MEDIA ADVISORY

Wawona will Honor Donors to Library

What: Ceremony to honor donors to the library at Wawona School

When: Tuesday, June 4, 2019
   9 a.m.-10 a.m.

Where: Wawona School
        4524 N. Thorne Ave. (93704)

Wawona School will honor the David and Lucille Packard Foundation, the Camunez Means Family and Edison International for donations totaling $5,000 to the library. The funds will be used to develop a dual immersion language collection to better serve Wawona students. Wawona, formerly a middle school, became a dual immersion campus in 2017. It will eventually serve preschool through eighth grade. This fall, the school will offer a dual immersion program in pre-kindergarten through second grade.

Research shows that dual immersion instructional programs are the most effective in meeting the needs of not only English learner students but also advancing the academics of English-only students. Dual immersion programs develop bilingualism and biliteracy to ensure academic achievement at grade level and above, as well as develop and deepen cross-cultural competencies. Students in pre-kindergarten through first grade are instructed in Spanish for 90% of the day and in English for 10% of the day. With each passing grade level, the percentage of instruction in English increases by 10%. By fourth grade, curriculum is taught 50% in English and 50% in Spanish. Students learn to read, write and speak in both languages.

“We are grateful to these generous donors for helping Wawona expand its library collection in support of the growing dual immersion program there. This is another wonderful of the important role community partners play in supporting our students, families and staff,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson.