



Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

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

Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 School Year
Week 38
April 24, 2026

Principal's Corner

Thank you to our PFO and C & D Track families for such a wonderful display of appreciation for our teachers on Friday! The hot caffeinated beverages from Retro Joe's, the beautiful and bountiful salad bar lunch, amazing decorated doors, and all the special gifts really touched our hearts (and our tastebuds)!

What a great turn-out at EGUSD's booth at the **36th annual Kid's Day** on Saturday! Thanks for stopping by to say hi, pick up a free vegetable plant, and do some vegetable painting! It was great to see you!

We're excited to welcome **A & D Track families to Open House this Thursday night, April 30!** Come celebrate everything your kiddos have been learning this year & stay a while to bid on great silent auction items (check out the list on page 2), visit with community partners, and grab a bite to eat from **Zintzuni** and **Handel's** ice cream!

BONUS: The new **Cypress Grove Elementary School's PFO** will be here on **Thursday at Open House** too! If that's where your family will attend next year, stop by to say hello & find out how you can get involved!

And, remember, **Friday May 1** is our annual **Bike Repair Day** & **Saturday May 2** is our **Community Bike Ride**. Both of these free opportunities are brought to us by **50 Corridor TMA**. Be sure to sign up soon - space is limited - check out the link on page 3.

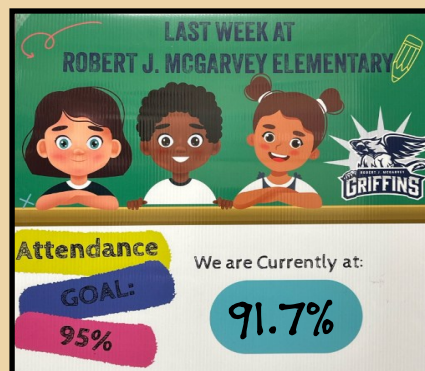
Mark your family's calendar for our PFO's spring carnival - **Spring-a-Palooza on Friday May 15!** Special early-bird pricing for admission wristbands. More info on page 2.

So many ways to get involved and come together as a community. Can't wait to see you here!
♥ 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!

Tues 4/28 @ 3:00
vs CRES @ home

Good Luck, Griffins!



Congratulations!

Mrs. Standing completed the
Boston Marathon last week!



WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!!



Safe Griffins!

This week, these students were recognized by their teachers.

Congrats!

My heart is big enough to include everyone.

Transitional Kindergarten

Carter
Thea
Kayla

Kindergarten

Ollie
Keely
Lance
Maha

1st Grade

Evelyn
Isaiah
Alex
Amelia

2nd Grade

Kristiana
Jesston
Jocelyn
Millie

3rd Grade

David
Aseel
Cameron R
Shandiin
Farzad

4th Grade

Cole
Ollie
Myracle
Gavin

5th Grade

Kenshi
Brady W
Maddie
Zeke

6th Grade

Chandaly
Timothy



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
Why is it important to be proud of who you are? And how can we help others feel proud of who they are too?

Our S.O.A.R. trait next week is
Open-Minded.

I love learning about what makes other people special.

"Sometimes feeling different means you're special in a way others can't see yet."
- Unknown

Spring PICTURE DAY & 6th grade promotion pics

A & C

TRACKS

Tues. April 28



TRACK-CHANGE DAY

Good Bye C Track!

MONDAY, May 4
MINIMUM DAY

DISMISSAL @ 1:35
ALL K & TK
Attend 9:05-12:36

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 A&D track Open House

Help us raise funds to support our 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

Some of the bidding items will include:

Gift baskets ★ Reserved seats at K/6th promotions ★ School VP for a day
One extra recess for the whole class ★ Ice Cream with the Principal
Behind the Scenes tour of McGarvey ★ Family bookcase quilt ★ Month membership at Matua Jiu-Jitsu ★ Month of Training at Ohana MMA
Pancakes with Mrs. Prater ★ Sundaes with Mrs. Salmond ★ Golfing Basket
Gift certificate for 4 to FIZZ Champagne & Bubbles Bar ★ Homemade Italian Feast made by our very own Mrs. Rinelli ★ One month membership at Broadstone Racquetball club ★ Gift basket from Magnetpictureco.com

This is not an EGUSD-sponsored event

Want to donate? Contact Rebecca Lam at

secretary@rjmepfo.org

McGarvey PFO Presents

SPRING-A-PALOOZA

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Don't wait, buy your tickets now!

Seedling Special 4/23-5/3 \$10 a wristband

Full Bloom Special 5/4-5/13 \$15 a wristband

Butterfly Special 5/15 \$20 a wristband @the door

Attractions include:

Food Trucks, Bouncy Houses
Games, Face Painting, Balloon Art,
Cake Walk, 360 photo booth
Dunk Tank, Music and more!

Our Spring Carnival is for our everyone in the community to enjoy! Please bring family and friends and invite friends from our neighboring schools and community organizations! Have questions? Please visit our Ticket website for our FAQs page!



Friday
May 15th, 2026
5:00 PM - 8:30 PM



SCAN
TO
BUY NOW

CONTACT

president@rjmepfo.org

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Important Dates

April

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 - PBIS Meeting
11-22 D Track CAASPP Testing Window
14 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (Zoom)
14 - PFO Dinner Night Out @ Panera!
15 - SPRING CARNIVAL!
19 - Office Staff Appreciation Day
20 - 5:00 Spring Band Concert
21 - PBIS Meeting
21 - 9:15 Donuts with the Principal
25 - Memorial Day—NO SCHOOL
26 - 10:00 D Track Awards (Gr 4-5)
26 - D Track Pop Up Day
28 - 8:00 Safety Committee
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
29 - Track Change Day (D goes off) (Min. Day)

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**



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)!**

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Walk & Roll



to school



April 24!



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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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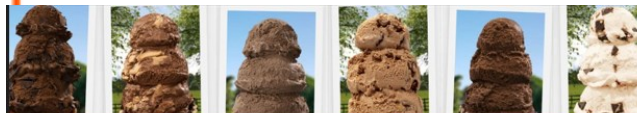
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For questions:

Alyssa Lee

916.234.6570

team@50corridor.com



HANDEL'S
HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SINCE 1945

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.





We ♥ our teachers!





Kid's Day 2026!



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 para 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!

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

Junior Giants celebrates diversity—
all are welcome to play!



FREE! Baseball

Youth Summer League

Confidence

Integrity

Teamwork

Leadership

Sign Up Now!



GOJRGIANIS.ORG

Volunteers Needed!

McGarvey
ExL
Expanded Learning

**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

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.

**PRESCHOOL
JOIN OUR EGUSD
INTEGRATED PEER PROGRAM
2026–2027**

No income requirements & MUST be able to provide transportation

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)

EGUSD

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



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



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**



Motorized
Bicycle or Moped



Motorized
E-Scooter



Rules of the Road
E-Scooters & E-Bikes



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	

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	

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)



Class 1 & Class 2
E-Bike



Class 3
E-Bike



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	

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.	

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.	