



Robert J. McGarvey Elementary School - Elk Grove Unified School District

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 2, 2025 Issue 40

## Principal's Corner

In case you haven't heard, McGarvey is **GROWING** next year! While we wait for the new elementary school to open for the 2026-27 school year, around 300 students will be offloaded from Sunrise to McGarvey.

There's a lot for us to think about when planning to welcome so many new Griffins - including traffic congestion, the safety of students walking and biking to school, yard supervision, and where we'll hold our Friday assemblies.

Please be on the look-out for ways you can get involved! More information will be coming soon! ♥ Dr. Mitchell

**P.S. This is the last week to participate in the 2024-25 EGUSD Parent/Guardian Perspective Survey** at [www.egsurvey.net](http://www.egsurvey.net). The info you provide will be used to make further improvements to our school and district programs. We want to hear from you!

## D TRACK STATE TESTING

Grades 3-6

It's that time of year... our Griffins get to show how much they've learned on the CAASPP!

May 5-16 9:05-11:15  
Grades 3-6



Griffins do their best when they...

1. Have a good night's sleep.
2. Get to school on time and unrushed.
3. Have a healthy breakfast.

**Please make perfect attendance your goal during the testing window.**

Students who arrive late on a testing day may not be admitted to their classroom until the day's test is complete. They'll have to do make-up testing on a different day.

To minimize distractions, we will not interrupt classes that are testing between the 9:05-11:15.

**A, B, and C Track  
STATE TESTING DATES  
June 2-13 9:05-11:15**



COLD STONE  
CREAMERY

## TIME FOR ICE CREAM?

Wednesday May 7, 2025  
Whole day! 11 am - 10 pm

Mention "McGarvey Elementary" at the store, or order online.

If ordering online:

1. Go to ColdStoneCreamery.com
2. Select the store 4041 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA 95742
3. Enter Coupon Code NICECREAM at checkout

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the McGarvey PFO.



**Accountable  
Griffins!**

**Responsible Griffins  
S.O.A.R.!**

We are **Safe**, **Open-Minded**,  
**Accountable**, and **Resilient**!

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

### Kindergarten/TK

Lexi  
Gurbani  
Emily

### 1st Grade

Colton  
Kristiana

### 2nd Grade

Santiago  
Khloe  
Madeline

### 3rd Grade

Azlan  
Simar  
Gavin

### 4th Grade

Azalea  
Alina  
Olivia  
Max

### 5th Grade

Mateo  
BJ  
Cali  
Christiana

### 6th Grade

Martin  
Arthur

## FREE BIKE REPAIRS

Thank you to our friends & volunteers at **Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates (SABA)** and **50 Corridor TMA** for tuning up nearly **80 bikes!**

## BIKE RIDE TO DUTCH BROS

Great turn out on Saturday's bike ride! Thanks to our friends at **50 Corridor TMA** and to our Anatolia **Dutch Bros** for a wonderful morning!



## Promotion Schedule



### Kindergarten

A Track - Mon 6/23 @ 9:30  
B Track - Mon 6/23 @ 10:15  
C Track - Mon 6/23 @ 10:15  
D Track - Thurs 5/22 @ 10:30

### 6th Grade

A Track - Thurs 6/26 @ 11:15  
B Track - Thurs 6/26 @ 10:15  
C Track - Thurs 6/26 @ 9:15  
D Track - Thurs 5/22 @ 9:15

## LOST AND FOUND IS FULL!!

Please check to see if your child's belongings are in the MP.

## YARD SUPERVISORS WANTED FOR 2025-26

If you or someone you know is interested employment as a yard supervisor, please:

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

SCAN  
OR  
CLICK





A special invitation for our  
**McGarvey Elementary School**  
alumni

Graduating Seniors from  
**Pleasant Grove**  
**High School**

CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATING**  
**CLASS OF 2025**  
**MCGARVEY STUDENTS**

Please join us for a special assembly!  
Your 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 27 at 2:00 pm**  
(following mandatory graduation rehearsal)

**Important Dates**

**May**

- 5 - D Track starts State Testing (Grades 3-6)
- 5-7 - 5th Grade Science Camp (A & B)
- 5 - Volleyball Parents VS Kids/Team Party
- 7 - Coldstone Fundraiser!
- 8 - Spring Pictures (A & B)
- 8 - 4:00 Talent Show Practice
- 14 - 3:45 PFO Meeting
- 15 - 4:00 Talent Show Rehearsal
- 16 - Talent Show**
- 17 - (Sat.) CREST Competition
- 17 - (Sat.) City of Rancho Cordova Spring Day of Service
- 20 - 5:30 Band Concert
- 22 - 9:10 D Track 6th Gr Promotion
- 22 - 10:30 D Track Kinder Promotion
- 22 - D Track Last Day of School**
- 22 (Thurs) - Track Change Day Minimum Day (D goes off)
- 22 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 23 - C Track Returns
- 26 - NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- 27 - 2:00 PGHS Graduate Assembly
- 28 - 2:30 PGHS Graduation
- 30 - KAMS Promotion Ceremonies

**June**

- 2 - ABC Track starts State Testing (Grades 3-6)**
- 5 - 5:30 916 Ink Book Signing

**VOLLEYBALL**

Parents vs. Kids  
Volleyball Game &  
Team Party  
Mon 5/5 @ 3:45



Kindergarten is selling  
**Smencils & Shoe Charms!**

Show your Griffin Pride with a little "flair" for your shoes!  
These versatile charms work on both lace-up shoes and Crocs style shoes.

Kindergarten teachers will be selling shoe charms  
**after school on Thursdays on the stage.**

\*AM Kinders - please see your child's teacher to purchase\*



Smencils are **\$2 each** or **3/\$5**

Shoe Charms will be **\$5 each**

We will have: watermelon, cherry, blueberry, strawberry, orange, pineapple, lemon-lime, grape, blue sunshine, mango, banana, apple, bubble gum, kiwi, passion fruit, rainbow sorbet, marshmallow, chocolate, smores, & donut. **We will also have Smelly Gellies!**

Have a  
great time  
at Nature-  
bridge in  
the Marin  
Headlands  
Science  
Camp, 5A  
& 5B!!

See you at  
6:00  
Monday  
morning to  
load up on  
the bus!!

*TIKIZ will be here every Thursday*

**SUPPORT OUR**  
**MCGARVEY**  
**GRIFFINS**

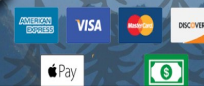


**Thursday, May 8**

**2:30 PM - 3:30 PM**



Please send your student  
**\$5 Ice Cream Bars \$5 - \$7 Shaved Ice**  
to ensure that they can participate  
in the TIKIZ experience.



***tikiz.com/tikizontheriver***

"This is not an Elk Grove Unified School District sponsored program, and EGUSD accepts no liability or responsibility for this program/activity."



**McGarvey**  
**EXL**  
Expanded Learning

**OPEN FOR**  
**ENROLLMENT**  
**2025-2026**

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL



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

**ENROLL**  
**NOW**





## Thank you to our Fun Run Sponsors!

Check out our wonderful Fun Run sponsors and their services.

**TGP Crossfit**  
[www.facebook.com/tgpcrossfit](http://www.facebook.com/tgpcrossfit)

**In-Shape Family Fitness**  
[www.inshape.com](http://www.inshape.com)

**Six Flags**  
[www.sixflags.com/discoverykingdom](http://www.sixflags.com/discoverykingdom)

**Granite Arch Climbing Center**  
[www.granitearch.com](http://www.granitearch.com)

**Orange Theory Fitness**  
[www.orangetheory.com](http://www.orangetheory.com)

**Kid Strong**  
[www.kidstrong.com](http://www.kidstrong.com)

**River Fox Train**  
[www.riverfoxtrain.com](http://www.riverfoxtrain.com)

**Lazy Dog**  
[www.lazydogrestaurants.com](http://www.lazydogrestaurants.com)



## Fun Run THANK YOUS!

We appreciate these  
parents who  
volunteered to help  
with the A & D Track

Amber Jennings  
Ana Randall  
April Sanchez  
Ashley Hodel  
Beverly Pushkin  
Caitlin Conable  
Carissa McClain  
Carol Halley  
Charity Roberts  
Christy Moore  
Deborah Kelly  
Elizabeth Lopez  
Elizabeth Tran  
Eric Fong  
Erin Seymour  
Heather Fichtner  
Heidi Moore  
Hong Van  
Jaime Ramos  
Jeremy Roberts  
Joan Lim  
Joe McClain  
Josh Bailey  
Katrina Osanna  
Ken Kelley  
Kenny Salmond  
Kerry Ramos  
Larry Vu  
Louis Manley  
Lourdes Ariosa-  
Galande  
Luiza Ardukhanyan  
Lynn Le  
Marcus Lewis  
Martha Chang  
Melissa Gentry  
Nikki Devey  
Renee Critz  
Renz and Kristel  
Afos  
Richard Atkinson  
Robin Choi  
Rubi Manley  
Same Dolberg  
Shelby Roza  
Sherry Kimbrow  
Shyvonne  
Hammond  
Simon Kuhn  
Spencer  
Thompson  
Tahmina Farzam  
Talena Adams  
Tiffany Thompson  
Trish Wilcox  
Vanessa Hoang  
Willy Yuma  
Yanyin Chen

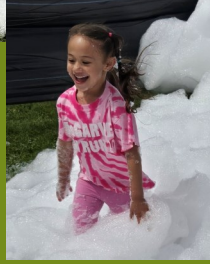


Thank you for  
helping the PFO  
meet the Fun Run  
Fundraising Goal!!

**\$58,469**  
**Total pledges!**

\$57,079 already collected  
\$1,390 pledged but not yet paid

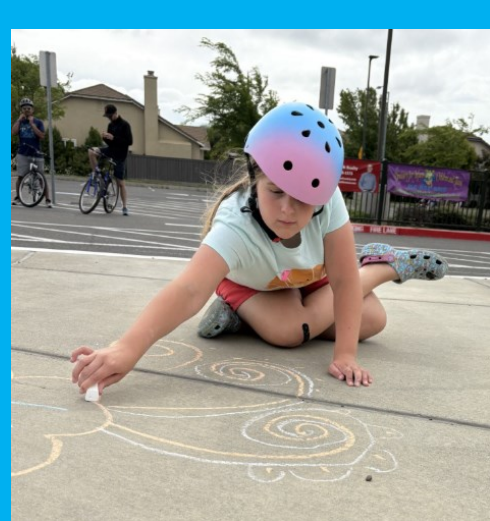
**Way to go, Griffins!**







# 3rd Annual Community Bike Ride to Dutch Bros!





Thank You, Dutch Bros!



Thank You, 50 Corridor!



# Message from the Superintendent

Dear EGUSD Families, Students and Staff,


As a diverse school district, Elk Grove Unified is committed to the safety, well-being, and education of all our students, families, and staff members. Our School Board has adopted Board policy (BP/AR 5145.13) that protects access to student information or to students on school grounds. We recognize the increased anxiety surrounding recent executive orders related to immigration and understand the challenges and uncertainties many of our students, families, and staff members are facing. For many in our community, the weight of these uncertainties can be overwhelming.

We are actively monitoring these changes and want to reaffirm our unwavering commitment to making our campuses safe and welcoming places where all students, families, and staff feel a sense of belonging regardless of immigration status or national origin.

In addition to Board policy (BP/AR 5145.13) in place, which outlines how we respond to immigration enforcement, federal and state laws protect student education records and personal information. Please know that our district does not collect immigration or citizenship data. There are also many state and county resources available to our community, and we encourage you to access them. For our community’s benefit, [here is a link to some of these resources](#) on our EGUSD website. We will continue to update this page regularly to reflect the latest information.

As we move forward, it is important that we continue to support our students, their families, and each other. Our partnership with parents and the broader community is essential in creating learning environments where all students learn and are empowered to succeed. Thank you for all you do to help ensure our schools are safe and welcoming places where every single student is seen, heard and valued.

Sincerely,  
Your EGUSD Leadership Team



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

IMMIGRATION-ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS  
AT CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS  
GUIDE FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

KNOW YOUR EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS

YOUR CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO A FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION

- All children have a right to equal access to free public education, regardless of their or their parents’/guardians’ immigration status.
- All children in California:
  - Have the right to a free public education.
  - Must be enrolled in school if they are between 6 and 18 years old.
  - Have the right to attend safe, secure, and peaceful schools.
  - Have a right to be in a public school learning environment free from discrimination, harassment, bullying, violence, and intimidation.
  - Have equal opportunity to participate in any program or activity offered by the school without discrimination.

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

- Schools must accept a variety of documents from the student’s parent or guardian to demonstrate proof of child’s age or residency and schools are not required to keep a copy of the document used as proof of a child’s age.
- Information about citizenship/immigration status is never needed for school enrollment. A Social Security number is never needed for school enrollment.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Federal and state laws protect student education records and personal information. These laws generally require that schools get written consent from parents or guardians before releasing student information, unless the release of information is for educational purposes, is already public, or is in response to a court order or subpoena.
- Some schools collect and provide publicly basic student “directory information.” If so, the school district must provide parents/ guardians with written notice of the directory information policy, and provide the option to refuse release of your child’s information.

FAMILY SAFETY PLANS IF YOU ARE DETAINED OR DEPORTED

- You can update your child’s emergency contact information, including secondary contacts, to identify a trusted adult guardian who can care for your child if you are detained or deported.
- You can complete a Caregiver’s Authorization Affidavit or a Petition for Appointment of Temporary Guardian of the Person to give a trusted adult the authority to make educational and medical decisions for your child.

RIGHT TO FILE A COMPLAINT


- Your child has the right to report a hate crime or file a complaint to the school district if he or she is discriminated against, harassed, intimidated or bullied because of his or her actual or perceived nationality, ethnicity, or immigration status.

For more information on resources for responding to immigration enforcement activities at California schools, or to file a complaint, please contact:

Bureau of Children’s Justice  
California Attorney General’s Office  
P.O. Box 944255  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2550

Phone: (800) 952-5225  
E-mail: [BCJ@doj.ca.gov](mailto:BCJ@doj.ca.gov)  
<https://oag.ca.gov/bcj/complaint>

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Immigration Protection  
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## Q&A: Serving Undocumented Students Information

### Are undocumented students entitled to a free public elementary and secondary school education?

**Yes.** Public schools are prohibited from denying undocumented students a free public education. (*Plyler v. Doe* (1982) 457 U.S. 202.) Under *Plyler*, the undocumented or non-citizen status of a student (or his/her parent or guardian) is irrelevant to that student’s entitlement to an elementary and secondary public education.

### Can I ask a student questions regarding his/her immigration status?

**No.** The District should never ask a student, or the parent/guardian of the student, questions regarding citizenship or immigration status. (See U.S. Dept. of J. and U.S. Dept. of Ed. Fact Sheet: Information on the Rights of All Children to Enroll in School, <https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/crt/legacy/2014/05/08/plylerfact.pdf>.) A student’s citizenship or immigration status is not relevant in establishing residency requirements. (OCR Dear Colleague Letter, May 8, 2014.)

### What kind of documents must an undocumented student provide to establish proof of residency for enrollment purposes?

Undocumented students wishing to enroll in a school may establish residency by providing the same documents as required by other students. For example, this may include a rental agreement or payment, correspondence from a government agency, a declaration of residency executed by the parent/guardian of the student, utility bills or other documents. (Ed. Code, § 48204.1.)

Schools should be cognizant, however, that school enrollment cannot be denied to a student, undocumented or otherwise, who is homeless and unable to show that he/she lives within the district’s boundaries.

### What kind of documents can a school request to establish an undocumented student’s age?

Schools are permitted to request documentation to show that a student falls within a school’s minimum and maximum age requirements. (Ed. Code, § 48002, Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 432, subd. (b)(1)(B).) Acceptable documents for establishing age include a birth certificate, an affidavit from a parent, or previously verified school records. (See U.S. Dept. of J. and U.S. Dept. of Ed. Fact Sheet: Information on the Rights of All Children to Enroll in School, <https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/crt/legacy/2014/05/08/plyler-fact.pdf>.)

It should be noted, however, that although a school may request the aforementioned documents, a student cannot be prevented from enrolling or attending at a school because he or she lacks a birth certificate, or has records indicating a foreign place of birth. **There is no legal requirement for the district to retain a copy of the birth certificate in its records.**

### Are undocumented students entitled to participate in extracurricular school activities and other school services?

**Yes.** Unless an activity does not contribute to educational goals, and the denial of participation furthers a substantial state goal, the activity is likely protected under *Plyler*’s guarantee of access to education. Because there are strong arguments that extracurricular activities are central to the student’s educational experience, undocumented students should have the right to participate in those activities. This right extends to services related to transportation, special education, Section 504 services, and free and reduced meals.

### Is an undocumented student entitled to the same privacy rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act as other students?

**Yes.** All students within a school district are entitled to privacy rights with regard to each student’s educational records, under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 C.F.R. § 99.1 et seq.), as well as under California law (Ed. Code, § 49060 et seq.). Under FERPA, a school district may disclose “directory information” to certain entities, so long as the school district has given the student/parents notice and an opportunity to refuse to disclose such directory information. What categories of directory information that will be released is a question determined at district level through board policy. (Ed. Code, § 49073, subd. (a).) Other records related to a student’s education at the school district, and which are personally identifiable, are protected under FERPA and state law from unauthorized disclosure.

### May an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) agent obtain otherwise private student records by way of a valid subpoena, search warrant, or court order?

**Yes.** Prior to releasing otherwise private student records to ICE, the superintendent should review the subpoena, search warrant, or court order, and consult with legal counsel, to determine the scope of the subpoena, warrant or court order, and whether it is genuine. In the case of search warrants, the school district will have little time to conduct a review of the documents. If the ICE agent is willing to cooperate with the school district and its legal counsel, the parties should coordinate to achieve compliance with the warrant that minimizes the disruption to school operations. Subpoenas and court orders do not present the same level of immediacy as a search warrant.

### What if ICE appears on campus without a subpoena, court order, or search warrant, no exigent circumstances, and requests protected student educational records?

Under the above circumstances, the school district must refuse to produce the requested documents in compliance with FERPA and the California Education Code provisions that prevent the unauthorized disclosure of student records.

### Are school district personnel required to assist ICE in the enforcement of immigration laws?

While there are no laws mandating local school districts to assist ICE in the enforcement of immigration laws, school personnel are nonetheless strongly discouraged from *frustrating* law enforcement purposes. Actively resisting the efforts of ICE may result in legal consequences to school personnel. Under Title 18 United States Code section 111, it is unlawful for a person to willfully resist, oppose, impede, or interfere with any officer of the United States Government who is discharging or attempting to discharge his or her official duties. Furthermore, federal law prohibits any person from intentionally concealing, harboring, or shielding an undocumented person from detection, where that person’s unlawful immigration status is known. (8 U.S.C. § 1324.)