

The kitchen appliances will be used in new Maker Space area. Maker Space is a hands on lab where students can participate in project based learning. Teachers will utilize the appliances donated by the Duffy's to work with students on cooking standards and other projects.

Giant Springs Elementary will open in the fall and is due to the generosity of the citizens of Great Falls when they passed a \$98.9 million bond issue in October 2016. The Duffy's generosity will enhance education at the new school.

The Duffy Family are pleased to make this gift and encourage others to consider donating for things not included in the bond for Giant Springs or other schools in the District. If you are interested, please contact Dave Crum at the Great Falls Public Schools Foundation at 406-268-7340.