



Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

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

Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 School Year
Week 30
February 27, 2026

Principal's Corner

To the families and staff who joined us for **Walk & Roll to School** on Friday - thank you! It's great to get a little exercise to wake up your brain before school starts! Next Walk & Roll day is Fri, March 27th - hope to see you :)

Tri 2 Report Cards are coming! A, B, and C Tracks - You can log into your Parent Portal to view your child's report card on Friday, March 6. D Track report cards were available Feb. 6.

As we move into the last trimester of the school year, we'll be reminding students how to be Safe, Open-Minded, Accountable, and Resilient in all areas of our school. This includes using 'Stop, Walk, and Talk' when there's a conflict with a peer.

Stop, Walk, and Talk is a simple way to teach kids how to handle bullying or teasing calmly.

Stop - Say "Stop" or "I don't like that" in a calm, confident voice. Stand tall and make eye contact.

Walk - If it continues, walk away and go somewhere safe.

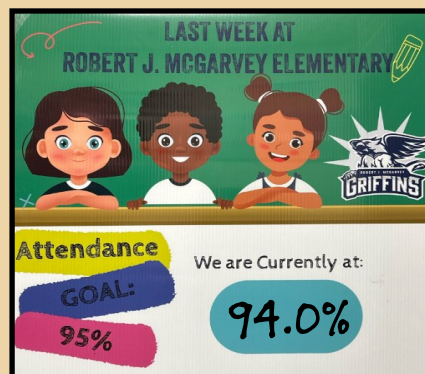
Talk - If it still doesn't stop, tell a trusted adult.

This strategy is part of our PBIS plan, and is used to help students stay safe, confident, and in control. ♥ 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:



Volleyball Tryouts!

Mon. 3/2 3:45-4:45
6th Grade ONLY

Tues. 3/3 3:45-4:45
5th Grade ONLY

After first cuts, a group will be invited to come back for final tryouts.

Thurs. 3/5 2:45-3:45
5th & 6th Combined



Safe Griffins!

This week, these students were recognized by their teachers.

Congrats!

My actions make the world a safer place for others.

Transitional Kindergarten

Marissa
Cooper
April

Kindergarten

Adam
Norah
Cylea
Olivia

1st Grade

Angelina
Ayden
Beau
Barlas
Rahil

2nd Grade

Sana
Adam
David
Jayden

3rd Grade

Iqra
Ryder
Nina
Harley

4th Grade

Hudson
Cooper
Elanore
Trenton

5th Grade

Zaeem
Abigail
Damian

6th Grade

Dannika
Nemo
Sefa
Anabella
Christiana



The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:
TAKE ACTION!

'Bee' in Action!



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

Griffin's Big Question
What is one small thing you could do this week to help others or stand up for fairness?

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

I stand up for what I believe.

"The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them."
- Ida B. Wells.

Read across America

March 2-6, 2026

Get ready for a fun-filled week celebrating the joy of reading — with guest readers, spirit days, and a schoolwide pledge wall!

Spirit Week Schedule:

MON

Hats off to Reading!



Wear your favorite hat to school.

TUE

Team up with a Good Book!

Sports day-wear your favorite team jersey.



WED



Dream Big with Books!

Dress as your future career or what you dream to be.

THUR

Get Wild with Books!

Wear animal print clothes.



FRI

Cozy up with a Good Book!

Wear pajamas to school.



Daylight Savings!

Remember to 'spring ahead' & set your clocks 1 hour ahead before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7!

TRACK-CHANGE DAY

Good Bye A Track!

Fri., March 6
MINIMUM DAY
DISMISSAL @1:35
ALL K & TK
Attend 9:05-12:36

4350 Sophistry Dr., Rancho Cordova CA 95742 (916) 793-3400



Walk & Roll to school!

Did you miss out Friday morning?
Join us next time - March 27th!



50 Corridor TMA

School Site Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, March 5 at 5:30** via zoom.

Agenda:

- Review and approve minutes from Meeting #3.
 - Finalize Evaluation of 2025-26 Site LCAP
- Develop 2026-27 Site LCAP Goals

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID:
853 0103 4705
Passcode: 789261

BOBA & BITES



Support our fundraiser with Boba & Bites!
10% of sales will be donated to the McGarvey PFO
Their food truck will be in front of Robert McGarvey Elementary School
4350 Sophistry Drive Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

Thursday, March 19, 2026
2 pm - 8 pm

Important Dates

March

- 2 - 6th Grade Volleyball Tryouts
- 2-3 - 4th Grade Overnight Field Trip to Coloma (B & C)
- 2-6 - Read Across America!
- 2-6 - National School Breakfast Week
- 3 - 5th Grade Volleyball Tryouts
- 4 - 1st Grade Celebrate America Perf. (B & C)
- 4 - 6:00 6th Gr Sly Park Info Meeting (zoom)
- 5 - 9:30 B & C Track Awards (Grades 4-6)
- 5 - 10:30 A Track Awards (Grades 4-6)
- 5 - 5:30 Spring SSC Meeting (zoom)
- 5 - 5th & 6th Final Volleyball Tryouts
- ~~6 - 9:00 C Track 'Hopping into Spring' Celebration~~ POSTPONED TBD
- 6 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 6 - Track Change Day (A goes off) (Min. Day)
- 7 - (Saturday) 8:30-2:30 Black Family Conference (Monterey Trail High School)
- 9 - D Track—Welcome Back!
- 11 - Spring Pictures (B & D) & 6th Grade Promotion Pictures
- 12 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (zoom)
- 13 - Lockdown Drill
- 17 - C & D Track Teacher Appreciation Day
- 19 - Boba & Bites food truck fundraiser!
- 26 - 5:30 B & C Track OPEN HOUSE
- 26 - Spring Book Fair (thru April 8)
- 27 - Walk & Roll to School!**
- 31 - Talent Show Tryouts

April

- 1-3 - 5th Grade @ Marin Headlands
- 2 - Earthquake Drill
- 7 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store

Don't trash our school!

We keep finding lots of gum and trash littering our beautiful campus.

Families, we need your help! Please remind children not to bring or chew gum at school, and to put snack wrappers & other trash in the trash cans instead of on the ground or in the bushes. Thank you!

Remember... No gum at school!

LOST & FOUND

Come get your stuff! Everything gets donated on Friday!

New school hours for 2026-27

8:40-3:10

Thursdays, early out @ 2:20 PM Grades 1-6

AM TK & K is 8:40-12:11

PM TK & K is 11:29-3:10

ATTENTION PM TK/K CLASSES

Thursday dismissal is at 2:55 (Grades 1-6 dismiss at 2:45).
Please don't interrupt classes.

2026 BLACK FAMILY CONFERENCE



THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Department of Family and Community Engagement, Families of Black Students United (FBSU) Affinity Space, and the Doctorate in Education Programs at CSUS and Morgan State are proud to convene the 2026 Annual Black Family Conference.

This engaging, free event will offer a variety of workshops tailored to PreK-12th Grade students, their families, caregivers, and community members.

Everyone is welcome to attend and contribute to this empowering day of learning, connection and celebration. Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen bonds, uplift ourselves and our communities.

Together, let's embrace the power of restoration, the necessity of resistance, and the beauty of renewal. We look forward to seeing you there!

OUR THEME THIS YEAR IS

“**Rest, Resist, Reset:
Celebrating
Strength, Joy
and Resilience.**”

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: — Zetha Nobles —

- Director of Equity, Access and Achievement in New Haven Unified School District
- Chief Strategist of Nobles Global Consulting
- Founder of Global Peace Leadership Academy
- Managing Director of Iwalore Ranch River Retreat

CONFERENCE TOPICS

- ✓ Wealth building
- ✓ Empowering Youth
- ✓ Family Relationships
- ✓ Health and Wellness
- ✓ And Much More

CONTACT INFORMATION

- 📞 (916) 831-5551
- ✉️ kawilson@egusd.net

📍 LOCATION

MONTEREY TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL

Multi Purpose Room
8661 Power Inn Road
Elk Grove, CA 95624

March 7, 2026
8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

EVENT SPONSORS



REGISTRATION



Scan QR Code
Register Now



If you don't like something,
change it.
If you can't change it,
CHANGE your ATTITUDE.

— Maya Angelou

Interested in an Intra or Inter District Transfer for your child?

The schools below are open to transfers on a space available basis:

Edna Batey Elementary 9421 Stonebrook Drive Elk Grove, CA 95624	Elitha Donner Elementary 9461 Soaring Oaks Drive Elk Grove, CA 95758	B.C. Morse Elementary 7000 Cranleigh Avenue Sacramento, CA 95823
Maeola Beitzel Elementary 8140 Caymus Drive Sacramento, CA 95829	Elliott Ranch Elementary 10000 East Taron Drive Elk Grove, CA 95757	Pleasant Grove Elementary 10160 Pleasant Grove School Rd. Elk Grove, CA 95624
Carroll Elementary 10325 Stathos Drive Elk Grove, CA 95757	Ellen Feickert Elementary 9351 Feickert Drive Elk Grove, CA 95624	Prairie Elementary 5251 Valley Hi Drive Sacramento, CA 95823
Cosumnes River Elementary 13580 Jackson Road Sloughouse, CA 95683	Florin Elementary 7300 Kara Drive Sacramento, CA 95828	David Reese Elementary 7600 Lindale Drive Sacramento, CA 95828
C.W. Dillard Elementary 9721 Dillard Road Wilton, CA 95693	Arlene Hein Elementary 6820 Bellaterra Drive Elk Grove, CA 95757	Joseph Sims Elementary 3033 Buckminster Drive Elk Grove, CA 95758
Cypress Grove Elementary 4189 Cypress Grove Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	James McKee Elementary 8701 Halverson Drive Elk Grove, CA 95624	

Transfer requests for the upcoming school year may be turned in beginning in April. Please contact the Elk Grove Unified School District, Elementary Education Division for more information:

Robert L. Trigg Education Center
9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road
Room 215
Elk Grove, CA 95624

(916) 686-7704



A **man** who stands for **nothing**
will fall for **anything**.

Malcolm X



Motorized
Bicycle or Moped



Motorized
E-Scooter



Rules of the Road
E-Scooters & E-Bikes



California Vehicle Code
(CVC) Definition

- CVC 406 (a)
- Two or three wheels
 - Fully operative pedals or no pedals if it has an electric motor
 - Maximum speed of 30 mph

RIDER REQUIREMENTS	
License	Driver's license with an M1 or M2 endorsement
Helmet	DOT compliant helmet required for all ages
Where	May ride on public and private roads Not allowed on sidewalks or trails
Other Info	Must be registered with the DMV and have adequate vehicle insurance
POSSIBLE PENALTIES	
1. 12500(a) VC Citation - Driving without a license and tow with 30-day impound	
2. Right of way violation	

California Vehicle Code
(CVC) Definition

- CVC 407.5
- Two wheels with a motor, handlebars, and a floorboard for standing on when riding
 - May have a driver seat that does not interfere with the ability to stand and ride

RIDER REQUIREMENTS	
License	Driver's license or instruction permit required
Helmet	Bicycle helmet if under 18 CVC 21212
Where	May ride wherever traditional bicycles may ride - No riding on sidewalks CVC 21200
Other Info	Not to exceed 15 mph CVC 22411
POSSIBLE PENALTIES	
1. 12500(a) VC Citation - Driving without a license and tow with 30-day impound	
2. Helmet citation	
3. Right of way violation	

CITY OF ELK GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT
8400 Laguna Palms Way
Elk Grove, CA 95758

(916) 478-8110

elkgrove.gov/police

Starting this week, EGUSD and local law enforcement will begin a coordinated two-pronged initiative aimed at reducing e-bike and scooter collisions and preventing serious injuries. The first phase will consist of a 30-day education campaign across various platforms. The enforcement phase will follow. Officers will conduct zero-tolerance enforcement in and around school areas and will take enforcement action when illegal or unsafe operation of e-bikes or scooters is observed. Please review these flyers and make sure your family is complying with these important safety laws.

Off-Highway Motorcycle
(Dirtbike)



Class 1 & Class 2
E-Bike



Class 3
E-Bike



California Vehicle Code
(CVC) Definition

- CVC 436
- A motorcycle for use exclusively off the highway
 - Electric and/or gas powered

RIDER REQUIREMENTS	
License	None - This type of motorcycle is NOT street legal.
Helmet	DOT compliant helmet required
Where	Can only ride at off-highway vehicle parks (such as Carnegie) or on private property May not ride on any public road, sidewalk, trail, or park.
Other Info	Must be registered with the DMV and have adequate vehicle insurance
POSSIBLE PENALTIES	
1. 12500(a) VC Citation - Driving without a license and tow with 30-day impound	

California Vehicle Code
(CVC) Definition

- CVC 312.5
- A pedal or throttle-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a motor that assists only up to a speed of 20 mph

RIDER REQUIREMENTS	
License	None
Helmet	Bicycle helmet if under 18 CVC 21212
Where	May ride wherever traditional bicycles may ride CVC 21200
Other Info	No minimum age requirement to ride
POSSIBLE PENALTIES	
1. Helmet Citation, if applicable	
2. Right of way citation, if ridden improperly.	

California Vehicle Code
(CVC) Definition

- CVC 312.5
- A low-speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a speedometer, and a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to assist when a speed of 28 mph is reached

RIDER REQUIREMENTS	
License	None
Helmet	Bicycle helmet required regardless of age CVC 21213(a)
Where	May ride wherever traditional bicycles may ride CVC 21200
Other Info	Must be 16 years or older to ride
POSSIBLE PENALTIES	
1. Helmet Citation, if applicable	
2. Right of way citation, if ridden improperly.	



Family and Staff WELLNESS SERIES

Register on Eventbrite Using the QR Codes or links

3/31/26



Belonging Starts with Us: Supporting Transgender and Gender Expansive Youth

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4/15/26



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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 erin66@gmail.com or (916) 792-7462.



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.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME
1	\$1,000.00	\$12,000.00
2	\$1,416.67	\$17,000.00
3	\$1,750.00	\$21,000.00
4	\$2,083.33	\$25,000.00
5	\$2,416.67	\$29,000.00
6	\$2,750.00	\$33,000.00
7	\$3,083.33	\$37,000.00
8	\$3,416.67	\$41,000.00
Over 8	\$3,750.00 each	\$45,000.00 per household

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:

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Bring bags or a
cart for easier
choosing and
carrying

December 1st 3:45 - 5:15
December 10th 3:45 - 5:15
January 9th 3:45 - 5:15
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E.G.U.S.D. Community Block Party

Student Performances & Information Booths

FREE Food & Drinks
(while supplies last)

Door Prizes

Kid Friendly Activities

SCAN ME

CLICK HERE

REGISTER NOW

Thursday April 30, 2026
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Elk Grove Shopping Center
9418 Elk Grove-Florin Road

7TH ANNUAL RANCHO CORDOVA

STUDENT ART SHOW

Art Reception
April 17 | 5:30-7:30 pm.

APRIL 9 - 25

This show exhibits hundreds of works by students TK-12 Grade who go to school or live in Rancho Cordova. All art is submitted through their teacher and school. We are inspiring the next generation of artist at the MACC.

