

# 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 21

December 12, 2025

### Principal's Corner

MANDARINS MUSIC ACADEMY! Thursday evening brought a lovely Winter Concert, celebrating the hard work our young Griffins have applied to learning an instrument! Much thanks to 'Mr. J' for his instruction, and to our families for their encouragement.



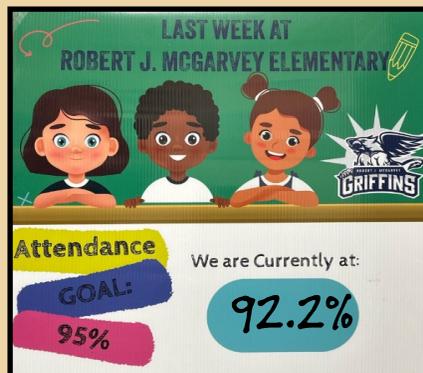
Sure hope to see you at Friday night's Santa Holiday Event! Everyone will find fun, festive, family activities, and together our toy donations till make a difference for local families.

♥ 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:



### Resilient Griffins!

This week, these students were recognized by their teachers.

**Congrats!**

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

#### Transitional Kindergarten

Jessie  
Ananya

#### Kindergarten

Aubrey  
Spurgeon  
Skylar  
Kadyn  
Jemma



#### 3rd Grade

Kamela  
Haley  
Ka'Majie  
Stella

#### 4th Grade

Matthias  
Addison  
Sanaya  
Simar

#### 5th Grade

Cylus  
Chloe  
Hailey

#### 2nd Grade

J'Ream  
Ferdows  
Camden  
Fateh

#### 6th Grade

Sashiba  
Marie  
Tanraj  
Lucas

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

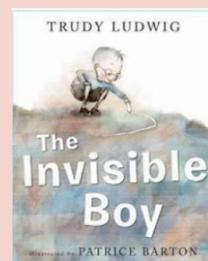
ALL TOYS WILL BE DONATED TO KAISER ROSEVILLE WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OR KEATONS CHILDHOOD CANCER ALLIANCE

\*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**  
What is something you can do next week to show someone you see their light?

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

*I make the world a brighter place when I share my light others.*

"You have to be a little bit crazy to do great things."  
- Roald Dahl, *Matilda*

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



**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.



**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



**Important Dates**

**December**

- 15 - 3:45 A & B Boys Basketball Practice
- 15 - 5:00 Parent Meeting
- 15 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 16 - 3:45 A Boys Basketball Practice
- 17 - 3:35-5:30 ExL/ASSIST Family Engagement Event
- 18 - PBIS Meeting
- 18 - 3:45 A & B Boys Basketball Practice
- 19 - 5:00 PFO Santa Holiday Event!
- 22 - 9:30 A Track Holidays Around the World
- 23 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 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
- 19 - MLK Jr. Birthday NO SCHOOL
- 20 - TK/K Registration Opens for 2026-27
- 22-23 - 4th Grade Trip to Coloma (A & D)

**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](mailto:erin66@gmail.com) or (916) 792-7462.**

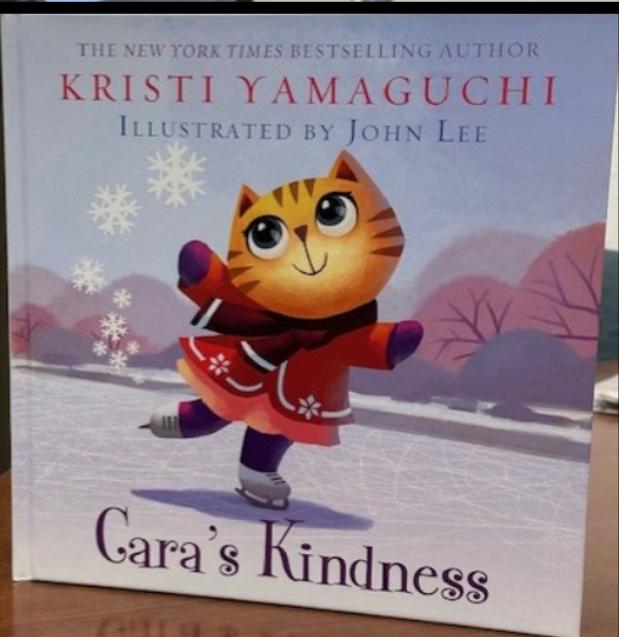
**Go 4 Pizza**

Support the fundraiser for Robert McGarvey Elementary School PFO

**Sunday, Dec. 21  
11 am - 8:30 pm**

4036 Sunrise Blvd #100  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

**A portion of proceeds will go to the Robert J. McGarvey Elementary School PFO.**



Thank you to **Dignity Health** for donating this book to our school library (2 copies - one in English and one in Spanish)! Students can check it out next time they're in the library!



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** 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



**You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch!**

**HOLIDAY RESOURCES**

**HOLIDAY GIFTS AND TOYS**

**HOLIDAY BASKETS**

**HOLIDAY MEALS**

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

BY ZIP CODE

CALL: 2-1-1 OR 1-916-498-1000



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**FOOD PANTRIES**

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