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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 18
November 14, 2025

Principal's Corner

I couldn't be more proud of the two big celebrations we had this week.

The **Global Village Multi-Cultural Night** last Monday was simply spectacular! Thank you to all of the families who so generously shared information, customs, games, and food from their countries of origin - and a big thank you to **Rebecca Lam** for her vision and leadership to bring this project together. If you didn't make it this year, be sure to mark your calendar next year. This is one celebration you don't want to miss! Check out the pics!

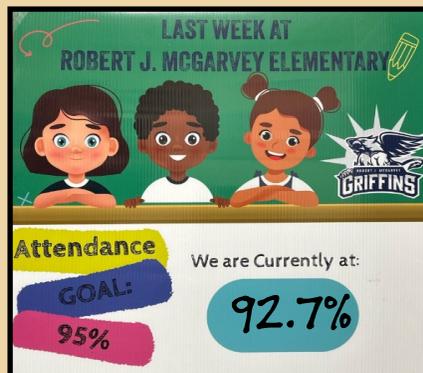
We also had an amazing turn-out for **Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day** on Friday! We are so grateful for your participation and celebration of a little 6-year-old who, in the face of much anger and upset, bravely desegregated her school in 1960. She reminds us to continue working every day to make sure everyone belongs in our schools.

♥ Dr. Mitchell

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

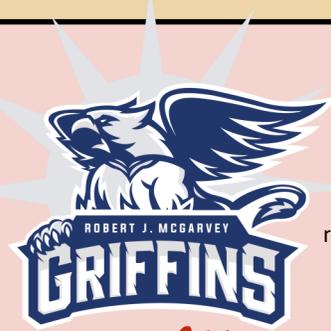
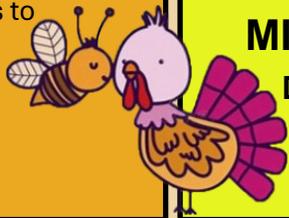
Let's help every Griffin S.O.A.R. high — one school day at a time!

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



TRACK-CHANGE DAY
Good Bye B Track!
Friday, November 21
MINIMUM DAY

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



Safe Griffins!

This week, these students were recognized by their teachers.

Congrats!

A grateful heart makes me feel good.

Transitional Kindergarten

Atticus
Evelyn
Felix
Evelyn

Kindergarten

Luna
Wyatt
Andrew
Annabelle
Ben



1st Grade

Debbionna
Jacquie
Lilifwe

2nd Grade

Zoe
Addison
Russell

3rd Grade

Owen
Amaya
Caitlin
Ketsana
Jayden G.

4th Grade

Jamaica
Lucas

5th Grade

Eliza
Lani

6th Grade

Liam
Audric
Athena
TerrahLyn

The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:

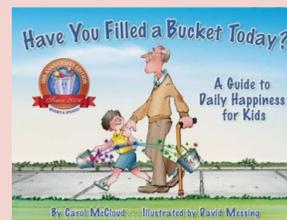
GRATITUDE

'Bee' Grateful!



Griffin's Big Question

What is something you can do next week to make sure people know you're grateful for them?



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

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

Lots of people help me in ways I don't even see.

"Gratitude helps us see the good things even when things are hard."
- inspired by Maya Angelou

Griffins Help Griffins Walk and Bike to School!



50 Corridor TMA



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

rin66@gmail.com or (916) 792-7462.

NO AFTER-SCHOOL ASSIST

Fri., Nov. 21

Please make alternate childcare plans. The ASSIST staff will be in a professional learning meeting all afternoon.

SCHOOL CLOSED
FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK
Nov. 23-28, 2025
School resumes Monday, Dec. 1

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CA ED CODE 53008: READING DIFFICULTIES SCREENER 2025-26



WHAT IS THE SCREENER?

In 2023, a new state education law was passed requiring all CA school districts to screen all kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students for risk of reading difficulties starting in the 2025-26 school year. This school year, EGUSD will implement the Multitudes screener for all students in those grades about midway through the school year. It is a quick, one-on-one assessment of critical areas of reading and language.



BENEFITS

The results of the screener will be used to help teachers and school staff to know what additional reading supports to provide to students. These earlier interventions may prevent future reading difficulties and special education needs.

EXCEPTIONS

Students will not have to take the screener if:

- they are on an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) for reading or being tested for one.
- their parent/guardian opts out of the screener (form available in the school office).
- they do not currently have proficiency in English or Spanish (an alternative screening process will take place).

SCREENER RESULTS

- Will be shared with families within 45 calendar days
- Will NOT be used to for diagnosis of a learning disability, special education identification, student reclassification or retention, or on the student report card

FOR MORE INFORMATION

ATTEND A FAMILY INFO SESSION
11/5/25: 5-6 pm
or
12/4/25: 6-7pm

Zoom: <https://egusd-net.zoom.us/j/86705953679>
Meeting ID: 867 0595 3679



Important Dates

November

- 17 - A Touch of Understanding
- 19 - 9:30 D Track Friendsgiving
- 20 - 5:30 School Site Council
- 21 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 21 - SPIRIT DAY: Crazy Hair Day
- 21 - Track Change Day (B goes off) (Minimum Day)
- 23-28 - Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL

December

- 1 - A Track Returns
- 4 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (ZOOM)
- 9 - 5:00 Winter Band Concert (date change)
- 19 - PFO Santa Event! (Watch for more info)
- 22 - 9:30 A Track Holidays Around the World
- 23 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 23 - SPIRIT DAY: TBD
- 23 - Track Change Day (C goes off) (Minimum Day)
- 24-1/2/26 - Winter Break NO SCHOOL

School Site Council Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 11/20 at 5:30 via zoom.

Agenda:

- Review and approve 1st Fall Meeting minutes
- Site LCAP Evaluation; review Goals 3 & 4; discuss impact on current year's programs
- Review site LCAP actions and align & approve budgets; vote on approval of changes, if needed

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 862 0495 1562
Passcode: 204464

DEALING WITH DIGITAL DRAMA

Does your kid sometimes seem upset after reading texts or social media messages? From video game group chats? What causes the drama? Do you experience drama online?

What do you do if your kid comes to you for support?

Preventing and navigating digital drama can be tricky for teens, tweens, and parents! Check out this video from Common Sense Education to hear from kids about digital drama.

[Teen Voices: Dealing with Digital Drama | Common Sense Education](#)

Here are some tips for helping your kids deal with digital drama:



CYBERBULLYING & ONLINE HARMS
WE ARE KIND AND COURAGEOUS.

Tip No. 1

Defuse and de-escalate: Tell kids to take a break—and a breath—before responding to drama.

Tip No. 2

Try the "to-their-face" test: Have kids imagine they're talking to someone in person, not just from behind a screen.

Tip No. 3

Encourage in-person conversation: Even though it's hard, it will resolve drama more effectively than online messages.

Tip No. 4

Help them take control: Use settings and in-app tools to lessen drama with strangers.



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!

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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!

2 Positions

- A Track AM
- C Track PM
- Part Time
- \$18.08-\$21.18



T.K. PARAEDUCATOR

RJMES 2nd annual Global Village Multicultural Festival





Puerto Rico



Fiji



Poland



Korea



Nigeria



Brazil



Mexico



