



Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

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

Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 School Year
Week 31
March 6, 2026

Principal's Corner

What a fun week we had celebrating Read Across America! A special thank-you to **Mrs. Allison** and **Mrs. Sandy** for organizing school-wide activities, including the Reading Pledge wall in the MP. Another thank you to EGUSD School Board **Trustee Heidi Moore** for coming to read to the students in Mrs. **Rinelli's** 1st grade class.

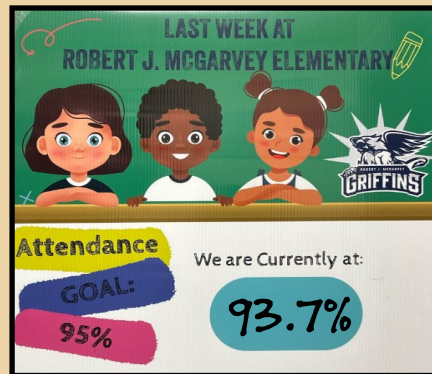
As we move into the last trimester of the school year, we'll be reminding students how to be Safe, Open-Minded, Accountable, and Resilient in all areas of our school.

As a community, we have to work together to make sure we're safe at school. Please help us remind students, *if you see something or know something, say something!* Speaking up isn't "snitching"—snitching is about getting someone in trouble over something minor, while speaking up is about protecting people and keeping everyone safe. When students share information that could prevent someone from getting hurt or help someone who needs support, they are showing courage, responsibility, and care for their community. Your conversations at home can make a big difference in helping students understand that looking out for one another is the right thing to do. ♥ Dr. Mitchell

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:



Volleyball Team!

Thank you to everyone who has tried out for the volleyball team! A big shout out to those students who showed resilience and sportsmanship when they didn't make the first cut.
Final Tryout: Mon. 3/9 3:45-5:15



Open-Minded Griffins!

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

I stand up for what I believe.

Transitional Kindergarten

Natalie
Thiago
Ananya
Kayla
Laron

Kindergarten

Cameron
Emeric
Julia
Mason

1st Grade

Zachary
Major
Darionna
Levi

2nd Grade

Kane
Chinmayee
Nicolas

3rd Grade

Lillian
Owen
Nyla
Maria

4th Grade

Isaiah
Amia
Timur
Laila
Xavier

5th Grade

Maddy
Ruby
Jaxon
Leila

6th Grade

Eka
Heaven
Chandaly
Ella



Special Awards & Congratulations!



Kindergartener **Julia** and 2nd grader **Alice** both received EGUSD's English Learner Student Recognition Awards! These sisters came to McGarvey speaking Portuguese and have worked hard to make great gains in all subject areas. They love to learn, have great attendance, show perseverance, give great effort, and have a positive attitude!

We are so proud of you!



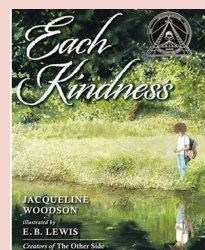
6th Grader **Aron** is the recipient of the Student Athlete Award from ASSIST! He is recognized for his hard work, character and growth. The \$500 scholarship can be used for sports registration or league fees, equipment, uniforms, supplies, tutoring or academic supports, or travel costs related to games, meets, or tournaments!

The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:
BE KIND!



Buzz into Kindness!



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

Griffin's Big Question
How do you handle it when someone else has something better than you?

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

I make room for other people's ideas.

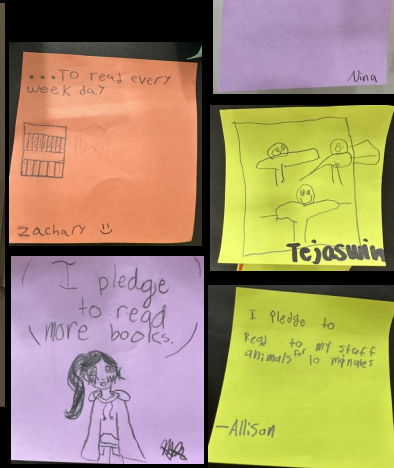
"Be careful with your words, they are like seeds. Plant kindness."
- Unknown.

4th Graders in Coloma!



B & C Tracks

1st Grade (BC) Celebrates America!



We pledge to read!

ATTENTION PM TK/K CLASSES

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

Important Dates

March

- 9 - D Track—Welcome Back!
- 11 - Spring Pictures (B & D) & 6th Grade Promotion Pictures
- 12 - PBIS Refresher (BCD)
- 17 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (zoom) [date change]
- 13 - Lockdown Drill
- 16-27 SPED PreK Spring Break (MT Calendar)
- 17 - C & D Track Teacher Appreciation Day
- 19 - Boba & Bites food truck fundraiser!
- 19 - 5:30 School Site Council Meeting #4
- 26 - 5:30 B & C Track OPEN HOUSE
- 26 - Spring Book Fair (thru April 8)
- 27 - Walk & Roll to School!
- 31 - Talent Show Tryouts

April

- 1-3 - 5th Grade @ Marin Headlands
- 2 - Earthquake Drill
- 3 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 3 - Track Change Day (B goes off) (Min. Day)
- 7 - Talent Show Tryouts
- 8 - PBIS Refresher (A)
- 8 - 4:30 KAMS Incoming 7th Grade Ice Cream Social
- 9 - 4:00 PFO Meeting (in person)
- 9-25 - Rancho Cordova Student Art Show
- 13-17 - 6th Grade Sly Park Field Trip
- 17 - 7th Annual Rancho Cordova Student Art Reception
- 20 - 4:00 Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
- 23 - 4:00 Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
- 24 - Talent Show!!
- 27 - A & C Kindergarten attends 10:30-2:00
- 28 - Spring Pictures (A & C) & 6th Grade Promotion Pictures
- 30 - 5:30 A & D Track OPEN HOUSE

Don't trash our school!

We keep finding lots of gum and trash littering our beautiful campus.

Families, we need your help! Please remind children not to bring or chew gum at school, and to put snack wrappers & other trash in the trash cans instead of on the ground or in the bushes. Thank you!

Remember... No gum at school!



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

Interested in an Intra or Inter District Transfer for your child?

The schools below are open to transfers on a space available basis:

Edna Batey Elementary 9421 Stonebrook Drive Elk Grove, CA 95624	Elitha Donner Elementary 9461 Soaring Oaks Drive Elk Grove, CA 95758	B.C. Morse Elementary 7000 Cranleigh Avenue Sacramento, CA 95823
Maeola Beitzel Elementary 8140 Caymus Drive Sacramento, CA 95829	Elliott Ranch Elementary 10000 East Taron Drive Elk Grove, CA 95757	Pleasant Grove Elementary 10160 Pleasant Grove School Rd. Elk Grove, CA 95624
Carroll Elementary 10325 Stathos Drive Elk Grove, CA 95757	Ellen Feickert Elementary 9351 Feickert Drive Elk Grove, CA 95624	Prairie Elementary 5251 Valley Hi Drive Sacramento, CA 95823
Cosumnes River Elementary 13580 Jackson Road Sloughouse, CA 95683	Florin Elementary 7300 Kara Drive Sacramento, CA 95828	David Reese Elementary 7600 Lindale Drive Sacramento, CA 95828
C.W. Dillard Elementary 9721 Dillard Road Wilton, CA 95693	Arlene Hein Elementary 6820 Bellaterra Drive Elk Grove, CA 95757	Joseph Sims Elementary 3033 Buckminster Drive Elk Grove, CA 95758
Cypress Grove Elementary 4189 Cypress Grove Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	James McKee Elementary 8701 Halverson Drive Elk Grove, CA 95624	

Transfer requests for the upcoming school year may be turned in beginning in April. Please contact the Elk Grove Unified School District, Elementary Education Division for more information:

Robert L. Trigg Education Center
9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road
Room 215
Elk Grove, CA 95624

(916) 686-7704



“When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful.”

MALALA YOUSAFZAI
PAKISTANI ACTIVIST

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

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

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.	



Family and Staff WELLNESS SERIES

Register on Eventbrite Using the QR Codes or links

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

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

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

Student
Performances
&
Information Booths

FREE Food & Drinks
(while supplies last)

Door Prizes

Kid Friendly
Activities

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



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	MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME
1	\$1,000.00	\$12,000.00
2	\$1,100.00	\$13,200.00
3	\$1,200.00	\$14,400.00
4	\$1,300.00	\$15,600.00
5	\$1,400.00	\$16,800.00
6	\$1,500.00	\$18,000.00
7	\$1,600.00	\$19,200.00
8	\$1,700.00	\$20,400.00
Over 8	\$1,800.00	\$21,600.00

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.

Bring bags or a
cart for easier
choosing and
carrying

December 1st 3:45 - 5:15
December 10th 3:45 - 5:15
January 9th 3:45 - 5:15
January 22nd 3:45 - 5:15
February 5th 3:45 - 5:15
February 12th 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



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.

