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Descendants of William Holmes McGuffey, Shirley Eckley, Ruth Smith and Cindy Smith, from left, stand in front of a new plaque placed in the William Holmes McGuffey Elementary School. The plaque was donated by the William Holmes McGuffey Historical Society at a Friday event. The former West Elementary School was renamed in 2008 for McGuffey, a 19th century educator who lived near Youngstown and is famous for his series of textbooks that became the standardized reading books for schools during the mid- to late 19th century. Harry Meshel was also scheduled to be honored, but his recuperation from health issues kept him away. Meshel of Youngstown is a former Ohio Senate president, majority and minority leader as well as a former Ohio Democratic Party chairman. He remains a member of the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees.

