

LIVE FROM



Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

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

Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 School Year
Week 6
August 22, 2025

Bee Neighborly!

Principal's Corner

It was great to see our A Track families here for Back to School Night!

And our **Back to School Glow Dance** was a brilliant success! Thanks for coming out! (check out the pics)

Let's get ready for our **Fun Run for C & D Tracks!** Kiddos will be coming home excited on Monday after our big kick-off assembly. Look for more information coming home very, very soon!! C & D Track Fun Run is Sept. 11!!

Wow! **We met our attendance goal last week!** Thanks for making an effort to have your kids here all day every day!
♥ Dr. Mitchell

Let's be kind to our school's neighbors...

Please don't move the neighbors' trash barrels on trash day. Residents let us know Waste Management won't pick up if the bins are not set out properly & residents must pay for a second pick-up.

Please don't block driveways. Our neighbors need to be able to come and go from their homes, even during our arrival and dismissal times.



Safe Griffins!

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

Congrats!

We all deserve to belong.

Transitional Kindergarten

Arhaan
Sakura
Viviana
Savya

3rd Grade

Olivia
Daniel
Kira
Umra
Stephen

Kindergarten

Adam
Teagan
Anekua
Gabriel

4th Grade

Lincoln
Gavin
Elora

1st Grade

Emery
Gabriel
Liana

5th Grade

Aman
Neel
Amerlie

2nd Grade

Chinmayee
Hannah
Hazal

6th Grade

Aron
Audrey
Emma



PICTURE DAY

A
TRACK

Wed. August 27

NO SCHOOL

Monday
Sept. 1

Have a safe & fun holiday weekend!

Cell Phones & Smart Watches

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.



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:



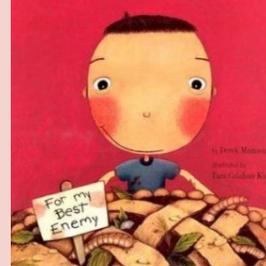
The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN: FRIENDSHIP

'Bee' a Friend!



Enemy Pie



Griffin's Big Question

Can an enemy become a friend? What would need to happen?

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

I meet new people and make new friends.

"The best way to make a new friend is to be one."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson



TIME FOR ICE CREAM!

Friday August 29, 2025
Whole day! 11 am - 11 pm

Mention "McGarvey Elementary" at the store, or order online.

If ordering online:

1. Go to ColdStoneCreamery.com
2. Select the store 4041 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA 95742
3. Enter Coupon Code NICECREAM at checkout

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the McGarvey PFO.



Education Benefits Survey

When you first log in to ParentVue this year, you'll be prompted to answer a few simple questions about your household size and income range. It's important to complete that survey. Here's why - the survey data helps us...

- **get critical funding** - state and federal dollars that could be left on the table but our school really needs!
- **continue to offer free meals** at breakfast & lunch.
- **fund educational programs**, classroom resources, and extracurricular activities.
- **maintain and improve the quality of education** available at McGarvey.

Submitting the form is no cost to you. It's a quick and simple way to contribute to our school's program needs.

All information provided is confidential and is used only for funding purposes. Your privacy is our priority, and your data is securely managed.

What's the **BEST** reason to take this survey?

You'll avoid a phone call from us, asking you to do it.

The survey is that important.

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

- 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
- 29 - Dine Out Day - Coldstone Creamery!

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
- 17 - Dine Out Day - Boba & Bites @ McGarvey
- 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

C TRACK TK ATTENDS EARLY
Wed 9/10 - Field Trip
Thurs 9/11 - Fun Run
Fri 9/12 - Track Change



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





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!

Support our fundraiser with Boba & Bites!

Their food truck will be in front of

Robert McGarvey Elementary School.

4350 Sophistry Dr, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

**Wednesday, September 17, 2025
3 pm - 7 pm**

10% of sales will be donated to the McGarvey PFO.

Congratulations!

The Griffins in these classrooms earned the **MOST POINTS** for their S.O.A.R. behavior in the cafeteria last week.

They got to choose music during Friday's lunch recess!



- 1st—Ms. Karl
- 2nd—Ms. Hanaman
- 3rd—Ms. Salmond
- 4th—Ms. Caston
- 5th—Ms. Dees
- 6th—Ms. Lustig

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

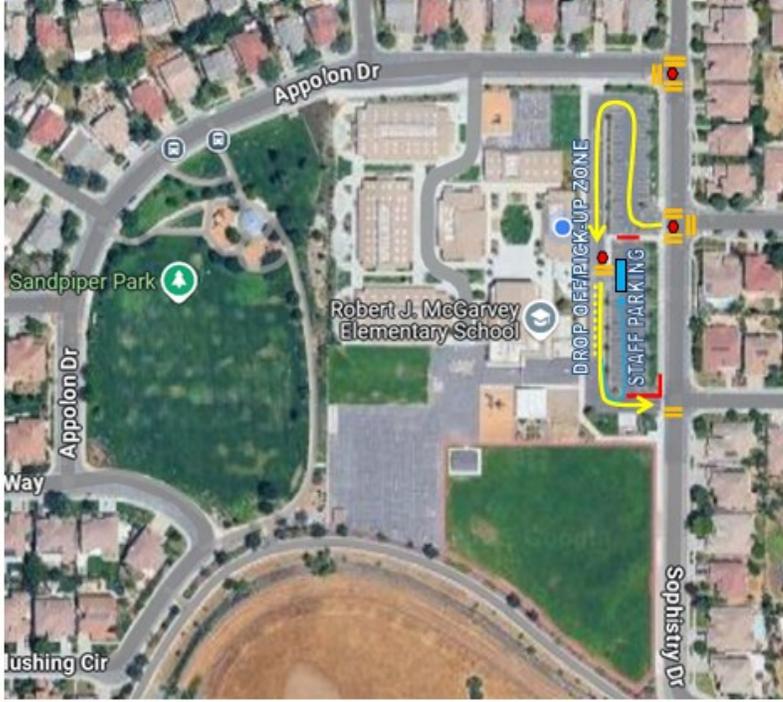
OWN THE COURT. SCAN TO SIGN UP!

NEXTLEVELSPORTS.COM

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
PLEASE EMAIL SCHOLARSHIP@NEXTLEVELSPORTS.COM

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2025-26 McGarvey Elementary Arrival & Dismissal Procedures



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!

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.**

Together we make McGarvey **SAFE!**



GLOW DANCE



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



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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.

2

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



SACRAMENTO LATINO BOOK & FAMILY FESTIVAL

FREE ADMISSION
ENTRADA GRATIS

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13, 2025
10 AM - 3:30 PM

SÁBADO, 13 DE SEPTIEMBRE 2025
10 AM A 3:30 PM

VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
6300 Ehrhardt Ave,
Sacramento, CA 95823



Scan to sign up as an exhibitor

OVER 100 EXHIBITORS

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