

# LIVE FROM



# THE HIVE

# Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

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

## Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 School Year

Week 20  
December 5, 2025

### Principal's Corner

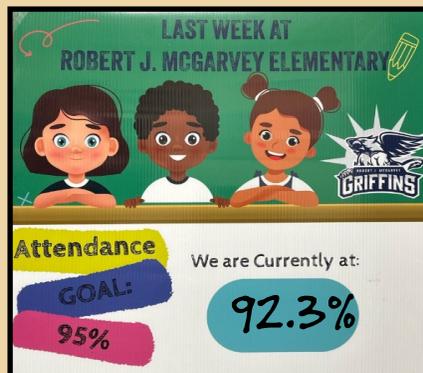
**HOLIDAY STARS!** Every year, all the elementary schools in the City of Rancho Cordova honor two students for their resilience. Alongside Rancho Cordova Council Member David Sander and RCPD Chief Matthew Tamayo, Dr. Mitchell was proud to acknowledge **Laron** and **Lorann**, two McGarvey Kindergarten students. On Wednesday Dec. 3rd, they were honored with a special breakfast and a \$100 Target shopping spree with a Rancho Cordova Police Officer! We are so grateful for our partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova, and for the opportunity to recognize two amazing Griffins!

We're falling short of our attendance goal. Let's make sure kids are in school every day on time!  
♥ 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:



### Accountable Griffins!

This week, these students were recognized by their teachers.  
**Congrats!**



*Shining my light brightly doesn't dim anyone else's.*

#### Transitional Kindergarten

Tobias

#### 3rd Grade

Thiago  
Hivah  
Grayson  
Lorenzo

#### Kindergarten

Adam  
Carmina  
Srinag  
Ellie  
Dakota

#### 4th Grade

Savannah  
Leah  
Brandon  
Ella

#### 1st Grade

Isabella  
Meccah  
Naturee  
George

#### 5th Grade

Ethan A.  
Ethan  
Maddie

#### 2nd Grade

Natalie  
Bryson  
Alyzandria  
Kyle

#### 6th Grade

Lucas  
Zoe  
Joey

MCGARVEY PFO TOGETHER WITH HOPE FOR HAYES PRESENTS...

## SANTA HOLIDAY EVENT & CHILDHOOD CANCER TOY DRIVE

DEC. 19, 2025 5-7PM

- PHOTO WITH SANTA (BRING YOUR CAMERA- SANTA AND BACKDROP PROVIDED)
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- CHRISTMAS COOKIES
- LETTERS TO SANTA
- HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFTS
- CLASS CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING CONTEST VOTING

BRING A NEW UNWRAPPED TOY DONATION

ONE TOY, ANY SIZE, PER FAMILY FOR ADMISSION

EXTRA TOYS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED

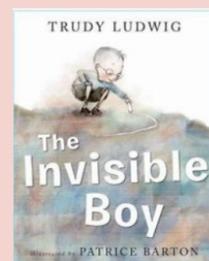
ALL TOYS WILL BE DONATED TO KAISER ROSEVILLE WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OR KEATONS CHILDHOOD CANCER ALLIANCE

\*This is not an EGUSD sponsored program and EGUSD does not accept liability or responsibility for this activity or program\*

### The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:  
SHINE FROM WITHIN

'Bee' the Light!



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

**Griffin's Big Question**  
*Why is it important to notice the little light shining inside other people, even when you're upset?*

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

*My light brightens everyone around me, and it brightens me too.*

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up."  
- Mark Twain

# CA ED CODE 53008: READING DIFFICULTIES SCREENER 2025-26

Elk Grove Unified School District



## WHAT IS THE SCREENER?

In 2023, a new state education law was passed requiring all CA school districts to screen all kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students for risk of reading difficulties starting in the 2025-26 school year. This school year, EGUSD will implement the Multitudes screener for all students in those grades about midway through the school year. It is a quick, one-on-one assessment of critical areas of reading and language.

CHECK OUT THE VIDEO WITH MORE INFO BELOW:



## BENEFITS

The results of the screener will be used to help teachers and school staff to know what additional reading supports to provide to students. These earlier interventions may prevent future reading difficulties and special education needs.

## EXCEPTIONS

Students will not have to take the screener if:

- they are on an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) for reading or being tested for one.
- their parent/guardian opts out of the screener (form available in the school office).
- they do not currently have proficiency in English or Spanish (an alternative screening process will take place).

## SCREENER RESULTS

- Will be shared with families within 45 calendar days
- Will NOT be used to for diagnosis of a learning disability, special education identification, student reclassification or retention, or on the student report card

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### ATTEND A FAMILY INFO SESSION

11/5/25: 5-6 pm  
or  
12/4/25: 6-7pm

Zoom: <https://egusd-net.zoom.us/j/86705953679>  
Meeting ID: 867 0595 3679

### CLICK ON THE QR CODE FOR AN FAQ SHEET



## Important Dates

### December

- 9 - Fire Drill
- 9 - 5:00 Winter Band Concert
- 11 - 5:30 School Site Council
- 18 - PBIS Meeting
- 19 - 5:00 PFO Santa Holiday Event!
- 22 - 9:30 A Track Holidays Around the World
- 23 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 23 - SPIRIT DAY: TBD
- 23 - Track Change Day (C goes off) (Minimum Day)
- 24-1/2/26 - Winter Break NO SCHOOL

### January

- 5 - School Resumes
- 5 - AB Track Returns
- 15 - 8:00 Safety Committee
- 15 - Fire Drill
- 15 - 6:30 PFO Meeting
- 22 - 5:30 School Site Council Meeting
- 22-23 - 4th Grade Coloma Trip (AD)
- 26 - PFO Valentine Gram Sales Start!
- 29 - 9:30 Donuts with the Principal

## School Site Council Meeting

Our next meeting is re-scheduled for Thursday 12/11 at 5:30 via zoom.

### Agenda:

- Review and approve 1st Fall Meeting minutes
- Site LCAP Evaluation; review Goals 3 & 4; discuss impact on current year's programs
- Review site LCAP actions and align & approve budgets; vote on approval of changes, if needed

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 862 0495 1562

Passcode: 204464

## Griffins Help Griffins Walk and Bike to School!



50 Corridor TMA



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 [rin66@gmail.com](mailto:rin66@gmail.com) or (916) 792-7462.



## Holiday Stars!

Congratulations to our Holiday Stars, pictured above with their mom, Mrs. Mullard, Dr. Mitchell, and SANTA! Shown at left with EGUSD Superintendent Chris Hoffman.

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**NOTICE TO PARENTS**

**KINDERGARTEN**  
&  
**TRANSITIONAL**  
**KINDERGARTEN**

**If your child turns 4\* years old  
on or before September 1, 2026**

**you may register them for the  
2026-2027 school year**

**New Student Enrollment Packets  
available at the school office  
or online at [EGUSD.net](http://EGUSD.net) starting on:**

**January 20, 2026  
7:30AM**

**If you have questions about the  
Registration Process please ask your school office staff.**

**Transitional Kindergarten Eligible - Child turns 4 years old on or before  
September 1, 2026**

**Kindergarten Eligible- Child turns 5 years old on or before  
September 1, 2026**



**Open Door  
Open Ears  
Open Heart**

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!

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**Elf is BACK!!**