



Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

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

Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 School Year
Week 40
May 8, 2026

Principal's Corner

Spring-a-Palooza is THIS FRIDAY!

Yahoooo!!! Two quick things—

- (1) Last chance to get **wristbands** for \$15 each through Wednesday! (Will be \$20 each at the door.)
- (2) **Volunteers** are needed to supervise in 1-hour increments. See the flyer on page 2 for more info & the link to sign-up!

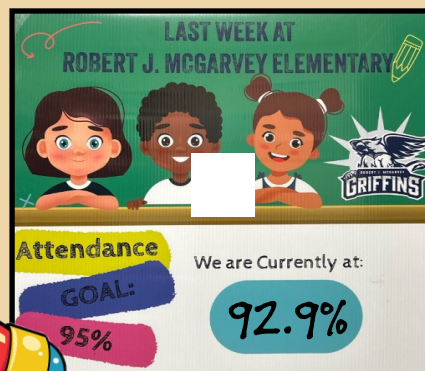
This is going to be such a wonderful celebration - I can't wait to see you there!

♥ 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:



Voluntary Track Change, anyone?

You know the saying: the answer to every question you don't ask is "no," right? So, we're asking in case someone says "yes."

Here's the situation: You may have heard, a number of students will need to change tracks for the 26–27 school year as we work to balance enrollment. We understand this may be especially difficult for some families — particularly those currently on A Track.

Here's the ask: If your family is on A Track and you would be willing to volunteer to change tracks, it could make a tremendous difference for another family in our school community.

If you'd like to explore the possibility or simply learn more, please give us a call or stop by the office. We'd be happy to talk it through with you. Thanks for considering!

Volleyball Team!

Our team won their last game of the season!

End of the Season Party
Monday 5/11!



PROMOTION

is just around the corner!

Here's the schedule:

Thurs 5/28/26
9:20 - 6D
10:30 - KD

Tues 6/23/26
9:30 - KC

Mon 6/22/26
9:30 - KA
10:20 - KB

Thurs 6/25/26
9:30 - 6C
10:15 - 6B
11:15 - 6A

Accountable Griffins!

This week, these students were recognized by their teachers.

Congrats!



I forgive myself when I make a mistake.

Transitional Kindergarten

Mia
Maddie
Taylor

Kindergarten

Alana
Sirjan
Melody
Gabriel

1st Grade

Will
Ruben
London
George

2nd Grade

Sara
Nicolas
Ranveer

3rd Grade

Mahsa
Lorenzo
Victoria

4th Grade

Amaya
Yelia
Andrew

5th Grade

Aubrey
Rowan

6th Grade

Evan
Adri
Ava
Emery

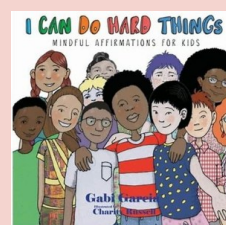


The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:
BE MINDFUL!



Happy & Healthy Minds



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

Griffin's Big Question
Why is it important to keep trying even when it feels tough?

Our S.O.A.R. trait next week is
Resilient.

I can do hard things.

"The things that make me different are the things that make me, me."
- Piglet, Winnie the Pooh

Happy Mother's Day



RAISE SOME
DOUGH
Help support us!

20% of sales will benefit
**ROBERT J MCGARVEY
ELEMENTARY PARENT
FACULTY ORGANIZATION**

May 14, 2026
7:00 am to 9:00 pm
3289 Zinfandel Dr
Rancho Cordova, CA

In Cafe Drive-Thru
Pick-Up Delivery

Enter promo code FUND4U at online checkout.

Panera
FUNDRAISING



Show flyer or enter promo code
FUND4U at online checkout.

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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SPRING-A-PALOOZA

50 PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

In order to have our inflatable
attractions at Spring Carnival we
need adult volunteers to supervise!

Please sign up for an hour time slot at
the link below:

[Parent Volunteer Link](#)

***If we do not get enough Parent volunteers we will
be forced to eliminate activities.



Volunteer Time Schedule:
Friday
May 15th, 2026
4:45 PM - 8:45 PM



SCAN
TO
Volunteer

CONTACT

treasurer@rjmepfo.org

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Important Dates

May

11-22 D Track CAASPP

Testing Window

(Grades 3-6)

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

26 - 2:00 2026 McGarvey Alumni High School
Graduation Walk!

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 Last Day of School)
(Min. Day)

June

5-12 - ABC Tracks CAASPP Testing Window
(Grades 3-6)

10 - 6:00 PFO Skate Night at The Rink

19 - Juneteenth—NO SCHOOL

22 - Kindergarten Promotion

- 9:30 A Track

- 10:20 B Track

23 - 9:30 C Track Kindergarten Promotion

24 - 9:30 A Track Awards (Gr 4-5)

24 - 10:20 BC Tracks Awards (Gr 4-5)

25 - 6th Grade Promotion

- 9:30 C Track

- 10:15 B Track

- 11:15 A Track

25 - Schoolwide Picnic Lunch!

PFO Meeting ZOOM

ID: 863 2227 8068

Tues. 5/14
@ 6:30

[LINK](#)

The two PFO organized **Silent Auctions**
raised a total of **\$5010** which is absolutely
amazing! Whether you chipped in \$5 for a
class basket, donated on your own, added
an experienced, and/or had a winning bid at
one of the auctions, you helped our
McGarvey community raise money for
valuable programs and items for our
students. Forever grateful for how we all
show up for our students.



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

CALLING
MCGARVEY
ALUM...

Congratulations, Graduates!

CLASS OF 2026

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
SPECIAL ASSEMBLY!
PRESENCE IN YOUR CAP & GOWN IS
REQUESTED, AS WE WOULD LIKE TO
HONOR YOU WITH A TRADITIONAL
GRADUATION PARADE.

Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

Tuesday, May 26 at 2:00 pm
(following mandatory graduation rehearsal)



**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING,
HEAR SOMETHING,
OR KNOW SOMETHING,**

**SEE
SOMETHING**



Look out for
something that
doesn't seem right.

**HEAR
SOMETHING**



Listen for something
that worries you.

**KNOW
SOMETHING**



You may know
something that
can help keep
someone safe.

**SAY
SOMETHING!**



**TOGETHER
WE ARE
STRONGER!**

OUR SCHOOL
OUR COMMUNITY
OUR RESPONSIBILITY

**IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY
TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE!**

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)

Shelly Moua (shmoua@egusd.net)



**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



**Heading to
Cypress Grove
next year?**

**JOIN THE PFO!
CLICK the PIC
to get started!**

Join. Give. Grow.

Join the PFO.
Give Back.
Make an Impact.
Donate Today.

**CYPRESS GROVE
PFO**

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BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL BE RESPONSIBLE

**ASIAN
PACIFIC
AMERICAN**
HERITAGE MONTH

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



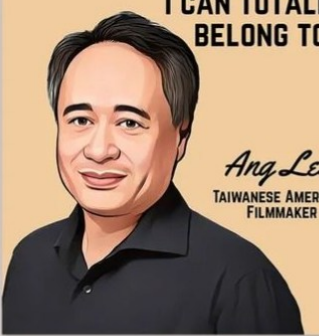
Asian American Leaders

"I INTEND TO LIVE LIFE, NOT JUST EXIST."



George Takei
JAPANESE AMERICAN ACTOR AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST

"I'M A DRIFTER AND AN OUTSIDER. THERE'S NOT ONE SINGLE ENVIRONMENT I CAN TOTALLY BELONG TO."



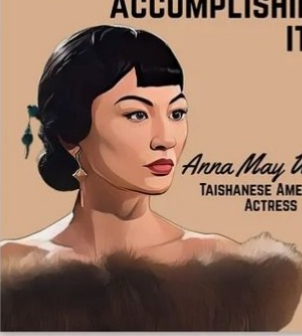
Ang Lee
TAIWANESE AMERICAN FILMMAKER

"THE MAIN STUMBLING BLOCKS IN THE WAY OF ANY PROGRESS IS AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN UNIMPEACHABLE TRADITION."



Dr. Chien-Shiung Wu
CHINESE AMERICAN NUCLEAR PHYSICIST

"THE HARDER THE WORK, THE GREATER THE SATISFACTION IN ACCOMPLISHING IT."



Anna May Wong
TAISHANESE AMERICAN ACTRESS

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	\$4,141.68	\$49,700.00
3	\$5,218.08	\$62,627.00
4	\$6,298.04	\$75,562.00
5	\$7,373.13	\$88,477.00
6	\$8,458.21	\$101,402.00
7	\$9,527.28	\$114,327.00
8	\$10,604.38	\$127,252.00
Over 8 Más de 8 personas	Add \$1,071.00 each Añada \$1,071.00 por cada persona	Add \$12,826.00 each Añada \$12,826.00 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:

December 4th 3:45 - 5:15
December 18th 3:45 - 5:15
January 9th 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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Bring bags or a
cart for easier
choosing and
carrying

Bring an ID
for easier
registration



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.	