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Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

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

Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 School Year

Week 5
August 15, 2025

WELCOME BACK A TRACK!

Principal's Corner

Monday, August 18th is going to be a busy, exciting day at McGarvey! It's the first day of school for our double A-Track students and our brand new special education preschool classes.

We'll have about 215 more students on-campus than we've had so far. That means...

- More cars
- More traffic
- More pedestrians & bikes
- **More important than ever to be safe and patient during drop-off & pick-up!**

Monday also brings the second theme in our McGarvey Way Kindness Campaign - Friendship - **'Bee' a Friend!** We're sharing the book *Enemy Pie*, a story about a boy who learns the best way to get rid of an enemy is to become friends.

Each week during this theme, Gulden the Griffin will pose an important question about friendship - a great prompt for a family conversation. Kids experience big, confusing feelings. It helps them to know their important adults have felt those emotions too. Consider sharing how you've dealt with complicated feelings about someone you thought was an enemy, or maybe-just-maybe what you wish you had done differently.

♥ Dr. Mitchell

GRIFFIN'S TOP FIVE ATTENDANCE MATTERS

5 Learning Happens Every Day

When children miss school, they miss lessons that help them grow and succeed.

4 Griffins stick together!

School is where friendships grow. Being there helps your child feel part of the flock!

3 Good Habits = Strong Griffins

Showing up every day builds routines and helps kids become responsible learners.

2 Confident Griffins Soar

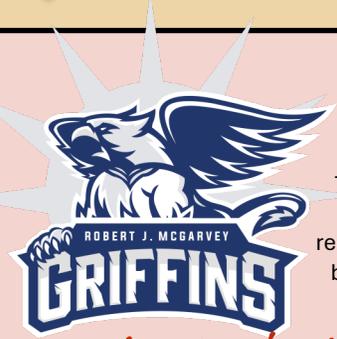
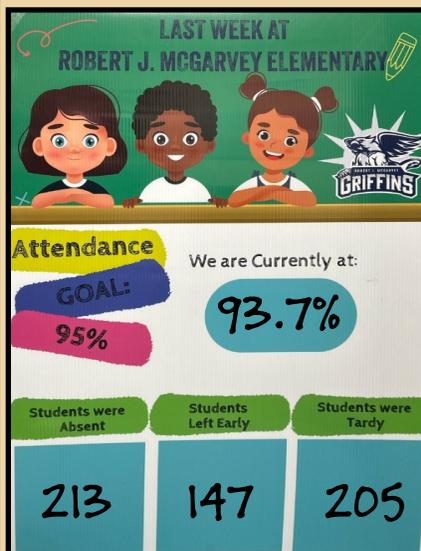
The more kids attend, the better they understand — and the prouder they feel!

1 We Miss Our Griffins When They're Gone!

Every Griffin matters! School just isn't the same without your child there.

Let's help every Griffin soar high — one school day at a time!

Our goal is 95% attendance. Here's how we did last week:



Resilient Griffins!

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

Congrats!

I am learning about people, and they are learning about me too.

Transitional Kindergarten

Teagan
Wyatt
Reggie
Apneet
Teona

Kindergarten

Nilada
Salvador
Gigi

1st Grade

Jesse
Christian
Haya
Jare

2nd Grade

Jordan
Madison
Elijah

3rd Grade

Dominic
Taha

4th Grade

Sydney
Sumreet
Christian

5th Grade

Grayson
Jioni

6th Grade

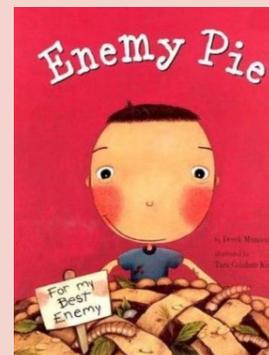
Mila
Wesley
Ava



The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN: FRIENDSHIP

'Bee' a Friend!



Griffin's Big Question

Have you ever felt upset or jealous about someone? What did you do with those feelings?

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

We all deserve to belong.

"You belong wherever you want to be."

- Mr. Rogers

BEE CONNECTED!

There are lots of ways to get involved at McGarvey!



Ease your way in by joining us for Donuts with the Principal or by volunteering with the PFO.

OR - Step up to a more formal role on our School Site Council or on our Superintendent's Parent Advisory committee!

School Site Council Nominations

Serving on our School Site Council is an excellent way to get an insider's view of all the great things going on at McGarvey!

You get to learn about our school goals, our budget, and how we use our money to address our goals. We meet 4 - 5 times a year, over zoom for 60-90 minutes.

The School Site Council is made up of an equal number of school staff & parents - we have 5 of each - and serve for 2 year terms. **Erin Seymour, Shannon Walker, and Rehana Rehman** are returning parent members of our SSC, and we're looking for **two more parents!**

If you're interested or if you'd like to nominate someone for the

McGarvey School Site Council,
please email the principal by August 22, 2025.
carmitch@egusd.net

McGarvey PFO

There are lots of ways to get involved with our PFO to serve and celebrate the children of our school. Not sure what you'd like to do? Let us know your interests and we'll be in touch!

[Volunteer Interest Form](#)

PFO Meeting
ZOOM

Thurs. 8/21/25
@ 6:30

[LINK](#)

Donuts with the Principal

Bring your coffee or tea & indulge in delicious donuts while chatting with the principal.

TOPIC: Playground Safety

Thursday, August 21 9:30-10:30 - Location TBD

We'll share our playground rules and procedures & answer your questions. Plus, we'll update you about regular school "business" and upcoming events at McGarvey!

EGUSD Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee

Elk Grove Unified regularly seeks to involve students, parents and certificated employees to represent their school site and their fellow students, parents and teachers.

These committees provide opportunities for parents, students and certificated staff to volunteer and serve as valuable assets to our schools and communities.

If you're interested or if you'd like to nominate someone for the

EGUD Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee,
please email the principal by August 22, 2025.
carmitch@egusd.net

Grades 1-6
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Parents & Guardians of 1-6th Graders
Join us on Tuesday, August 19th
Welcome Message & Teacher Introduction
5-5:30pm ~ MP Room
Followed by

Session 1: 5:35-6:05pm
Session 2: 6:10-6:40pm
Both sessions held in child's classroom



Making sure our students are safe and ready to learn is our most important job.

Whether you have a great idea, praise, or a concern, we want to from you!

Please stop by, call, or email. You always have direct access to your admin team!

Carrie Mitchell, principal
carmitch@egusd.net
Becky Ricks, vice principal
bricks@egusd.net

Carrie Garbett, vice principal
cgarbett@egusd.net

JOBS AT McGarvey
If you or someone you know is looking for a job, consider us!

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

T.K. PARAEDUCATOR

3 Positions

- A Track AM & PM
- C Track PM
- Part Time



MCGARVEY 4TH GRADE PRESENTS:

BACK TO SCHOOL GLOW DANCE

CONCESSIONS

GLOW STORE

»»» \$10 PER FAMILY «««

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

FRIDAY AUGUST 22ND, 2025
5:30 TO 7 PM

Come dressed in your favorite neon clothes with glow accessories to support our 4th grade classes!

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Important Reminders!

We are all responsible for safety at arrival and dismissal time. **Please:**

- **Obey the crossing guard.** This includes no right turns.
- **Stay on the sidewalk and use crosswalks** to cross the street.
- **Avoid double-parking.** This blocks traffic for other families and adds to the traffic.
- **Do not encourage your children to run across the street** to your waiting car. Students should use the crosswalk to cross the street safely.
- Make sure your child **wears a helmet** while riding a bike.
- **Walk bikes on the sidewalk** near pedestrians.

We all know traffic around school is hard during drop-off and pick-up times.

Everyone is interested in a quick, easy, and safe drop-off and pick-up.

Please do your part.

Plan a few extra minutes, and bring your patience and flexibility.

Law enforcement may be present to ensure safety!

NEXT LEVEL SPORTS

YOUTH BASKETBALL

PLEASANT GROVE HS

SEASON STARTS ON SEPT. 7TH

OPEN TO GRADES K - 7TH

COMMUNITY CENTRIC

PERSONALIZED UNIFORMS

NO DRAFTS OR TRYOUTS

OWN THE COURT. SCAN TO SIGN UP!

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Griffin Gala

As our 'We are All Griffins' theme comes to a close, these students were recognized by their teachers for exemplifying **all four** of our Griffin traits!

Transitional Kindergarten

Wyatt
Reggie
Nathnael

Kindergarten

Arka
Emma
Alexandra
Salvador
Gigi

1st Grade

Enzo
Emery

2nd Grade

Charlie
Madison
Emmie

3rd Grade

Dominic
Robbie

4th Grade

Greyson
Emmy
Sumaya
Christian

5th Grade

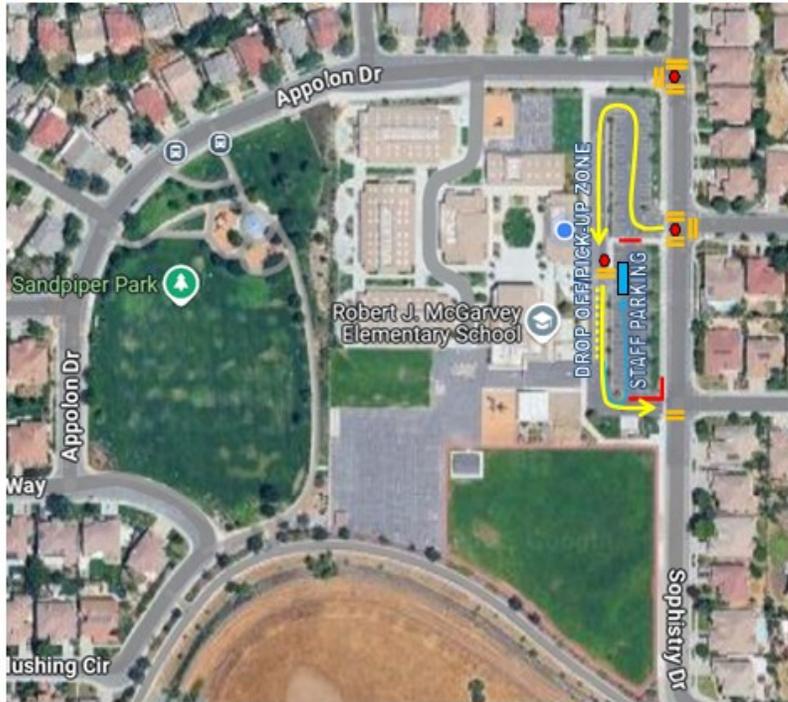
Javi
Ashadieeyah

6th Grade

Maya
Hailey
Maddie



2025-26 McGarvey Elementary Arrival & Dismissal Procedures



To keep everyone safe, **please walk or ride bikes (with helmets) to school** whenever possible. If you must drive, please do the following:

- **Obey the crossing guards.** Stay completely stopped until the crossing guard has cleared the intersection.
- **In the drop-off/pick-up zone** (yellow arrows):
 - **Close the gaps between cars** so more families fit.
 - **Pull to the left out of the Drop Off/Pick Up Zone** when you have dropped off/picked up your children.
 - **Drop off/pick up from the right lane and passenger side of the car ONLY.**
 - If you don't see your child, **pull forward to wait in the dotted area.**
 - **Stay in your car.** No parking in the pick-up lanes. Park in the parking lot or neighborhood.
- **Don't let children walk through the parking lot or traffic.**
- **The south parking lot is reserved for staff and ADA parking.**

AVOID TRAFFIC CONGESTION by trying these ideas instead:

- Park along Appolon near Sandpiper Park and have your child meet you at the car.
- Park on Sophistry behind our field and have your child walk to you.
- Have your child walk or bike to school - or join a group and go together!

Together we make McGarvey SAFE!



SPIRIT DAYS

You can't hide

Your Griffin Pride!

There's always a way to show it!!!

Tuesdays - Tie-Dye Tuesdays!

Wear anything tie-dye, including one of your McGarvey t-shirts

Wednesdays - Where You'll Go Wednesdays!

Wear a t-shirt or hoodie from a place that represents your future goals - college, university, trade school, military, or career readiness

Thursdays - Pod Pride! Wear your pod's color or grade-level t-shirt

Fridays - Griffin Gear Fridays! Wear your McGarvey t-shirt or hoodie

Important Dates

August

18 - (Mon.) First Day of School for A Track & SPED Preschool

18 - McGarvey Way Theme: 'Bee a Friend' (Friendship)

18 - A Track PBIS Kick-Off begins

19 - 5:00-6:40 Grades 1-6 Back to School Night A Track (parents/guardians only)

21 - 8:15 Mandatory Cross Country Parent Meeting

21 - 9:15 Donuts with the Principal

21 - 6:30 PM PFO Meeting (ZOOM)

22 - Fire Drill

22 - 5:30-7:00 Back to School GLOW DANCE (for families)

22 - C & D Track Deficiencies

24 - Deadline to apply for Mandarins Music Academy

25 - C & D Track Fun Run Kick Off

27 - A Track Picture Day

28 - Safety Committee Meeting

September

1 - Labor Day NO SCHOOL

4 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (ZOOM)

11 - C & D Track Fun Run

12 - Track Change Day (C goes off) (Minimum Day)

12 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store

12 - SPIRIT DAY: TBD

15 - B Track Returns

15 - Fire Drill

17 - Cross Country Meet @ Valley View

18 - School Site Council Meeting #1

19 - A & B Track Deficiencies

22 - Lockdown Drill

25 - PBIS Team Meeting

30 - B & D Track Picture Make-Up Day

October

1 - Cross Country Meet @ District Christian

1-2 - Community Picnic Lunch

2 - Fire Drill

3 - Track Change Day (D goes off) (Minimum Day)

3 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store

3 - SPIRIT DAY: TBD

3 - D Track - End of 1st Trimester

3 - D Track Awards

6 - C Track Returns

6 - A & B Track Fun Run Kick-Off

6-7 - Community Picnic Lunch

8 - Cross Country Meet @ Silva Valley

9 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (ZOOM)

15 - Cross Country Championship @ Placer Fairgrounds

16 - Great California Shake-Out

17 - A & B Track Fun Run

24 - 9:15 B Track 'Bee Track Hive Harvest'

C TRACK TK ATTENDS EARLY

Wed 9/10 - Field Trip

Thurs 9/11 - Fun Run

Fri 9/12 - Track Change

ATTENTION!

Hey Griffin families! Want to stay in the loop with PFO events, activities, volunteer opportunities? We now have an option for you to **OPT IN** to our new text message system!

send a text to **81010**

text this message:
@pforocks

MANDARINS
MUSIC
ACADEMY



Attention 4th- 6th grade parents!

The Mandarins Music Academy is currently accepting applications for our beginning band program! Your child will learn to read and perform music, while learning other valuable life skills at the same time.

Applications will be open from
August 5th at 6pm - August 24th at 9pm.

Please refer to the application link below, or scan the QR to be taken to the form directly.

Who: All 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students
When: Twice a week before or after school
Where: On-site at your elementary school
Fees: There are no fees for EGUSD students!
How: Apply at [Mandarins.org/mmaapp](https://www.mandarins.org/mmaapp)



2025 - 2026

www.mandarins.org/mma

This program is brought to you by the Elk Grove Unified School District and the Sacramento Mandarins. If you have any further questions, please send an email to DirectorMMA@mandarins.org.

School Entrances & Exits

Bee safe! Help us keep our students safe and our campus secure by entering and exiting using only:

1. The **front gate (by the office)** and
2. The **back gate (on the playground).**

The gate near the D & E wings that exit to Appolon Drive is for bus riders and emergency exit only.



Please **do not** enter or exit the campus using these gates!



Tikiz is Coming!

Shaved Ice & Ice Cream

McGarvey Elementary

Every Thursday Afterschool



20% of the sales will be donated back to McGarvey Elementary.

Dates:

July 31

August 7

August 14

August 21

August 28



\$5 - 7 Shaved Ice
\$5 Ice Cream



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Help Name Our Future Schools

The Elk Grove Unified School District is seeking recommendations for names of schools currently in development. When submitting suggestions, please consider the following guidelines: elementary schools should reflect the district's cultural diversity or honor individuals or places significant to local history or education; middle schools should represent the district's diversity or recognize influential figures in education or Northern California history; and high schools should be named after their geographic location.

To submit your suggestion, please use [this electronic form](#), or [print a paper form](#). For more details, [view the map of upcoming schools](#).

Elk Grove Unified School District



33rd Annual EGUSD College and Career Fair

OCTOBER 8
2025
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Laguna Creek High School

9050 Vicino Dr., Elk Grove, CA 95758



1

Speak with Admission Representatives from a wide range of post-secondary Institutions and career fields, including paid apprenticeships and other on-the-job-training programs.

3

Discuss with Financial Advisors how to budget tuition fees, campus costs, and other educational tools.

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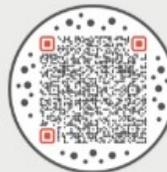
Learn more about options for Colleges, Universities, and other Post-secondary Arts, Apprenticeship and other Trade Institutions.

4

Learn about guaranteed College Credit Transfer opportunities for Post-secondary education.

5

Career Planning with College/Career Industry Partners, Professionals, Agencies, and Advisors.



REGISTER [HERE](#)

For more information, please contact Nicole Brown at 916.793.2987 or nnbrown@egusd.net

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.

Family Size	2023 Income Guidelines	
	Annual	Monthly
1	\$34,263	\$2,855.25
2	\$46,342	\$3,861.83
3	\$58,421	\$4,868.42
4	\$70,500	\$5,875.00
Additional Family Members	Add \$12,079 each	Add \$1,006.59 each

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:

June 5th 3:45 - 5:15
June 26th 3:45 - 5:15
July 17th 3:45 - 5:15
Aug. 7th 3:45 - 5:15
Aug 21st 3:45 - 5:15
Sept. 4th 3:45 - 5:15
Sept. 18th 3:45 - 5:15
Oct. 2nd 3:45 - 5:15
Oct. 16th 3:45 - 5:15
Nov. 6th 3:45 - 5:15
Nov. 20th 3:45 - 5:15
Dec. 4th 3:45 - 5:15
Dec. 18th 3:45 - 5:15

Bring an ID for easier registration

Bring bags or a cart for easier choosing and carrying



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10 AM - 3:30 PM

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SEPTIEMBRE 2025
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