

LIVE FROM



Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

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

Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 School Year
Week 7
August 29, 2025

Principal's Corner

We are super-excited with our amazing first week of fundraising with the C & D Track Fun Run!! **Already \$18,000 earned in our first week.** Let's keep it flowing in to make 2025-26 an amazing one for all our Griffins!

With a grateful heart, we thank **Mrs. Mullard** and our friends & families from **Jesuit High School** for the very hard work they put in over the weekend to get our garden in order! That was a **BIG job!!** Check out the pics on page 3.

In just a couple weeks, pavers will be installed throughout the garden - thanks to a generous grant from the **City of Rancho Cordova** and a big donation from **Coleman Construction.** ♥ Dr. Mitchell

GRIFFIN'S TOP FIVE THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME

5 Toys & Trading Cards These are distracting, may get lost, or cause conflicts - including Labubus, Squishmallows, & Pokémon cards.

4 Electronics (tablets, gaming devices, etc.) Unless they're requested for a school activity, these need to stay at home. Phones & smartwatches must be off and away on-campus, per EGUSD Board Policy.

3 Valuable Items Jewelry or personal treasures are best kept safe at home.

2 Candy & Snacks to Share We have students with severe food allergies, so sharing food is not allowed.

1 Make-Up, Perfume, Cologne These are distracting and unnecessary in elementary school. Many students and staff have allergies, asthma, or scent sensitivities, making perfume & cologne unwelcome at school. Light, unscented deodorant is appreciated if needed (age-appropriate).

Teachers and school staff already have many daily responsibilities. We don't have the capacity to monitor and track children's personal belongings throughout the day. **We cannot be responsible for lost or stolen personal items 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:



Open-Minded Griffins!

This week, these students were recognized students by their teachers. **Congrats!**

I meet new people and make new friends.

Transitional Kindergarten

Levi
Isha
Taylor
Cadence
Andrei

3rd Grade

Madeline
Adelaide
Annalise
Donovan
Zaydee

Kindergarten

Tami
Miles
Leo
Sargun
Madden

4th Grade

Emily
Amaya
Aurelia
Joaquin

1st Grade

Harlow
Teagan
Oliver

5th Grade

Alyssa
Vu
Runa
Leila

2nd Grade

Dawson
Evelyn
Alisa
Ranveer

6th Grade

Asma
Lincoln
Kalia
Lyla



BREAKFAST IS SERVED FREE - every day STARTING AT 8:35

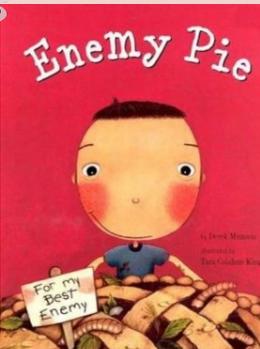
NO SCHOOL Monday Sept. 1
Have a safe & fun holiday weekend!



The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN: FRIENDSHIP

'Bee' a Friend!



Griffin's Big Question

What are some good choices you could make when you have a problem with someone?

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

I have things in common with new people.

"It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."
- Dumbledore in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*

EMPOWERED & UNSTOPPABLE GRIFFIN FUN RUN

WHO: C AND D TRACK STUDENTS

WHEN: FUNDRAISING KICKOFF 8/25/2025

FUN RUN RACE 9/11/2025



HOW TO GET STARTED:

REGISTER EACH STUDENT ON
OUR PLEDGESTAR SCHOOL
SITE BY EITHER GOING TO
THIS LINK:

[HTTPS://PLEDGESTAR.COM/MCGARVEY/](https://pledgestar.com/mcgarvey/)

OR SCANNING THE QR CODE
BELOW!



AMOUNT RAISED	PRIZE
REGISTER	RUBBER BRACELET AND T-SHIRT LIGHT BALL & WRISTBANDS
\$25	RED STORE
\$50	RED STORE
\$100	GRIFFIN BAG
\$150	PURPLE STORE
\$200	GREEN STORE
\$300	BLUE STORE
\$400	MEAL WITH PRINCIPAL
\$500	TICKET MACHINE

Fun Run Weekly Winners

Greatest
Percentage of the
Class Registered
for Fun Run on
the FIRST DAY

MoLo

This class earned
a popsicle party!

First Class to get
100%
Registration
IT'S A TIE!

MoLo Bhopla

Both classes
earned a popsicle
party and \$50
Amazon gift card
for the teacher.

The Class that
Raised the Most
Money

Segura

with \$2790!
This class earned
an ice cream
sundae party!!

Important Dates

September

- 1 - Labor Day NO SCHOOL
- 4 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (ZOOM)
- 11 - C & D Track Fun Run
- 12 - Track Change Day (C goes off) (Minimum Day)
- 12 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 12 - SPIRIT DAY: TBD
- 15 - B Track Returns
- 15 - Fire Drill
- 17 - Cross Country Meet @ Valley View
- 17 - Dine Out Day - Boba & Bites @ McGarvey
- 18 - School Site Council Meeting #1
- 19 - A & B Track Deficiencies
- 22 - Lockdown Drill
- 25 - PBIS Team Meeting
- 30 - B & D Track Picture Make-Up Day

G TRACK TK ATTENDS EARLY

Wed 9/10 - Field Trip

Thurs 9/11 - Fun Run

Fri 9/12 - Track Change

October

- 1 - Cross Country Meet @ District Christian
- 1-2 - Community Picnic Lunch
- 2 - Fire Drill
- 3 - Track Change Day (D goes off) (Minimum Day)
- 3 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 3 - SPIRIT DAY: TBD
- 3 - D Track - End of 1st Trimester
- 3 - D Track Awards
- 6 - C Track Returns
- 6 - A & B Track Fun Run Kick-Off
- 6-7 - Community Picnic Lunch
- 8 - Cross Country Meet @ Silva Valley
- 9 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (ZOOM)
- 15 - Cross Country Championship @ Placer Fairgrounds
- 16 - Great California Shake-Out
- 17 - A & B Track Fun Run
- 24 - 9:15 B Track 'Bee Track Hive Harvest'

Education Benefits Survey

When you first log in to ParentVue this year, you'll be prompted to answer a few simple questions about your household size and income range. It's important to complete that survey. Here's why - the survey data helps us...

- **get critical funding** - state and federal dollars that could be left on the table but our school really needs!
- **continue to offer free meals** at breakfast & lunch.
- **fund educational programs**, classroom resources, and extracurricular activities.
- **maintain and improve the quality of education** available at McGarvey.

Submitting the form is no cost to you. It's a quick and simple way to contribute to our school's program needs.

All information provided is confidential and is used only for funding purposes. Your privacy is our priority, and your data is securely managed.

What's the **BEST** reason to take this survey?

You'll avoid a phone call from us, asking you to do it.

The survey is that important.

SPIRIT DAYS

**You can't hide
Your Griffin Pride!**

There's always a way to show it!!!

Tuesdays - Tie-Dye Tuesdays! Wear anything tie-dye, including one of your McGarvey t-shirts

Wednesdays - Where You'll Go Wednesdays! Wear a t-shirt or hoodie from a place that represents your future goals - college, university, trade school, military, or career readiness

Thursdays - Pod Pride! Wear your pod's color or grade-level t-shirt

Fridays - Griffin Gear Fridays! Wear your McGarvey t-shirt or hoodie



Making sure our students are safe and ready to learn is our most important job.

Whether you have a great idea, praise, or a concern, we want to from you!

Please stop by, call, or email. You always have direct access to your admin team!

Carrie Mitchell, principal
carmitch@egusd.net

Becky Ricks, vice principal
bricks@egusd.net

Carrie Garbett, vice principal
cgarbett@egusd.net

JOBS AT McGarvey
If you or someone you know is looking for a job, consider us!

- Register for an account at edjoin.org
- Already have an account? Login & scan the QR code
- After you submit your application, call Linda @ McGarvey and let her know!

**T.K.
PARAEDUCATOR**

3 Positions

- A Track AM & PM
- C Track PM
- Part Time



THANK YOU, JESUIT VOLUNTEERS!

BEFORE



AFTER



GARDEN CLEAN-UP SAT 8/30





TRAFFIC SAFETY

Important Reminders!

We are all responsible for safety at arrival and dismissal time. **Please:**

- **Obey the crossing guard.** This includes no right turns.
- **Stay on the sidewalk** and **use crosswalks** to cross the street.
- **Avoid double-parking.** This blocks traffic for other families and adds to the traffic.
- **Do not encourage your children to run across the street** to your waiting car. Students should use the crosswalk to cross the street safely.
- Make sure your child **wears a helmet** while riding a bike.
- **Walk bikes on the sidewalk** near pedestrians.

We all know traffic around school is hard during drop-off and pick-up times.

Everyone is interested in a quick, easy, and safe drop-off and pick-up.

Please do your part.

Plan a few extra minutes, and bring your patience and flexibility.

Law enforcement may be present to ensure safety!

Support our fundraiser with Boba & Bites!

Their food truck will be in front of

Robert McGarvey Elementary School.

4350 Sophistry Dr, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

**Wednesday, September 17, 2025
3 pm - 7 pm**

10% of sales will be donated to the McGarvey PFO.

Congratulations!

The Griffins in these classrooms earned the **MOST POINTS** for their S.O.A.R. behavior in the cafeteria last week.

They got to choose music during Friday's lunch recess!



- 1st—3-way TIE! Ms. Rinelli, Ms. Karl, & Ms. Childs!**
- 2nd—Ms. McFarland**
- 3rd—Ms. Salmond**
- 4th—Ms. Allison**
- 5th—Ms. Dees**
- 6th—Ms. Lustig**

NEXT LEVEL SPORTS

YOUTH BASKETBALL

PLEASANT GROVE HS

SEASON STARTS ON SEPT. 7TH

OPEN TO GRADES K - 7TH

COMMUNITY CENTRIC

PERSONALIZED UNIFORMS

NO DRAFTS OR TRYOUTS



OWN THE COURT. SCAN TO SIGN UP!

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ATTENTION!

Hey Griffin families! Want to stay in the loop with PFO events, activities, volunteer opportunities? We now have an option for you to **OPT IN** to our new text message system!

send a text to **81010**

text this message:
@pforocks

HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES RECRUITMENT FAIR



SENIORS
bring 10 copies of your Current Transcript & (If Available) SAT/ACT Test Scores

Juniors
bring Transcripts

In partnership with

Elk Grove Unified School District

Location: Monterey Trail High School Gymnasium
8661 Power Inn Road
Elk Grove, CA 95624

Date: Saturday, September 20, 2025
Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Learn what HBCUs have to offer:

- Meet recruiters from 30-35 different HBCUs representing hundreds of majors and professional degrees.
- Receive application fee waivers.
- "On the spot" admissions from selected colleges, if qualified.
- "On the spot" Scholarships awarded, if qualified.

HBCUs Invited to Attend:

Alabama A&M University*
Alabama State University*
Alcorn State University*
Allen University*
Arkansas Baptist College*
Benedict College*
Bennett College*
Bethune-Cookman University*
Bowie State University
Clark Atlanta University*
Clinton College*
Coppin State University*
Delaware State University*

Dillard University*
Edward Waters University*
Elizabeth City State University*
Fisk University
Florida A&M University
Florida Memorial University*
Fort Valley State University*
Grambling State University*
Hampton University
Harris-Stowe State University*
Howard University
Huston-Tillotson University*
Jackson State University*

Jarvis Christian University*
Lane College*
Langston University*
Lincoln University (MO)*
Livingstone College*
Miles College*
Morehouse College*
Morgan State University*
Paine College*
Philander Smith College*
Savannah State University
Shaw University*
South Carolina State University*

Southern University and A&M College*
Spelman College
Talladega College*
Texas Southern University
Tougaloo College*
Tuskegee University
University of Arkansas Pine Bluff*
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Virginia State University*
Voorhees College*
Wilberforce University*
Wiley University*
Xavier University of Louisiana
And more!

*Accepts Common Black College Application (CBCA)

Register Here:

<https://gotocollegefairs.swoogo.com/ucan-registration>



GET EDUCated!



Complete the CBCA for FREE!
See school counselor for code
CommonBlackCollegeApp.com

School Entrances & Exits

Bee safe! Help us keep our students safe and our campus secure by entering and exiting using only:

1. The **front gate (by the office)** and
2. The **back gate (on the playground)**.

The gate near the D & E wings that exit to Appolon Drive is for bus riders and emergency exit only.



Please do not enter or exit the campus using these gates!



Tikiz is Coming!

Shaved Ice & Ice Cream

McGarvey Elementary

Every Thursday Afterschool



20% of the sales will be donated back to McGarvey Elementary.

Dates:

Sept. 4

Sept. 11

Sept. 18

Sept. 25



\$5 - 7 Shaved Ice
\$5 Ice Cream



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Help Name Our Future Schools

The Elk Grove Unified School District is seeking recommendations for names of schools currently in development. When submitting suggestions, please consider the following guidelines: elementary schools should reflect the district's cultural diversity or honor individuals or places significant to local history or education; middle schools should represent the district's diversity or recognize influential figures in education or Northern California history; and high schools should be named after their geographic location.

To submit your suggestion, please use [this electronic form](#), or [print a paper form](#). For more details, [view the map of upcoming schools](#).

Elk Grove Unified School District



33rd Annual EGUSD College and Career Fair

OCTOBER 8
2025
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Laguna Creek High School

9050 Vicino Dr., Elk Grove, CA 95758



1

Speak with Admission Representatives from a wide range of post-secondary Institutions and career fields, including paid apprenticeships and other on-the-job-training programs.

3

Discuss with Financial Advisors how to budget tuition fees, campus costs, and other educational tools.

2

Learn more about options for Colleges, Universities, and other Post-secondary Arts, Apprenticeship and other Trade Institutions.

4

Learn about guaranteed College Credit Transfer opportunities for Post-secondary education.

5

Career Planning with College/Career Industry Partners, Professionals, Agencies, and Advisors.



REGISTER [HERE](#)

For more information, please contact Nicole Brown at 916.793.2987 or nnbrown@egusd.net

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.

Family Size	2023 Income Guidelines	
	Annual	Monthly
1	\$34,263	\$2,855.25
2	\$46,342	\$3,861.83
3	\$58,421	\$4,868.42
4	\$70,500	\$5,875.00
Additional Family Members	Add \$12,079 each	Add \$1,006.59 each

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.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

How and When to Sign up?
Visit food distribution:

June 5th 3:45 - 5:15
June 26th 3:45 - 5:15
July 17th 3:45 - 5:15
Aug. 7th 3:45 - 5:15
Aug 21st 3:45 - 5:15
Sept. 4th 3:45 - 5:15
Sept. 18th 3:45 - 5:15
Oct. 2nd 3:45 - 5:15
Oct. 16th 3:45 - 5:15
Nov. 6th 3:45 - 5:15
Nov. 20th 3:45 - 5:15
Dec. 4th 3:45 - 5:15
Dec. 18th 3:45 - 5:15

Bring an ID for easier registration

Bring bags or a cart for easier choosing and carrying



SACRAMENTO LATINO BOOK & FAMILY FESTIVAL

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SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13, 2025
10 AM - 3:30 PM

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SEPTIEMBRE 2025
10 AM A 3:30 PM

VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
6300 Ehrhardt Ave,
Sacramento, CA 95823



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