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## Marana kindergartner gets a monster surprise

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Students line up for an autograph from driver Jared Eichelberger of the Maximum Destruction "Max-D" monster truck while they visit Roadrunner Elementary School, 16651 W. Calle Carmela, on March 2, 2017, in Marana, Ariz. The visit was made possible by Arizona-based non-profit HopeKids, which grants wishes to kids with life-threatening illnesses. Kindergartner Gabriel Gutierrez, a big monster truck fan, was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia last year and was there for the surprise.

ABOVE: Students line up for an autograph from driver Jared Eichelberger of Maximum Destruction's Max-D monster truck during a visit at Roadrunner Elementary School in Marana on Thursday. The team visited kindergartner Gabriel Gutierrez, a big monster-truck fan who was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia last year. The visit was made possible by Arizona-based nonprofit HopeKids, which grants wishes to kids with life-threatening illnesses.

RIGHT: Gabriel Gutierrez, 5, center, takes in the size of his monster surprise with his classmates at Roadrunner Elementary School. Max-D and many other trucks will perform in the Monster Jam at Tucson Arena this weekend. There will be 7 p.m. performances on Friday and Saturday as well as 1 p.m. performances on Saturday and Sunday.