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Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

Where responsible Griffins S.O.A.R!
Safe - Open Minded - Accountable - Resilient

Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 School Year

Week 27
February 6, 2026

Principal's Corner

Seems like every week there are pictures and stories to share to celebrate the wonderful, unique experiences available to students at McGarvey. I am so grateful for all the volunteers, teachers & staff, and community helpers who go above and beyond for our kids. So many vivid childhood memories take place here, and I'm very proud to be part of it!

This week was no different! 5th graders on A & B Tracks had their last field trip to **STARBASE Sacramento** - and I was so happy to visit them! This field trip destination is a Department of Defense funded program aimed to encourage and inspire 5th graders in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields. All 5th graders visited one day a week for 5 weeks. So much hands-on learning, and fun activities to hook our young students' curiosity!

This week was also **5th grade's Parade of the States**, a McGarvey tradition! B & D Track students did such a creative job representing what they learned through their research about a state. This week's designs even included 'wearable floats!'

Our **1st graders** on A & D Tracks had an unforgettable **Celebrate America** performance this week! They highlighted famous Americans including presidents and civil rights leaders. Students speakers did such a great job, and I was impressed with how many songs everyone learned!

We also had a lot of fun at the first **Friday assembly** we've had in a while. Check out pics of all this & more.

Next Friday we look forward to **PGHS Dragon Dancers** joining us to celebrate Lunar New Year!

Sure is a great time to be a Griffin!

♥ Dr. Mitchell

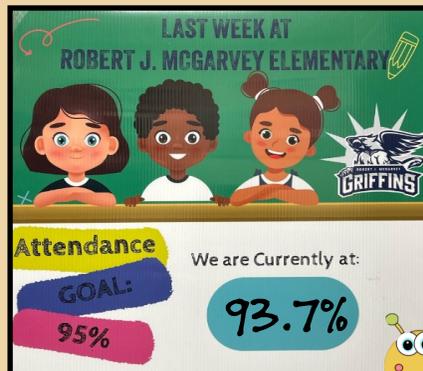


Remember... No gum at school!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Let's help every Griffin S.O.A.R. high — one school day at a time!

Our goal is 95% attendance. Here's how we did last week:



Griffin Basketball

Congrats to the **BLUE** boys & our girls on their big wins last week!



Good luck this week!

BLUE team @ Ehrhardt on Tues.
WHITE team @ home vs. Dillard on Thursday. Girls @ Ehrhardt on Wednesday.

NO SCHOOL

Monday, Feb. 9
Lincoln's Birthday

Monday, Feb. 16
President's Day

LOST & FOUND

There are soooo many items in lost & found! Please encourage your kids to claim their belongings - or come check it out yourself - before we donate everything to charity.



Open-Minded Griffins!

This week, these students were recognized by their teachers.

Congrats!

People show they belong at McGarvey in different ways.

Transitional Kindergarten

Arshaan
Maya
Sabir
Aylin



Kindergarten

Carson
Nathanael
Gabby

1st Grade

Isabella R
Bryce

2nd Grade

Ellie
Chris
Zeia
Imani



3rd Grade

Greyson
Jayden O.
Myleah
Teagan

4th Grade

Jazmin
Riley
Shaurya
Miles

5th Grade

Kristine
Olivia
Weston

6th Grade

Jamiyah
Lucas
Tyler
Ava
Tatiya

The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:
TAKE ACTION!

'Bee' in Action!



Click the book cover for a link to a read aloud on YouTube.

Griffin's Big Question
Who needs help or fairness in our community? What can you do about it?

Our S.O.A.R. trait next week is **Accountable**

My actions match my words.

"Be the change you wish to see in the world."
- Mahatma Gandhi

ATTENTION

PM TK/K CLASSES

Thursday dismissal is at 2:55 (Grades 1-6 dismiss at 2:45).
Please don't interrupt classes.



HEART GRAMS



\$1

ON SALE JANUARY 21ST, 2026

Want to sprinkle your student, or their buddies or teachers, or staff members with a little ♥? Grab a \$1 Heart Gram to show them they're **beary** special! The PFO will deliver these cute Heart Grams for **D Track** on Feb 6th and on Feb 13th for **A, B, & C Tracks** straight to their classrooms.

Deadline to purchase online is Feb 4th 5pm for D track and Feb 11th 5pm for A,B and C Tracks

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FEEL-GOOD FOOD FOR A CAUSE



**JOIN HABIT BURGER & GRILL IN SUPPORT OF
ROBERT MCGARVEY ELEMENTARY PFO**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 | 4-9PM

Enter code **GIVEBACK** when placing your order at the in-restaurant kiosk, the Habit Burger & Grill Mobile app, or habitburger.com.

Or, simply present this printed flyer or show this offer on your smart phone to the cashier upon ordering. Habit Burger & Grill will donate **20% OF NET SALES** from this event to benefit your organization.

Habit
BURGER & GRILL

3161 Zinfandel Dr Ste 9
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670



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*For Habit Team Member only

Net sales do not include sales tax, gift card purchases, or tips. Orders placed on third party websites or apps are not eligible for this Fundraiser.

Important Dates

February

- 9 - Lincoln's Birthday—NO SCHOOL
- 10 - C Track Returns
- 10 - 4:00 Boys BLUE Team Basketball Game @ Ehrhardt
- 10 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 11 - 4:00 Girls Basketball Game @ Ehrhardt
- 12 - 4:00 Boys WHITE Team Basketball Game @ home vs. Dillard
- 13 - 9:05 PGHS DRAGON DANCERS!!**
- 13 - 3:45 Boys Basketball Practice
- 13 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 16 - President's Day—NO SCHOOL
- 17 - A & B Track Teacher Appreciation Day
- 17 - 4:00 Boys BLUE Team Basketball Game @ Butler
- 17 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 18 - 4:00 Girls Basketball Game @ Tsukamoto
- 19 - 9:30 Donuts with the Principal
- 19 - 3:30 Boys WHITE Team Basketball Game @ home vs. Case
- 19 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (zoom)
- 20 - 3:45 Boys Basketball Open Gym
- 20 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 20 - YEARBOOK COVER ART CONTEST DEADLINE**
- 23 - Fire Drill
- 23 - 3:45 Boys Basketball Practice
- 24 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 25 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Game @ Beitzel
- 25 - 4:00-9:00 Dine Out Day @ Habit
- 26 - 5:30 PGHS 3rd Annual Night at the Nest
- 27 - Walk & Roll to School!**
- 27 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice

March

- 2-3 - 4th Grade Overnight Field Trip to Coloma (B & C)
- 2-6 - Read Across America!
- 3 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 4 - 1st Grade Celebrate America Performance (B & C)
- 4 - 6:00 6th Grade Sly Park Info Meeting (zoom)
- 5 - 9:30 B & C Track Awards (Grades 4-6)
- 5 - 10:30 A Track Awards (Grades 4-6)
- 5 - 5:30 Spring SSC Meeting (zoom)
- 6 - 9:00 C Track 'Hopping into Spring' Celebration
- 6 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 6 - Track Change Day (A goes off) (Minimum Day)
- 6 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 9 - D Track—Welcome Back!
- 9 - 3:45 Boys Basketball Practice
- 10 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 11 - Spring Pictures (B & D) & 6th Grade Promotion Pictures

**New school hours for
2026-27**

8:40-3:10

Thursdays, early out @ 2:20 PM
Grades 1-6

AM TK & K is 8:40-12:11
PM TK & K is 11:29-3:10

5th Grade (BD)

Parade of the States



1st Grade (AD)

Celebrate America!



5th Grade (AB)

STARBASE Sacramento



Support our fundraiser with Boba & Bites!
10% of sales will be donated to the McGarvey PFO
Their food truck will be in front of Robert McGarvey Elementary School
4350 Sophistry Drive Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

Thursday, March 19, 2026
2 pm - 8 pm

Cold & Flu Season

As the winter season continues, we want to share a few gentle reminders to support the health and well-being of our community. Everyday habits like **regular handwashing**, **covering coughs and sneezes**, **staying hydrated**, **getting plenty of rest**, and **staying home when feeling unwell** all help keep our families and schools healthy. We appreciate your partnership in keeping our community well.



BEE MY VALENTINE



Student Leadership

A big thank-you to this crew of student leaders who helped out the first half of the school year. We start with a new team in February!

Thanks to Mr. Gegogine and Mrs. Guertin for being their fearless leaders!



Oh, what fun it is to play silly games on a track change day!

It's been weeks since we've been able to have our Friday assembly. The weather finally cooperated & it was great to have all our Griffins outdoors to celebrate the week's achievements.

We ended our assembly with a silly game for D Track teachers (mostly). Each player tied a balloon around their ankle. The object of the game was to pop other players' balloons by stomping on them.

It was hilarious to see! Kids enjoyed cheering on the teachers. The game went on a lot longer than anyone thought. Finally the game was down to 2 players: Mrs. Bhopla vs. Mrs. Salmond.

Eventually they declared a tie and hugged it out.

So much fun for everyone - and a great lesson in sportsmanship!



Motorized Bicycle or Moped



California Vehicle Code (CVC) Definition

CVC 406 (a)

- Two or three wheels
- Fully operative pedals or no pedals if it has an electric motor
- Maximum speed of 30 mph

RIDER REQUIREMENTS

License	Driver's license with an M1 or M2 endorsement
Helmet	DOT compliant helmet required for all ages
Where	May ride on public and private roads Not allowed on sidewalks or trails
Other Info	Must be registered with the DMV and have adequate vehicle insurance

POSSIBLE PENALTIES

1. 12500(a) VC Citation - Driving without a license and tow with 30-day impound
2. Right of way violation

Motorized E-Scooter



California Vehicle Code (CVC) Definition

CVC 407.5

- Two wheels with a motor, handlebars, and a floorboard for standing on when riding
- May have a driver seat that does not interfere with the ability to stand and ride

RIDER REQUIREMENTS

License	Driver's license or instruction permit required
Helmet	Bicycle helmet if under 18 CVC 21212
Where	May ride wherever traditional bicycles may ride - No riding on sidewalks CVC 21200
Other Info	Not to exceed 15 mph CVC 22411

POSSIBLE PENALTIES

1. 12500(a) VC Citation - Driving without a license and tow with 30-day impound
2. Helmet citation
3. Right of way violation

Rules of the Road E-Scooters & E-Bikes



CITY OF ELK GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT
8400 Laguna Palms Way
Elk Grove, CA 95758

(916) 478-8110

elkgrove.gov/police

Starting this week, EGUSD and local law enforcement will begin a coordinated two-pronged initiative aimed at reducing e-bike and scooter collisions and preventing serious injuries. The first phase will consist of a 30-day education campaign across various platforms. The enforcement phase will follow. Officers will conduct zero-tolerance enforcement in and around school areas and will take enforcement action when illegal or unsafe operation of e-bikes or scooters is observed. Please review these flyers and make sure your family is complying with these important safety laws.

Off-Highway Motorcycle (Dirtbike)



California Vehicle Code (CVC) Definition

CVC 436

- A motorcycle for use exclusively off the highway
- Electric and/or gas powered

RIDER REQUIREMENTS

License	None - This type of motorcycle is NOT street legal.
Helmet	DOT compliant helmet required
Where	Can only ride at off-highway vehicle parks (such as Carnegie) or on private property May not ride on any public road, sidewalk, trail, or park.
Other Info	Must be registered with the DMV and have adequate vehicle insurance

POSSIBLE PENALTIES

1. 12500(a) VC Citation - Driving without a license and tow with 30-day impound

Class 1 & Class 2 E-Bike



California Vehicle Code (CVC) Definition

CVC 312.5

A pedal or throttle-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a motor that assists only up to a speed of 20 mph

RIDER REQUIREMENTS

License	None
Helmet	Bicycle helmet if under 18 CVC 21212
Where	May ride wherever traditional bicycles may ride CVC 21200
Other Info	No minimum age requirement to ride

POSSIBLE PENALTIES

1. Helmet Citation, if applicable
2. Right of way citation, if ridden improperly.

Class 3 E-Bike



California Vehicle Code (CVC) Definition

CVC 312.5

A low-speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a speedometer, and a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to assist when a speed of 28 mph is reached

RIDER REQUIREMENTS

License	None
Helmet	Bicycle helmet required regardless of age CVC 21213(a)
Where	May ride wherever traditional bicycles may ride CVC 21200
Other Info	Must be 16 years or older to ride

POSSIBLE PENALTIES

1. Helmet Citation, if applicable
2. Right of way citation, if ridden improperly.

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE TO PARENTS

KINDERGARTEN
&
TRANSITIONAL
KINDERGARTEN

**If your child turns 4* years old
on or before September 1, 2026**

**you may register them for the
2026-2027 school year**

**New Student Enrollment Packets
available at the school office
or online at EGUSD.net starting on:**

**January 20, 2026
7:30AM**

**If you have questions about the
Registration Process please ask your school office staff.**

Transitional Kindergarten Eligible - Child turns 4 years old on or before
[September 1, 2026](#)

Kindergarten Eligible- Child turns 5 years old on or before
[September 1, 2026](#)

REGISTER NOW!
TK & Kindergarten
for '26-'27

TK Age Eligibility: Child turns 4 on or before 9/1/26.

Kinder Age Eligibility: Child turns 5 on or before 9/1/26.

Please come into the office to pick up a registration packet and return it (and all the supporting documentation) by 3:30 on 2/20/26. Placements will be made randomly by computer so all families have an equal opportunity for their track preference. Children registered after 2/20/26 will be placed where space is available.



**YEARBOOK COVER
CONTEST**
25-26

Attention McGarvey students! You are invited to create & submit 1 (one) page of your original artwork for the 25-26 yearbook covers!

- All submissions on a standard 8.5x11 piece of paper, no pencil drawings
- Artwork must be vertical & fill up the page as much as possible
- School name & current school year must be neatly displayed on page
- All work completed by McGarvey student only (write full name on back)

Can't wait to see your creative & colorful masterpieces! Have fun!

Deliver your finished creations to Ms. Kristy by: FEB. 20th



Bee Mine.

Happy Valentine's Day

Just a friendly reminder.... If your child is bringing Valentines to school this week, please be sure there is one for every student in the class.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Vintage Park: Elk Grove USD and Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services is providing **FREE** food to qualifying community members!

Where?

Calvine High School
8333 Vintage Park Dr,
Sacramento CA 95828



When?

1st and 3rd Thursdays
of the Month from 3:45-5:15

Who?

Check the eligibility
guidelines here.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE TAMAÑO DEL HOGAR	MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME INGRESOS MENSUALES DEL HOGAR	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME INGRESOS ANUALES DEL HOGAR
1	\$3,084.78	\$36,777.00
2	\$4,141.88	\$49,702.00
3	\$5,218.96	\$62,627.00
4	\$6,296.04	\$75,552.00
5	\$7,373.13	\$88,477.00
6	\$8,450.21	\$101,402.00
7	\$9,527.29	\$114,327.00
8	\$10,604.38	\$127,252.00
Over 8 Más de 8 personas	Add \$1,077.00 each Añada \$1,077.00 por cada persona	Add \$12,828.00 each Añada \$12,828.00 por cada persona

WHAT TYPE OF GROCERIES ARE AVAILABLE? CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF FOODS SUCH AS FRESH PRODUCE, GRAINS, PROTEIN, DAIRY, NON-PERISHABLES AND READY TO EAT FOODS.

How and When to Sign up?
Visit food distribution:

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

~~December 4th 3:45 - 5:15~~
~~December 18th 3:45 - 5:15~~
~~January 8th 3:45 - 5:15~~
~~January 22nd 3:45 - 5:15~~
~~February 5th 3:45 - 5:15~~
 February 19th 3:45 - 5:15
 March 5th 3:45 - 5:15
 April 2nd 3:45 - 5:15
 April 16th 3:45 - 5:15
 May 7th 3:45 - 5:15
 May 21st 3:45 - 5:15

Bring an ID
for easier
registration

Bring bags or a
cart for easier
choosing and
carrying



SCOE TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAM



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

APPLY NOW!

Earn your Preliminary Teaching credential while in a full-year student teaching placement under a Mentor Teacher!

FOR MORE INFO:

Visit our website: <https://www.scoeresidency.net/> or email Christine Louen at clouen@scoe.net

- \$34,000 minimum living stipend provided by grant funds
 - Minimum \$500/mo stipend provided by District or hired as a para/IA in classroom
 - Cohort model to enhance collaboration and support
 - Comprehensive college coursework and professional learning opportunities
- ### Credential Pathways
- Multiple Subject focused on Transitional Kindergarten
 - Education Specialist: Mild to Moderate Support Needs
 - Educational Specialist: Extensive Support Needs
- ### Requirements for Program:
- Bachelors degree
 - Certificate of Clearance
 - U.S. Constitution Course/Exam
 - CSETs complete by April 15



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAM,
IN PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SCOE, SACRAMENTO DISTRICTS
AND CHARTER SCHOOLS, AND TEACHERS COLLEGE OF SAN JOAQUIN



7TH ANNUAL RANCHO CORDOVA

STUDENT ART SHOW



Art Reception
April 17 | 5:30-7:30 pm.

APRIL 9 - 25

This show exhibits hundreds of works by students TK-12 Grade who go to school or live in Rancho Cordova. All art is submitted through their teacher and school. We are inspiring the next generation of artist at the MACC.



2026 BLACK FAMILY CONFERENCE

THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Department of Family and Community Engagement, Families of Black Students United (FBSU) Affinity Space, and the Doctorate in Education Programs at CSUS and Morgan State are proud to convene the 2026 Annual Black Family Conference.

This engaging, free event will offer a variety of workshops tailored to PreK-12th Grade students, their families, caregivers, and community members.

Everyone is welcome to attend and contribute to this empowering day of learning, connection and celebration. Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen bonds, uplift ourselves and our communities.

Together, let's embrace the power of restoration, the necessity of resistance, and the beauty of renewal. We look forward to seeing you there!

OUR THEME THIS YEAR IS
“ Rest, Resist, Reset: Celebrating Strength, Joy and Resilience.”

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: — Zetha Nobles —

- Director of Equity, Access and Achievement in New Haven Unified School District
- Chief Strategist of Nobles Global Consulting
- Founder of Global Peace Leadership Academy
- Managing Director of Iwalore Ranch River Retreat

CONFERENCE TOPICS

- ✓ Wealth building
- ✓ Empowering Youth
- ✓ Family Relationships
- ✓ Health and Wellness
- ✓ And Much More

CONTACT INFORMATION

- ☎ (916) 831-5551
- ✉ kawilson@egusd.net

LOCATION

MONTEREY TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL

Multi Purpose Room
8661 Power Inn Road
Elk Grove, CA 95624

March 7, 2026
8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

EVENT SPONSORS



REGISTRATION



Scan QR Code Register Now

Griffins Help Griffins Walk and Bike to School!

Walking and biking to school helps students stay healthy, learn better, and breathe cleaner air!

We need student and parent volunteers to scan our students in the Active4Me program on Wednesday mornings from 8:45am-9:00am.

[Sign up here!](#) Questions? Contact Erin Seymour at erin66@gmail.com or (916) 792-7462.



50 Corridor TMA

Unite, Embrace, Soar:

The EGUSD FACE Department is offering an LGBTQ+ affinity group! It is a space for adult caregivers and adult family members of LGBTQ+ youth to gather in community, share joys, and build a supportive network.

September 18th 6:00 - 7:00pm on zoom

November 5th 6:00 - 7:00pm on zoom

February 11th 6:00 - 7:00pm on zoom



Elk Grove Unified School District



[Click Here for More Information](#)

Megan Sladen Parent
msladenp@egusd.net

E.G.U.S.D. Community Block Party

FREE Food & Drinks (while supplies last)

Door Prizes

Kid Friendly Activities

Student Performances & Information Booths

SCAN ME



[CLICK HERE](#)

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Thursday April 30, 2026

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Elk Grove Shopping Center
9418 Elk Grove-Florin Road



Family and Staff WELLNESS SERIES

Register on Eventbrite Using the QR Codes or links

2/12/26



Bot's & Boundaries: A Family Guide to Responsible AI Use

Explore what digital citizenship looks like in an AI-driven world. Together, we'll unpack topics like bias, safety, and privacy, and share strategies encouraging authentic learning while avoiding over-reliance on technology. You'll leave with practical conversation starters, and resources to set healthy boundaries, build critical thinking skills, and create a balanced approach to AI use at home.

3/31/26



Belonging Starts with Us: Supporting Transgender and Gender Expansive Youth

Let's learn how to better support transgender and gender-expansive youth in school and at home. Gain a clearer understanding of gender identity, learn practical ways to create affirming environments, and explore strategies for responding with care, respect, and confidence. Through shared language, real-life examples, and actionable tips, we will strengthen partnership, belonging, and well-being for all students.

4/15/26



Boundaries, Expectations and Connection

Come explore the vital connection between clear boundaries, consistent expectations, and effective discipline. Gain tools to improve communication, foster accountability, and support positive behavior while strengthening adult-child relationships. Learn practical strategies to create safe, respectful environments where children can thrive—both in the classroom and at home.



EGUSD FAMILY RESOURCES

