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ONE FAMILY ASKS A COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS

It's not every day an elementary school receives a gift of \$25,000, so **Meiklejohn Elementary School** wants to celebrate.

On **Friday, Sept. 24 at 1 p.m.** the school, located at 13405 W. 83rd Pl., Arvada will hold an assembly for some special guests from the Meiklejohn family.

The Arvada family has a history of being involved in early childhood education. "My dad loved living in Jeffco. He loved the people, the politics and the schools here," said Scott Meiklejohn.

His dad, Al Meiklejohn, who passed away in March, had a long history in Jefferson County, serving on the Jefferson County Board of Education from 1971 to 1977, with three of those years as board president. He was then elected to the state senate, where he served for 30 years, more than half of those years spent as the chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

Meiklejohn's family continues the tradition of dedicating themselves to public education by making a generous donation of \$25,000 to help fund the school's needs.

"The family wants to highlight with the public that it's important for communities to support local schools," said Meiklejohn Principal Andy Schrant. "We are more than appreciative for the extra funding in these times of budget worries."