



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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Principal's Corner

Congratulations to our D Track Kindergarten and 6th Grade Class of 2025! We enjoyed seeing you celebrate your achievements at the promotion ceremonies on Thursday! **Best wishes to all our D Trackers for a wonderful summertime break!**

With D Track gone, it's tempting for the rest of us to think starting summer thoughts, but it's not quite time yet! **A, B, and C Tracks still have 5 more weeks of learning ahead!** Our 3rd - 6th graders have state testing coming up & there's still plenty of important things to do.

Let's stay focused through the finish line. Be **S**afe, **O**pen-Minded, **A**ccountable, and **R**esilient every single day as we wrap up the school year! ♥ Dr. Mitchell

D Track 6th Grade Class of 2025!



D Track Kindergarten Class of 2025!

Thank You Mandarins Music Academy!



Special thanks to Mr. Jayden for working with our young musicians this year! Their final concert was Tuesday, May 20th. Great job, everyone!

CREST COMPETITION

We just had our CREST competition last weekend! (Capital Region Engineering Science Technology) and Mr. Shepard was the McGarvey Coach and we're all so proud of the students who participated!

In Math:

- 3rd Grade:
 - Cooper Linden earned 2nd place!
- 4th Grade:
 - Nathan Lewis earned 1st place and had a perfect score!
 - Levi Franklin earned 2nd place
- 6th Grade:
 - Kayden Lee earned 3rd place!

In Other Events:

- Leo Yang placed in 2nd for Rubber Band Race & 1st for Sail Cars!



THANK YOU PFO!

From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU to our PFO board members who are finishing their terms - **Lindsay Miller, Kristy Hartman, Erin Seymour, Marday Salmond, and Ryan Burnett.** We are so grateful for your leadership and volunteerism!

WELCOME 2025-26 PFO BOARD

President: Rehana Rehman
Vice President: Sarah Standing
Treasurer: Brittany Smith
Secretary: Rebecca Lam

Staff Appreciation: Brittany Smith
Art Docent: Rebecca Lam
Director of Sponsorship: Bri Castro
Director of Membership: Katrina Osana
Communication: Katrina Osana

OPEN POSITIONS:
Carnival Director
Dinner Night Out Director
Safe Routes Director

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Open Minded Griffins!

Responsible Griffins S.O.A.R.!

We are **S**afe, **O**pen-Minded, **A**ccountable, and **R**esilient!

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

Kindergarten/TK

Kamaria Quinn

1st Grade

Jordan Hannah

2nd Grade

Jimena Nina

3rd Grade

Julian Olivia H.

4th Grade

Ayman Maddie Zachary Nazareth

5th Grade

Gabby Alessandro Bishop

6th Grade

Hannah Samantha

NO SCHOOL
Mon. May 26
Memorial Day

Please notice some people have volunteered for **two** PFO offices. We really need your participation too! Especially in a year bringing so many new Griffins and so much change.

Please consider stepping up. It takes our whole village to keep McGarvey running strong! All of us need to do our part!

7 Years

(by Lukas Graham)

Lyrics rewritten and performed by
Carson Santiago, Noelle Burrell,
Mannat Bhatia, and Inaya Shumaker
at 6th Grade Promotion

Once I was 7 years old my teacher told me

“Go get yourself a snack or you’ll be hungry.

Once I was 7 years old, it was a big big class but we thought we were bigger.

Pushin’ each other off the playground we were learnin’ quicker.

By 11 pushin’ limits thinking we were cooler.

Never a good kid but we tried to have a good behavior.

Once I was 11 years, old my daddy told me

“Go get your grades up or you will be homeless.”

Once I was 11 years old, I always had that dream, like Martin Luther King

So I started liking school so I can get in college, somthin’ about that glory just always seemed to bore me

Cuz only the teachers I really love will ever seem to know me

Once I was 12 years old my story got told

Before the mornin’ sun, waking up was borin’

Once I was 12 years old

I only set my goals, I don't believe in failure, cause I know the smallest actions we can make it major

I got my friends with me, at least the ones in favor

And if we don't read before bed, I hope I'll read it later

Once I was 12 years old, my teacher got old

I was writin’ bout everything I saw before me

Once I was 12 years old

Soon we'll be 13 years old, our snacks got sold

We've traveled around the campus' and still we're roaming

Soon we'll be 13 years old

I'm still learning about life, my mom bought books for me

So I can read them all me jokes and I can tell them stories

Most of my friends are with me, some still seeking knowledge

And some I had to leave behind my friends, I'm so sorry

Soon, I'll be 14 years old, my daddy got 41

Remember school then college becomes a better one

I made a teacher happy when I wrote a speech once

I hope me and my friends go visit once or twice a month

Soon I'll be 15 years old, will I think the school is old?

Or will I have a lot of friends who can help me?

Soon I'll be 15 years old

Soon I'll be 15 years old, will I think the school is old?

Or will I have a lot of friends who can help me?

Once I was seven years old, my teacher told me, “Go get yourself a snack or you'll be hungry”

Once I was seven years old.

THANK YOU!!

Our Griffin Garden just keeps getting better!

We are so grateful to Mr. Coleman for securing a donation of 4 yards (that's 5 TONS!) of gravel to help out with our paver project in the garden! Thank you **Coleman Concrete Creations!**

More gratitude for **Jason Keys** and **Gabriel Williams** (a McGarvey Griffin) for building and donating four beautiful benches to our garden.



From There to Now

By Mustafa Farzam

In first grade I began my flight,
In classrooms glowing, full of light.
A world so big, yet still unknown,
A little seed not fully grown.

In second grade, I crossed the sea,
To find a place where I could be.
I learned new words and made some friends,
Where every challenge slowly bends.

In third I found my voice at last,
With Mrs. Wetzel, learning fast.
The fear and nerves began to fade,
And stronger steps each day I made.

Then fourth arrived-I found my way,
With Mrs. Caston guiding each day.
Though I was new, she helped me see,
That I could be the best of me.

Fifth grade came with work and pride,
And Mrs. Morgan-Lopez by my side.
She cheered me on when things got tough,
And taught me that I'm strong enough.

In sixth I rose, I took the lead,
With Mrs. Lustig planting the seed.
She challenged me to aim up high,
And reach beyond what meets the eye.

Though I've not been here from the start,
This school will always hold my heart,
Each class, each laugh, each test I passed,
Has built a story meant to last.

So thank you all who've helped me grow,
You've taught me more than you may know.
The past was bright-but now I see,
That seventh grade is calling to me!

END-OF-YEAR PARTY! SKATE NIGHT @ THE RINK



Tuesday, June 10, 2025
6 pm - 8 pm

\$8/person
Includes skates

2900 Bradshaw Rd.
Sacramento, CA 95827

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Sponsored by the PFO

Become a... Griffin Guardian!

At McGarvey, community matters. Volunteer today!

This is an all-call for adults - dads, moms, grandparents, and other adults.
(must be 21 or older and have fingerprints cleared by EGUSD)

We'll have more than 300 new students next year. It's important that all our Griffins know they belong & our community pulls together to make sure they thrive. You can help children feel safe, supported, and seen.

Griffin Guardians are volunteers who show up with heart and purpose to ensure our school runs smoothly from the moment students get on the way to school until they head home.

Please consider volunteering. Here are just some of the roles we need filled:

- Walking Train & Bike Train leaders** - We need to get more kids arriving on foot and on wheels to ease the traffic around campus. *Would you be willing to walk/bike with a group of kids from your part of the neighborhood?*
- Crossing Guards** - With more kids walking & biking, and undoubtedly many arriving by car, we need more help getting families across the crosswalk. *Would you be willing to help kids & families cross the street safely?*
- Recess Helper** - Lots more kids means lots more play! Do you love playing with kids? Do you have a game you'd love to teach kids and supervise? Ever heard of Gaga Ball?? *Would you be willing to help supervise and engage kids in play during recess or lunch recess?*
- Gate Greeter** - Greeting kids and families with a warm smile and keeping an eye on safety makes everyone feel secure. *Would you be willing to greet people at the gate in the morning or say goodbye in the afternoon?*

A lot of these roles are just a few minutes a day. You may already be at school or doing these things with your own kiddos already. What's a few more minutes or a few more kids?

Why volunteer?

- ☒ Make a direct impact on student safety.
- ☒ Build community and school spirit.
- ☒ Set a positive example for our future leaders.
- ☒ Let every Griffin know they matter!
- ☒ Earn smiles and hugs from kids!!

You don't need to volunteer every day (but you sure can!). **Scheduling is flexible to fit your availability.**

No experience necessary! We'll provide any training you need.

Interested?

Want more information? Click or scan to connect with us.

THANK YOU!



Important Dates

May

- 26 - NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- 27 - 2:00 PGHS Graduate Assembly
- 28 - 2:30 PGHS Graduation
- 29 - 5:30 School Site Council
- 30 - KAMS Promotion Ceremonies

June

- 2 - ABC Track starts State Testing (Grades 3-6)
- 5 - 9:15 Coffee Chat with the Principal
- 5 - 5:30 916 Ink Book Signing
- 10 - 6:00-8:00 PM End-of-Year Skate Party - Skate Night @ The Rink
- 11 - Fire Drill
- 19 - (Thurs.) NO SCHOOL Juneteenth
- 23 - Kindergarten Promotions
 - 9:30 - A Track
 - 10:15 - B & C Tracks
- 26 - 6th Grade Promotions
 - 9:30 - C Track
 - 10:15 - B Track
 - 11:15 - A Track
- 27 - ABC Tracks Last Day of School (Minimum Day)
- 27 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 27 - SPIRIT DAY: Favorite Griffin Spirit Wear

July

- 16 - (Wed.) BCD First Day of School

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
- Already have an account?
- Login & scan the QR code
- After you submit your application, call **Linda @ McGarvey** and let her know!

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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.



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)

TIKIZ will be here every Thursday

**SUPPORT OUR
MCGARVEY
GRIFFINS**

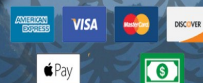


Thursday, May 29

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

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**BEE ON TIME
FOR SCHOOL**



We've had a lot
of tardy students
lately. Remember,
students are
expected to be in
their seats & ready
to learn by 9:05!

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!

**Reminder about Cell Phones
& Smart Watches**

We are continuing to have violations of our cell
phone and smart watch rules.

While students are allowed to have 'mobile
communication devices' on campus, **student
cell phones and smart watches must be
turned off and put away at all times while on
campus.** Devices may be used when students
are **off-campus**—that means
OUTSIDE the gate.

To protect our learning
environment, devices in-use on
campus will be collected by an
administrator and kept in the
school office for a parent to pick
up.



Griffin Strong

All Day Long!

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


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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.)