



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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Principal's Corner

Kindness Week got off to a strong start! Thanks to everyone who wore tie-dye, red, or pink on Friday — please join us in dressing up for kindness each day this week :-)

The 2025 Fun Run is getting started for B & C Tracks! Kids are pumped and excited for this very fun day, and our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please stay tuned to communications from your teacher and our PFO. Let's make this year a colorful success! Griffen Strong... All Day Long! ♥ Dr. Mitchell



Kindness Week Spirit Days

♥ Friday, February 14th ♥

Peace, Love, and Kindness
Wear tie-dye, or pink or red colors

🦁 Tuesday, February 18th 🦄

Wild About Kindness
Wear your favorite animal print

👒 Wednesday, February 19th 🧢

Hats off to Kindness
Wear your favorite hat

🏃 Thursday, February 20th 🏃

Work out Your Problems with Kindness
Wear your favorite workout clothes or sports gear!

🌈 Friday, February 21st 🌈

Don't Hide from Kindness
Be bold and bright, wear rainbow or neon colors!

TRACK CHANGE DAY

Goodbye A Track!

Friday, Feb. 21

MINIMUM DAY

DISMISSAL @ 1:35

ALL K & TK Attends 9:05-12:36

WELCOME!



Hello, McGarvey families. My name is Gerard Llanillo, and I'm excited to introduce myself as your new school nurse. Before becoming a nurse, I worked as an ABA therapist, which gave me valuable experience in supporting and caring for children's health. I'm looking forward to being part of this wonderful school community and ensuring the health and well being of all our students.

2025 GRIFFIN FUN RUN

WHO: B AND C TRACK STUDENTS
WHEN: FUNDRAISING KICKOFF 2/14/2025
FUN RUN RACE 3/7/2025

HOW TO GET STARTED:
REGISTER EACH STUDENT ON OUR PLEDGESTAR SCHOOL SITE BY EITHER GOING TO THIS LINK:
[HTTPS://PLEDGESTAR.COM/MCGARVEY/](https://pledgestar.com/mcgarvey/)
OR SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW!

PRIZES

REGISTER	KEYCHAIN & T-SHIRT*
\$25	GRIFFIN WATER BOTTLE
\$50	GREEN SHOP VOUCHER
\$100	GRIFFIN HEAD BAND
\$200	YELLOW SHOP VOUCHER
\$300	BLUE SHOP VOUCHER
\$400	3D PRINT PEN
\$500	*PINKO FOR GIFT CARD

THANK YOU TO OUR FUN RUN SPONSORS!



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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

Andrew
Kaithlyn
Ty'ier
Anvika

1st Grade

Taqwa
Charlotte
Bryson

2nd Grade

Noelle
Aairah
Adam

3rd Grade

Jasdeep
Abel
Evnika
Zayn

4th Grade

Runa
Nishika
Maddy

5th Grade

Jezabel
Maya
Paige
Isla
Courtney

6th Grade

Martin
Vivian
Ariel
Liam

NO SCHOOL
Mon. Feb. 17
President's Day

LAST GAMES OF OUR BASKETBALL SEASON

BOYS

Tues 2/18 4:00 @ home vs. Sunrise
Thurs 2/20 4:00 @ CRES

GIRLS

Thurs 2/20 5:00 @ Case

Come out & support
your
UNDEFEATED
McGarvey Basketball
Teams!

Let's Go, Griffins!!



Important Dates

February

- 17 - NO SCHOOL President's Day
- 20 - 3:00 5th Grade Open Gym for Volleyball
- 21 - 10:00 A Track Awards (Gr. 4-6)
- 21 - Track Change Day Minimum Day (A goes off)
- 21 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
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- 21 - Spirit Day: Rainbow Day
- 21 - 1:45 6th Grade Open Gym for Volleyball
- 24 - Welcome Back D Track!
- 24-28 - 6th Grade Camp @ Sly Park
- 27 - Night at the Nest (PGHS)
- 27 - 2:45 5th Grade Open Gym for Volleyball
- 28 - Yearbook Cover Contest Deadline
- 28 - Letter of Intent Due for Families not returning to McGarvey

March

- 6 - SSC Spring Meeting
- 7 - Fun Run (Tracks B & C)
- 12 - Lockdown Drill
- 12 - 4:00 In-Person PFO Mtg
- 13 - OPEN HOUSE (B & C)
- 19 & 20 - Spring Family Picnic
- 21 - Track Change Day Minimum Day (B goes off)
- 21 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST 2024-25

McGarvey students are invited to submit their entries for this year's yearbook covers!
- Artwork must be done on 8.5 x 11 white paper
- Must be vertical direction - not horizontal
- be creative & colorful with your school themed design



Last year entries



Last year entries



Deliver your finished masterpiece to Ms. Kristy by: FEB. 28th



Check out our growing Kindness Tree in the MPR.
Thanks Mrs. Bhopla!



TIKIZ will be here every Thursday

SUPPORT OUR MCGARVEY GRIFFINS



Thursday, Feb. 20

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."



PLEASANT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

2ND ANNUAL A NIGHT AT THE NEST

AN OPEN HOUSE AT PLEASANT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL



EXPLORE OUR PROGRAMS:

- VAPA SHOWCASE
- ACADEMY SHOWCASES (DMA, BM, IDEA, AG, ETC.)
- INCOMING 9TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT
- AP INFORMATIONAL NIGHT
- CAREER FAIR
- CTE SATELLITE PROGRAMS
- ELECTIVE FAIR
- DISTRICT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 27, 2025
5:30 - 7:00 PM

MORE INFO :

- 916-686-0230
- PGHS.NET
- 9531 BOND ROAD, ELK GROVE, CA 95624

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

Q&A:

Serving Undocumented Students Information



Lozano Smith
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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.**



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**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
<https://oag.ca.gov/bcj/complaint>

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EGUSD Information Immigration Protection Click Here

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.)