



Principal's Corner

At McGarvey, learning extends far beyond reading, writing, and math. Every day, our students practice the skills they need to build positive relationships, communicate effectively, and solve problems respectfully. These social-emotional skills help students live out our Griffin values of being **Safe, Open-Minded, Accountable, and Resilient**.

One strategy we teach and reinforce is **Stop-Walk-Talk**. This simple process empowers students to handle everyday peer conflicts independently and seek adult support when appropriate.

When a student experiences teasing, unkind words, or unwanted behavior, we encourage them to first say **"STOP"** in a clear, confident voice. The expectation is that the other student immediately respects that request. They do not argue, justify their actions, or continue the behavior – they just stop. When students honor each other's boundaries, many conflicts are resolved quickly and respectfully.

If the behavior continues, the next step is to **WALK** away. Creating some physical and emotional space often helps students calm down, refocus, and choose a better path forward. Walking away might mean joining a different activity or group, sitting somewhere else, or taking a break. Choosing to walk away is not giving up - it's making a responsible decision to avoid further conflict.

If the problem still isn't resolved after using both STOP and WALK, it's time to **TALK** to a trusted adult. This could be a teacher, yard supervisor, administrator, campus security, or parent. When students ask for help, adults will first ask whether they have already tried the STOP and WALK steps. We then work with the students to solve the problem, teach appropriate conflict-resolution skills, and help repair relationships.

Of course, there are times when students should seek adult help immediately. If a child experiences bullying, serious threats, or physical harm, we want them to tell a trusted adult right away without first attempting to handle the situation on their own.

You can help reinforce this important strategy at home by asking your child, "Did you use Stop-Walk-Talk today?" and encouraging them to practice these skills in everyday situations. When school and home work together, students develop the confidence, resilience, and communication skills that will serve them well both in and out of the classroom.

♥ Dr. Mitchell

Attendance Matters

Our goals for 2026-27:

- Every student on time every day.
- 95% of students here all day, every day.

Here's how we did last week:

- **136** Tardy students
- **107** Absent students
- **32** Students left early
- **96.0%** daily attendance

Great job hitting our daily attendance goal! But too many students are arriving late. Remember, classrooms are open at 8:30. The gate closes and school starts at 8:40. If your family is running late for 8:40, try aiming for 8:30 instead. If you're a few minutes 'late' for 8:30, you'll still be on time for school!

What's for Lunch?

Want to child plan ahead for your child's favorite school breakfasts & lunches?

[Click here to see EGUSD's breakfast & lunch menus!](#)



Safe Griffins!

This week, these students were recognized by their teachers.

Congrats!

I have the courage to spread my wings and try new things!

TK

Journi
Charli

Kindergarten

Madeleine
Natalie

1st Grade

Charlotte
Samantha

2nd Grade

Elena
Logan
Allyson

3rd Grade

Eloise
Kaleb
Nate

4th Grade

Ella
Robbie
Caitlin

5th Grade

Laila
Sumreet
Dylan

6th Grade

Jack
Roman
Damian

The McGarvey Way A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:

Griffins Take Flight!



[Click HERE for a link to a read aloud on YouTube.](#)

The children in this story have different experiences, traditions, languages and interests.

Gully's Big Question

How can being open minded help us make new friends?

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

I am willing to explore new ideas and possibilities.

"The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled."

- Plutarch



Important Dates

August

- 6 - BCD Picture Day
- 10 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (zoom)
- 13 - SCC TK/K First Day of School (Trad Calendar)
- 13 - 4:30 A Track TK/K Back to School Night (parents/guardians only, please)
- 14 - 9:00-1:00 A Track TK Meet & Greet
- 14 - 3:30 A Track Kindergarten Meet & Greet
- 14 - Track Change Day—B Goes Off Track (Minimum Day)
- 14 - Griffin Store & Griffin Gala
- 14 - SPIRIT DAY: **Inside-Out Day**
- 14 - Assist Family Engagement Night
- 17 - **A Track First Day of School**
- 17 - SCC Preschool First Day of School (Mod. Trad Calendar)
- 17 - A Track PBIS Kick-Off
- 18 - **A Track Back to School Night** (parents/guardians only, please)
 - 5:00 Parent Welcome Meeting
 - 5:35 Grades 1-6 Session #1
 - 6:10 Grades 1-6 Session #2
- 18 - CD Progress Reports
- 19 - A Track PBIS Assembly
- 25 - Vision/Hearing Screening (TK, K, 2nd, 5th)
- 26 - A Track & SCC Picture Day
- 28 - 5:30 Back to School Dance

September

- 1 - Vision/Hearing Screening (TK, K, 2nd, 5th)
- 1 - School Site Council Meeting #1
- 3 - 8:45 Donuts with the Principal
- 7 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- 10 - CD Fun Run!
- 11 - Track Change Day—C Goes Off Track (Minimum Day)
- 11 - Griffin Store & Griffin Gala
- 14 - B Track Returns
- 24 - Cross Country Meet
- 25 - B Track Progress Reports
- 28 - C Track Progress Reports

Wellness Corner

Welcome to a new school year! The Wellness Department is excited to partner with our students, families, and staff to support every child's well-being and help create a positive, welcoming school community.

Meet Our Wellness Team:

- **Brittany Smith** – Mental Health Therapist
- **Cynthia Rios** – School Counselor
- **Jennifer Harty** – School Psychologist
- **Angelyne Landicho** – Behavior Support Specialist



Each month, we'll share a Wellness Corner featuring family resources, wellness tips, and activities to support students' social-emotional growth.

July & August Focus: School Belonging This month, we're helping students build friendships, establish healthy routines, and develop a growth mindset so they feel connected, confident, and ready to learn.

We look forward to partnering with you for a wonderful year of learning, growing, and thriving together!

This is not an EGUUSD sponsored program and EGUUSD does not accept liability or responsibility for this activity or program



50 Corridor TMA

Walk & Roll to McGarvey!

Avoid morning drop-off stress, enhance student learning with movement, and improve air quality for everyone.

Try one of these smart routes to school:



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lead a walking bus or bike bus to help Griffins get to school.

Contact Alyssa Lee @ (916) 234-6570, team@50corridor.com

RANCHO CORDOVA

This is not an Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) sponsored program and EGUSD accepts no liability or responsibility for this program/activity. Always use judgment in sending your child out on public streets without your supervision.

EGUSD

Elk Grove Unified School District
JOIN OUR INTEGRATED PEER

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

where every child's unique abilities are celebrated and nurtured

Families interested in the program are required to attend a virtual informational meeting before their child can be considered for enrollment.

JOIN US

- Children must be 3 years old or turn 3 before start date.
- No income eligibility requirements.
- Toilet training is recommended but not required.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for providing transportation.

August 11, 2026

9:00 AM, 12:00 PM, or 3:00 PM

Google Meet joining info
<https://meet.google.com/hah-tpvr-oes>

Or dial: (US) 1 (650)-980-4053
PIN: 469 268 260 #

OR
SCAN ME TO JOIN!



916-686-7780

Jennifer Lipsky (jlipsky@egusd.net)
Shelly Moua (shmoua@egusd.net)

Safety on the Bike Trails

We are fortunate to have many McGarvey students who walk, bike, and scooter to school using the neighborhood trail.

As the school year gets underway, we'd like to remind families to review a few important safety expectations with your child.

Please encourage your child to:

- Ride single file when passing others.
- Slow down and give walkers plenty of space.
- Alert pedestrians by using a bike bell or saying, "Passing on your left."
- Keep their eyes on the path and avoid distractions such as phones while riding.
- Be especially mindful of younger children, families, and older adults who may not hear riders approaching.

A few extra moments of courtesy and awareness help ensure that everyone can enjoy a safe trip to and from school.

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our McGarvey community safe!



DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
ROBERT J MCGARVEY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PFO

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH | 4-8PM
4001 SUNRISE BLVD, RANCHO CORDOVA, CA, 95742

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **M3RC6D2**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.