



Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

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

Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 School Year
Week 35
April 3, 2026

Principal's Corner

WELCOME BACK A TRACK!

A Track is our largest track. When they return, so does traffic around the school.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Important Reminders!

We are all responsible for safety at arrival and dismissal time. **Please:**

- Come to a full stop at stop signs.
- Obey the crossing guard. This includes no right turns against the stop sign.
- Stay on the sidewalk and use crosswalks to cross the street.
- Avoid double-parking & parking in the drop-off lane. This blocks traffic for others and adds to the traffic.

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!

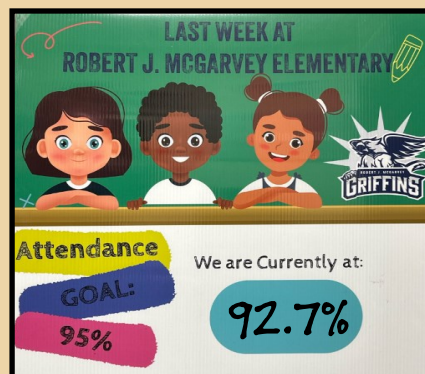
Fines are doubled in school zones!

♥ 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 Team!

Practice
Monday 4/6 @ 3:45

Tuesday 4/7 @ 3:45
vs Fite at home



Good luck, Griffins!



READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE STUDENTS & STAFF AT MCGARVEY?

Our PFO is ready for you to share your time and talents! PFO Board elections are coming up soon.

See page 4 for more information!

Perspective Survey

As we approach the end of the school year, we want you to know how much we have appreciated your support over this past year. Your partnership and feedback have helped make this year a success.

As we begin to think about next year, we need your feedback to guide our efforts. The Parent/Guardian Perspective Survey is available now & until May 8. The information that you provide through this survey will be used to make further improvements to our school and district programs.

Please complete the 2025-26 EGUSD Parent/Guardian Perspective Survey at www.egsurvey.net.



Open-Minded Griffins!

This week, these students were recognized by their teachers.

Congrats!

I listen to understand others.

Transitional Kindergarten

Khailo
Ellie
Andrei

Kindergarten

Nieca
Allan
Kaia
Olivia

1st Grade

Kareem
Angelina
Benny

2nd Grade

Eliana
Rachel

3rd Grade

Lyla
Iqra
Audrey
Samira

4th Grade

Favor
Dana
Jasdeep

5th Grade

Ana'lea
Roman

6th Grade

Kailani
Audrey
Meshau
Ava



The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:
BE ACCEPTING!



Acceptance



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

Griffin's Big Question
What are some ways you calm yourself or stay confident when you're in a new or uncomfortable situation?

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

I accept others the way they are.

"You never really understand a person until you consider things from their point of view."
- Harper Lee

WOW! 20% DONATED TO OUR PFO!



DINE AND Donate

WE'RE SHELLING OUT FOR A GREAT CAUSE!



JIMBOY'S TACOS FUNDRAISER FOR

ROBERT J. MCGARVEY ELEMENTARY

20% OF NET PROCEEDS GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

JIMBOY'S TACOS
4010 SUNRISE BLVD., RANCHO CORDOVA

*Print or show this flyer on your phone to have 20% of net sales donated to the PFO! Dine-In and To Go Orders only. Not valid on third party ordering websites, app, or online orders.

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



5th Grade Nature Bridge



McGarvey
ExL
Expanded Learning | [E](#) [L](#) [E](#) [A](#) [R](#) [N](#) [I](#) [N](#) [G](#)

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM 2026-2027

Dear McGarvey Families,
We are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to you and your student to join our ExL program! Our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing, and enriching environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Our ExL program offers a variety of engaging activities designed to support your student's development and provide them with opportunities for growth. From homework assistance to creative arts and STEM projects, we tailor our program to meet the diverse interests and needs of every student.

LEARNING BENEFITS

- ✓ Caring Staff
- ✓ Homework Support
- ✓ Enrichment Activities
- ✓ Healthy Snacks
- ✓ Physical Activity

ENROLL NOW



Important Dates

April

- 7 - 3:45 Volleyball Game @ Home vs. CRES
- 8 - PBIS Refresher (A Track)
- 8 - 4:30 KAMS Incoming 7th Grade Ice Cream Social
- 8 - PFO Dinner Night Out @ Jimboys Tacos
- 9-25 - Rancho Cordova Student Art Show
- 13-17 - 6th Grade Sly Park Field Trip
- 14 - 3:45 Volleyball Game vs. Pleasant Grove @ home
- 17 - 7th Annual Rancho Cordova Student Art Reception
- 17 - C & D Track Progress Reports
- 21 - Fire Drill
- 22 - 4:00 PFO Meeting (in person)
- 22 - PFO BOARD ELECTIONS
- 23 - PBIS Meeting
- 23 - 3:45 Volleyball Game @ Beitzel
- 24 - Walk & Roll to School!**
- 27 - A & C Kindergarten attends 10:30-2:00
- 27 - 3:45 Volleyball Practice
- 28 - Spring Pictures (A & C) & 6th Grade Promotion Pictures
- 28 - 3:45 Volleyball Game vs. CRES @ home
- 28 - 3:00-6:00 Handel's Ice Cream @ McG
- 30 - 3:45 Volleyball Game @ Adreani
- 30 - 5:30 A & D Track OPEN HOUSE (with Zintzuni Food Truck & Handel's Ice Cream!)**
- 30 - 2:00-7:00 Handel's Ice Cream @ McG
- 30 - PFO Dinner Night Out @ Panera!

May

- 1 - 9:30 B & C Open House Parade
- 1 - BIKE REPAIR DAY!!**
- 2 (Sat) - Community Bike Ride!**
- 4 (Mon) - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 4 (Mon) - Track Change Day (C goes off) (Min. Day)
- 7 - 8:00 Safety Committee
- 8 - SPRING CARNIVAL!**
- 11-22 D Track CAASPP Testing Window
- 14 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (Zoom)
- 20 - 5:00 Spring Band Concert
- 25 - Memorial Day—NO SCHOOL
- 26 - 10:00 D Track Awards (Gr 4-5)
- 28 - 9:20 D Track 6th Grade Promotion
- 28 - 10:30 D Track Kindergarten Promotion
- 28 - 5:30 School Site Council Meeting
- 29 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 29 - Track Change Day (D goes off) (Min. Day)

Show flyer or enter promo code
FUND4U at online checkout.

**RAISE SOME
DOUGH**
Help support us!

20% of sales will benefit
**ROBERT J MCGARVEY
ELEMENTARY PARENT
FACULTY ORGANIZATION**

April 30, 2026
7:00 am to 9:00 pm
3289 Zinfandel Dr
Rancho Cordova, CA

In Cafe Drive-Thru
Pick-Up Delivery

Enter promo code FUND4U at online checkout.

**Panera
FUNDRAISING**



WE'RE HAVING A BOOK FAIR!

Volunteer
at the Book Fair
CLICK HERE



Book Fair Hours

Monday 4/6 3:30-4:30

Tuesday 4/7 3:30-4:30

Wednesday 4/8 3:30-4:30

Classes will also visit the Book Fair during their Library time.

3/26 - 4/8

ROBERT J MCGARVEY ELEM SCHOOL
4350 Sophistry Dr
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

IT'S THE LAST WEEK!

Prepare for the Fair



Book Fair eWallet: The easy way to pay

AVAILABLE BETWEEN:
3/5 - 4/8

Set up a NEW one for each Fair:

- Students shop cash-free
- Teachers build class libraries

CLICK
HERE

GET STARTED



No kid should leave the Fair empty-handed

Contribute to Share the Fair, the giving program that benefits students at our school who need help buying new books.

GIVE NOW

CLICK
HERE

Preview the books at our Fair

Take a 360° virtual tour and explore gotta-have books, watch video book trailers, and more!

CLICK
HERE

PREVIEW THE BOOKS



READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF MCGARVEY?

Be part of something meaningful—our Parent Faculty Organization (PFO). The PFO connects families and staff to support students, enrich programs, and strengthen our school community.

We're seeking parents and guardians to serve in one-year board positions. These roles are a great way to make a direct impact, share your ideas, and help guide the work of the PFO. Support and collaboration are built in—you won't be doing it alone.

Whether you can volunteer occasionally or are interested in a leadership role, your involvement matters and makes a real difference for our students.

To learn more, express interest, or nominate yourself for a board position, please scan the QR code or email secretary@rjmepfo.org



We'd love to have you involved.

JOIN THE PFO BOARD NEXT YEAR

One Year Positions for the 2026-2027 School Year

Executive Board: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

General Board Positions: Art Program Director, Room Parent Director, Teacher Appreciation Director, Sponsorship Director, Dinner Night Out (DNO) Director, Social Media Director, Membership Director, Communications Director

**Voting will happen at the PFO April Board Meeting
on April 22, 2026, 4pm at RJMES**



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!**

New school hours for 2026-27

8:40-3:10

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

AM TK & K is 8:40-12:11
PM TK & K is 11:29-3:10

OFFICE HOURS
7:30 am -4:30 pm

HAMMERHEAD WORMS?!



Have you ever seen such a thing??

These very cool-looking worms have been spotted near Sandpiper Park. But it turns out they're invasive & not welcome:

- They prey on earthworms and other beneficial friends.
- They produce a toxic mucus that could be an irritant to eyes, nose, mouth, skin, etc. if hands are not washed after touching.

Wonder what to do if you spot one?
[Check out this article!](#)

Children are eligible if they were born between September 2, 2022, and September 1, 2023, or if they will turn 3 years old before starting the program.

No income requirements & MUST be able to provide transportation

PRESCHOOL JOIN OUR EGUSD INTEGRATED PEER PROGRAM 2026-2027

Upcoming Dates for Zoom Information Meetings

- ✓ March 9, 2026
- ✓ May 18, 2026
- ✓ April 20, 2026
- ✓ June 8, 2026

Zoom informational meetings will be held on the dates listed above at the following times:

8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.

Attendance at one of the informational meetings is required.

Zoom Meeting I.D.

<https://egusd-net.zoom.us/j/86979946950>

Meeting ID: 869 7994 6950

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact us:

Jennifer Lipsky (jlipsky@egusd.net)

Shelly Moua (shmoua@egusd.net)



PROMOTION

is just around the corner!

Here's the schedule:

Thurs., May 28, 2026

9:20 - D Track 6th

10:30 - D Track Kinder

Mon., June 22, 2026

9:30 - A Track Kinder

10:20 - B Track Kinder

Tues., June 23, 2026

9:30 - C Track Kinder

Thurs., June 25, 2026

9:30 - C Track 6th

10:15 - B Track 6th

11:15 - A Track 6th



MAY IS BIKE MONTH

at McGarvey!



Friday, May 1

FREE BIKE TUNE-UPS FOR STUDENTS

Get your Griffin's bike
repaired for FREE while
they're in class!

Saturday, May 2

COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE TO ANATOLIA MARKETPLACE

Join this family-friendly ride
and enjoy a free drink from
Dutch Bros or Jamba Juice!

Space is limited. Registration required.

Register at

bit.ly/mcgarvey-mibm26



Sponsored By:

50 Corridor TMA

RANCHO CORDOVA

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For questions:

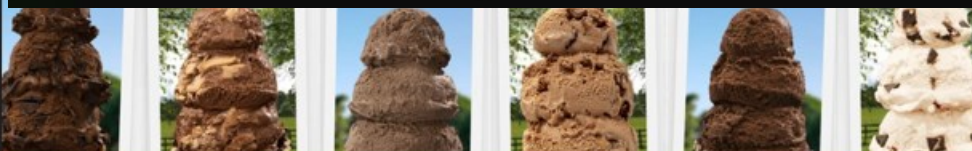
Alyssa Lee

916.234.6570

team@50corridor.com

Autism is not a disability, it's a
different ability.

— Stuart Duncan —



**Handel's Homemade Ice Cream will be at
McGarvey Elementary School**

Tuesday, April 28: 3 PM - 6 PM

Thursday, April 30: 2 PM - 7 PM

Cash, credit card, and tap payments are accepted.



Elk Grove Unified School District
EGUSD

WELLNESS CONNECTION



How do I make healthier choices when eating at home?

Dos

- **Plan weekly meals.** Keep it simple—assign easy themes like pasta night, taco night, or pizza night. Include quick veggie sides such as precut salads or microwavable vegetables.
- **Make healthy swaps.** Use low fat dairy, choose fat free or low fat milk or fortified soy beverages, replace some meat dishes with seafood or beans, and sneak finely chopped veggies into kid friendly meals.
- **Eat most meals at home.** You'll likely eat healthier. Limit screens while eating, cook together, and explore healthy recipes online.
- **Prep healthy snacks.** Keep veggies with low-calorie dip, fruit with yogurt, baked chips, nuts, or air popped popcorn ready to grab. Keep whole fruit visible on the counter.

Don'ts

- **Don't add extra fat to meats or fish.** Grill or bake instead of frying; if you fry, use healthier oils like olive or canola.
- **Avoid daily processed treats like packaged cakes or chips.** Choose whole foods instead and keep cut up veggies handy.
- **Don't ignore portions.** Packages often contain multiple servings. Divide large packages into smaller portions, and try using a smaller plate.

Source: <https://womenshealth.gov/healthy-eating/how-eat-health/making-healthier-eating-choices>

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



**“I am different,
not less.”**

—TEMPLE GRANDIN



RD

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

4/15/26



Boundaries, Expectations and Connection

Come explore the vital connection between clear boundaries, consistent expectations, and effective discipline. Gain tools to improve communication, foster accountability, and support positive behavior while strengthening adult-child relationships. Learn practical strategies to create safe, respectful environments where children can thrive—both in the classroom and at home.



EGUSD FAMILY RESOURCES

Griffins Help Griffins Walk and Bike to School!

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



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



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	\$1,500.00	\$18,000.00
3	\$2,000.00	\$24,000.00
4	\$2,500.00	\$30,000.00
5	\$3,000.00	\$36,000.00
6	\$3,500.00	\$42,000.00
7	\$4,000.00	\$48,000.00
8	\$4,500.00	\$54,000.00
Over 8	\$5,000.00	\$60,000.00

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

Bring an ID
for easier
registration

December 4th 3:45 - 5:15
December 10th 3:45 - 5:15
January 6th 3:45 - 5:15
January 13th 3:45 - 5:15
February 3rd 3:45 - 5:15
February 10th 3:45 - 5:15
March 6th 3:45 - 5:15
April 2nd 3:45 - 5:15
April 16th 3:45 - 5:15
May 7th 3:45 - 5:15
May 21st 3:45 - 5:15



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.

