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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 4  
August 8, 2025

### Principal's Corner

It's hard to believe it's almost time for our first track-change day! Our B Track friends go off-track on Friday 8/15, which will be a minimum day for all students.

The first day of school for A Track is Monday, August 18. That's also the first day of school for our new special education preschool classes (who will follow the Mod-T calendar)!

So, starting August 18, we'll have about 215 more students on-campus than we've had so far (A is a double-track from TK to 6th).

We're so excited to have everyone back to school - but all these new students means....

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

Keep reading for reminders about arrival & dismissal procedures.

♥ Dr. Mitchell

### TRACK-CHANGE DAY

Good Bye B Track!

Friday, August 15

MINIMUM DAY

DISMISSAL @ 1:35

ALL K & TK

Attend 9:05-12:36



### SPIRIT DAY!!

Friday, 8/15

Too Cool  
for  
School!

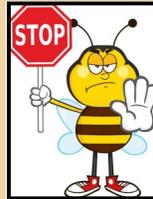


## TRAFFIC SAFETY

### 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!



### Accountable Griffins!

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

**Congrats!**

*I do my part to make McGarvey great!*

#### Transitional Kindergarten

Dani  
Ameek  
Ikansh  
Jaiden

#### Kindergarten

Keely  
Amina  
Nola  
Charlotte

#### 1st Grade

Reese  
Anvika  
Caleigh

#### 2nd Grade

Ellie  
Delta  
Luna  
Lia

#### 3rd Grade

Dylan  
Reed  
Andrei  
Ketsana  
Lincoln

#### 4th Grade

Camila  
Nolan

#### 5th Grade

Brylee  
Penelope  
Anvika

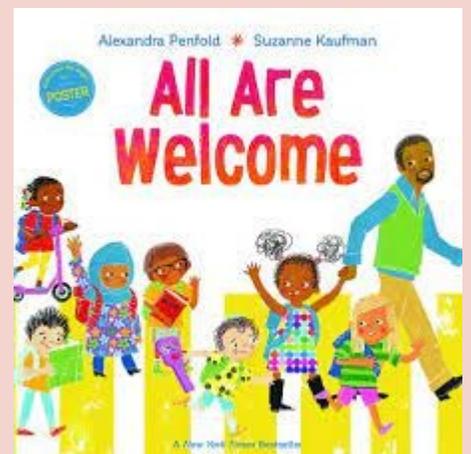
#### 6th Grade

Anaiya  
Hailey  
Parker

## The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN

We Are All Griffins!



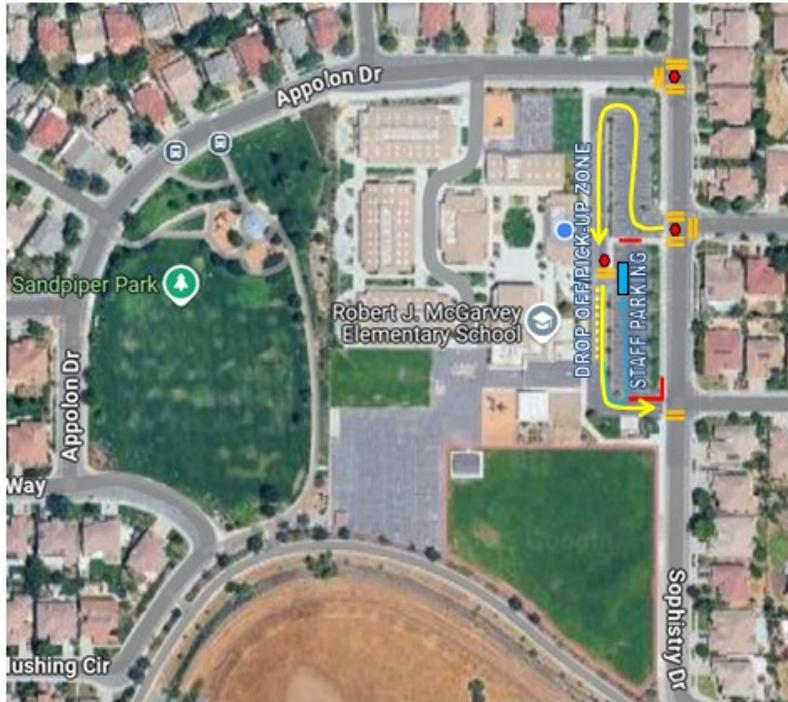
What can we do to make others feel welcome?

Our S.O.A.R. trait next week is Resilient.

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

# 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!

### JOBS AT McGARVEY

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

- Register for an account at [edjoin.org](http://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



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 hear from you! Please stop by, call,

or email. You always have direct access to your admin team!

- Carrie Mitchell, principal [carmitch@egusd.net](mailto:carmitch@egusd.net)
- Becky Ricks, vice principal [bricks@egusd.net](mailto:bricks@egusd.net)
- Carrie Garbett, vice principal [cgarbett@egusd.net](mailto:cgarbett@egusd.net)

## Important Dates

### August

- 14 - 4:30-5:15 TK & K Back to School Night A Track (parents/guardians only)
- 15 - Track Change Day (B goes off) (Minimum Day)
- 15 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 15 - SPIRIT DAY: Too Cool for School
- 15 - 1:00-5:00 TK A PM Ms. Nordquist's Class Meet & Greet (parents & TK students)
- 15 - 3:00-3:45 Kindergarten Meet & Greet A Track AM Classes (parents & K students)
- 15 - 4:00-4:45 Kindergarten Meet & Greet A Track PM Classes (parents & K students)

**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 - Donuts with the Principal
- 21 - 6:30 PM PFO Meeting
- 22 - Fire Drill
- 22 - 5:30-7:00 Back to School GLOW DANCE (for families)
- 22 - C & D Track Deficiencies
- 25 - C & D Track Fun Run Kick Off
- 27 - A Track Picture Day

### September

- 1 - Labor Day NO SCHOOL
- 4 - 6:30 PFO Meeting
- 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 - Fire Drill
- 18 - School Site Council Meeting #1
- 19 - A & B Track Deficiencies

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

## 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



# A TRACK PREVIEW PARTY!



MCGARVEY 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PRESENTS:

# BACK TO SCHOOL GLOW DANCE

CONCESSIONS      GLOW STORE

»» \$10 PER FAMILY ««

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

FRIDAY AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2025  
5:30 TO 7 PM

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

# 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**

# THANK YOU PFO!!



# WE LOVE OUR NEW BACKPACK CARTS!!



## MANDARINS MUSIC ACADEMY



### Attention 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> 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)



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[www.mandarins.org/mma](https://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](mailto:DirectorMMA@mandarins.org).

Special Thanks to  
**CHRIS SMITH**  
MCGARVEY PFO DAD  
for building them!

# 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



Tikiz Shaved Ice Products are:  
• Fat Free  
• Gluten Free  
• Soy Free  
• Wheat Free

SUGAR-FREE FLAVORS AVAILABLE



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### Tikiz On The River

(833) 916-9160

TikizOnTheRiver@tikiz.com

www.Tikiz.com

## 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.

2023 Income Guidelines		
Family Size	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.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

### 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



## 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, please email the principal by August 22, 2025. [carmitch@egusd.net](mailto:carmitch@egusd.net)

## School Entrances & Exits

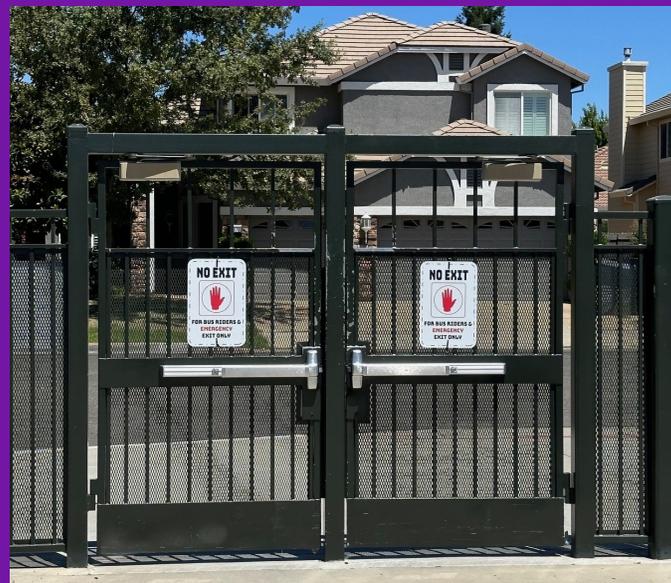
Bee safe! Help us keep our students safe and our campus secure by entering and exiting using only:

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!



## 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](#).