



Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

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

Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 School Year

Week 37
April 17, 2026

Principal's Corner

Spring is in full swing at McGarvey! So much creativity and lots of reasons to celebrate!

We're very proud of your young artists - wonderful pieces are on display in our district office (thank you, Mrs. Rinelli!), and more wonderful pieces are showcased at the **7th annual Rancho Cordova Student Art Show** at the MACC (thank you, Mrs. Shepard!).

This week is **Teacher Appreciation Week for C & D Tracks!** Join us in showing our teachers how much they mean to us. Find a way to express your appreciation for the difference they make in your child's life, in your family, and in our community!

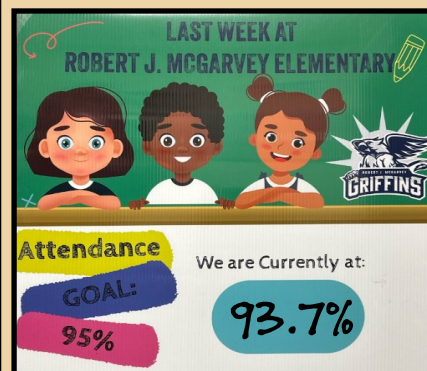
Next Saturday 4/25 is **Cordova Community Council's 36th Annual Kids Day!** This free community event is open for all & EGUSD will have a booth showcasing our Rancho Cordova schools. Stop by to say hi - I'll be there from 11:00-1:00 :)

Bike Repair Day 5/1 & the **Community Bike Ride** 5/2 are coming up. Sign up soon—space is limited!
♥ 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!

Practice 3:45 on 4/20

Tues 4/21 @ 3:00
@ CRES

Thurs 4/23 @ 3:45
@ Beitzel

Good Luck, Griffins!



Resilient Griffins!

This week, these students were recognized by their teachers.

Congrats!

True friends encourage me to be my best.

Transitional Kindergarten

Addy
Tobias
Ryan
Moazama

Kindergarten

Kaydee
Spurgeon
Lorann
Gigi

1st Grade

Marcus B
Travelle
Donya

2nd Grade

Brandon
Artina
Rue

3rd Grade

Landen
Kira
Olivia
Mahima
Felix

4th Grade

Hunter
Kenzie
Zayn
Kavneet

5th Grade

Lila
Rose
Noah
Lauren

6th Grade

Tim



RJMES PFO Presents:

Teacher Appreciation Day
Friday
April 24th



C & D Tracks

Our amazing McGarvey Teachers work wonders shaping the minds of our little legends! They're the maestros behind our kids' journey to future brilliance, fostering leaders, innovators, and problem-solving whizzes.

Find a way to celebrate your Teacher!

Cards Gift Cards Art
Yummy Treats
Donate Supplies Flowers HUGS

The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:
BE ACCEPTING!



Acceptance



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

Griffin's Big Question
Have you ever felt unsure about something that makes you unique? What helped you accept or appreciate it?

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

My heart is big enough to include everyone.

"Taking responsibility means doing the right thing, even when no one is watching."
- Unknown

4350 Sophistry Dr., Rancho Cordova CA 95742 (916) 793-3400

Robert J. McGarvey Elementary School PFO

SILENT AUCTION



Silent Auction April 30, 2026 5:30PM during Open House for A&D tracks

Help us raise funds to support local teachers and students. The RJMES PFO helps fund student field trips, science & math programs, teacher supply costs, assemblies & clubs, student supplies, teacher & staff appreciation, and art projects

Donations may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Gift baskets of a various themes:** coffee lover, movie night, family game night, golf, picnic, date night to name a few
- **Services:** Do you have a homebaking business and can offer to make a cake for free? Any hobbies that could create a one of a kind experience or item like cooking lessons or making quilts?
- **Gift certificates** to local establishments and businesses

Robert J. McGarvey Elementary School Parent Faculty Organization
4350 Sophistry Dr.
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

This is not an EGUSD-sponsored event

WANT TO DONATE? CONTACT REBECCA LAM
@ SECRETARY@RJMEPFO.ORG

National Environmental Education Week April 20-24

2025-26 EGUSD PARENT PERSPECTIVE SURVEY

Visit:
egsurvey.net



Please scan the QR code with your smartphone camera or use the URL to access the survey

Escanear el código QR para tomar la encuesta

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請使用智能手機的相機掃描二維碼(QR)或使用 URL 存取調查。

Please take this survey to help us continue to make our schools and district the best place for our students to become college, career and life ready.

Por favor complete esta encuesta para ayudarnos a continuar trabajando en hacer nuestra escuela y distrito escolar el mejor lugar para que nuestros estudiantes se preparen par la universidad, sus carreras, y para la vida.

Vui lòng tham gia khảo sát này để giúp chúng tôi tiếp tục làm cho trường và học khu của chúng ta trở thành nơi tốt nhất cho học sinh sẵn sàng vào đại học, sự nghiệp và cuộc sống.

請參與這項調查，幫助我們繼續使我們的學校和學區成為學生為大學、職業和生活做好準備的最佳場所。

YOUR INPUT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US!

¡SUS APORTES SON IMPORTANTÍSIMOS PARA NOSOTROS!

Ý KIẾN CỦA QUÍ VỊ RẤT QUAN TRỌNG VỚI CHÚNG TÔI

您的意見對我們是非常重要的！

Important Dates

April

21 - 3:00 Volleyball Game @ CRES
22 - 4:00 PFO Meeting (in person)
22 - PFO BOARD ELECTIONS
23 - PBIS Meeting
23 - 3:45 Volleyball Game @ Beitzel
24 - C & D Track Teacher Appreciation Day!
24 - Walk & Roll to School!
27 - A & C Kindergarten attends 10:30-2:00
27 - 3:45 Volleyball Practice
28 - Spring Pictures (A & C) & 6th Grade Promotion Pictures
28 - 3:45 Volleyball Game vs. CRES @ home
28 - 3:00-6:00 Handel's Ice Cream @ McG
30 - 3:45 Volleyball Game @ Adreani
30 - 2:00-7:00 Handel's Ice Cream @ McG
30 - 5:30 A & D Track OPEN HOUSE (with Zintzuni & Handel's Ice Cream!)

May

1 - 9:30 B & C Open House Parade
1 - BIKE REPAIR DAY!!
2 (Sat) - Community Bike Ride!
4 (Mon) - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
4 (Mon) - Track Change Day (C goes off) (Min. Day)
4 - 9:30-10:30 C Track Spring Brunch!
7 - 8:00 Safety Committee
8 - SPRING CARNIVAL!
11-22 D Track CAASPP Testing Window
14 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (Zoom)
14 - PFO Dinner Night Out @ Panera!
20 - 5:00 Spring Band Concert
25 - Memorial Day—NO SCHOOL
26 - 10:00 D Track Awards (Gr 4-5)
28 - 9:20 D Track 6th Grade Promotion
28 - 10:30 D Track Kindergarten Promotion
28 - 5:30 School Site Council Meeting
29 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store

PROMOTION

is just around the corner!

Thurs., May 28, 2026
9:20 - D Track 6th
10:30 - D Track Kinder

Tues., June 23, 2026
9:30 - C Track Kinder

Mon., June 22, 2026
9:30 - A Track Kinder
10:20 - B Track Kinder

Thurs., June 25, 2026
9:30 - C Track 6th
10:15 - B Track 6th
11:15 - A Track 6th



Zintzuni
Cocina Mexicana

MCGARVEY ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE

**4350 SOPHISTRY DR.
RANCHO CORDOVA**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH
4:30PM TO 7PM**

C AND D TRACK TEACHER APPRECIATION



WE NEED A PARENT VOLUNTEER TO DECORATE EACH C AND D TRACK TEACHERS DOOR FOR TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY!

EACH DOOR WILL NEED TO BE DECORATED WITH A THEME BEFORE APRIL 24TH. SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO BE EMAILED AFTER SIGNING UP

PLEASE SCAN OR CLICK THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!

Earth Day 2026

April 22, 2026 - Wednesday

McGarvey
EXL
Expanded Learning | **E G U S O**

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM 2026-2027

Dear McGarvey Families,
We are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to you and your student to join our EXL program! Our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing, and enriching environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.
Our EXL program offers a variety of engaging activities designed to support your student's development and provide them with opportunities for growth. From homework assistance to creative arts and STEM projects, we tailor our program to meet the diverse interests and needs of every student.

LEARNING BENEFITS

- ✓ Caring Staff
- ✓ Homework Support
- ✓ Enrichment Activities
- ✓ Healthy Snacks
- ✓ Physical Activity

ENROLL NOW



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.



Check out our ARTWORK at the District Office



6th grade memories!



CORDOVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL Presents

36th Annual Kids Day

America, the Beautiful

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 25
Hagan Community Park
2197 Chase Drive
Rancho Cordova

FREE Admission and Activities

**FREE Giveaways
FUN Attractions
PARENT Resources**

Fun!





MAY IS **BIKE MONTH** at McGarvey!

Bike to school to move more and feel great.
Everyone's invited!

Friday, April 24

WALK & ROLL DAY

Live near Kavala Ranch, Anatolia Trail, or Sparrow Park? New to walking or biking to school? Join these fun group routes with fellow Griffins!

Learn more: Erin Seymour - 916.792.7462

Friday, May 1

FREE TUNE-UPS

Get your Griffin's bike repaired for FREE while they're in class!

Sign up: bit.ly/mcgarvey-mibm26
Questions: Alyssa Lee - 916.234.6570

Friday, May 1-8

**MAY IS BIKE MONTH
CHALLENGE**

How many Griffins can bike to school this week? Let's find out!

We need parent volunteers to count bikes in the cage after 9:05am.

To volunteer for a morning:
Alyssa Lee - 916.234.6570

Saturday, May 2

**ANATOLIA
COMMUNITY RIDE**

Join this family-friendly ride and enjoy a FREE drink from Dutch Bros or Jamba Juice!

Sign up: bit.ly/mcgarvey-mibm26
Questions: Alyssa Lee - 916.234.6570



Scan to sign up for **NorCal GO**, log your rides, and win prizes. Log a bike trip with your kid starting May 1 and **earn \$5 (while supplies last)!**

Sponsored By:

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RANCHO CORDOVA
CALIFORNIA

This is not an Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) sponsored program and EGUSD accepts no liability or responsibility for this program/facility.

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!**

New school hours for 2026-27

8:40-3:10

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

AM TK & K is 8:40-12:11

PM TK & K is 11:29-3:10

OFFICE HOURS
7:30 am -4:30 pm



Conservation Ambassadors' Wild Things was founded in 1987 for the purpose of housing and caring for displaced wildlife.

Wildlife Educator Jojo introduced our 1st & 2nd graders to several animals and told the story of how the animals came to be in the care of Wild Things.

We met Spirit the Bald Eagle, Donatello the Alligator Snapping Turtle, Ezzie the Opossum, and an almost 90-pound Capybara!!

Check them out & support their work
[Wild Things](https://www.wildthings.org)



Children are eligible if they were born between September 2, 2022, and September 1, 2023, or if they will turn 3 years old before starting the program.

No income requirements & MUST be able to provide transportation

PRESCHOOL JOIN OUR EGUSD INTEGRATED PEER PROGRAM 2026-2027

Upcoming Dates for Zoom Information Meetings



March 9, 2026



May 18, 2026



April 20, 2026



June 8, 2026

Zoom informational meetings will be held on the dates listed above at the following times:

8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.

Attendance at one of the informational meetings is required.

Zoom Meeting I.D.

<https://egusd-net.zoom.us/j/86979946950>

Meeting ID: 869 7994 6950

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact us:

Jennifer Lipsky (jlipsky@egusd.net)

Shally Moua (shmoua@egusd.net)





MAY IS BIKE MONTH at McGarvey!



Friday, May 1

FREE BIKE TUNE-UPS FOR STUDENTS

Get your Griffin's bike
repaired for FREE while
they're in class!

Saturday, May 2

COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE TO ANATOLIA MARKETPLACE

Join this family-friendly ride
and enjoy a free drink from
Dutch Bros or Jamba Juice!

**Space is limited. Registration required.
Register at**

bit.ly/mcgarvey-mibm26



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For questions:

Alyssa Lee

916.234.6570

team@50corridor.com



Songkran is the Thai New Year festival, celebrated from April 12-15, based on the solar calendar. It involves water fights, religious rituals, and cultural activities. It is a public holiday in Thailand.

NATURE

IS NOT A PLACE TO VISIT.
IT IS HOME.

GARY SNYDER

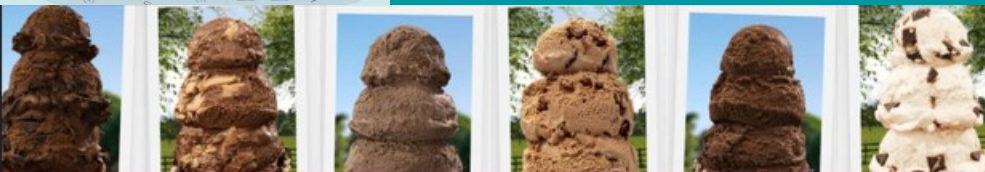


**Happy
Earth Day**



*"If you think you are too small to
make a difference, try sleeping with a
mosquito in the room"*

— The Dalai Lama



**Handel's Homemade Ice Cream will be at
McGarvey Elementary School**

Tuesday, April 28: 3 PM - 6 PM

Thursday, April 30: 2 PM - 7 PM

Cash, credit card, and tap payments are accepted.



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

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



**" The environment is where we
all meet; where we all have a
mutual interest; it is the one
thing all of us share."
— Lady Bird Johnson**



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.	

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	\$1,044.79	\$12,537.50
2	\$1,411.08	\$16,933.00
3	\$1,776.96	\$21,323.00
4	\$2,142.84	\$25,713.00
5	\$2,508.72	\$30,103.00
6	\$2,874.60	\$34,493.00
7	\$3,240.48	\$38,883.00
8	\$3,606.36	\$43,273.00
Over 8	Ask SFVFB about	Ask SFVFB about
How to qualify	Ask SFVFB about	Ask SFVFB about

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.

Bring bags or a cart for easier choosing and carrying

Bring an ID for easier registration

How and When to Sign up?
Visit food distribution:

- 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
- March 19th 3:45 - 5:15
- April 2nd 3:45 - 5:15
- April 16th 3:45 - 5:15
- April 30th 3:45 - 5:15
- May 14th 3:45 - 5:15
- May 28th 3:45 - 5:15

Earth Day Activities

Marielle Altenor

Nature Scavenger Hunt

Plant Something Together

Earth Day Storytime + Crafts

Clean-Up Challenge

No-Waste Picnic Pledge Poster

'Love the Earth' Pledge Poster

"The Earth is what we all have in common."

- Wendell Berry

"To leave the world better than you found it, sometimes you have to pick up other people's trash."

— Bill Nye

GreenCitizen
MAKING EVERY DAY EARTH DAY SINCE 2005