



Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

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

Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 School Year

Week 41
May 15, 2026

Principal's Corner

Hope you were able to join us for Spring -A-Palooza on Friday evening! It was great to see so many families here! A special thanks to our **PFO Executive Board** for organizing everything down to the smallest detail, and to all of the **family members, teachers, & staff who volunteered** at the event. It takes a village to throw a party that big - and it couldn't have happened without you! **THANK YOU!** ♥ Dr. Mitchell

Track Assignments for 2026-27

We are aiming to email all McGarvey families their 2026-27 track assignments by Monday evening. Hopefully there will be no surprises - any family experiencing a track-change should have already had a personal conversation with us.

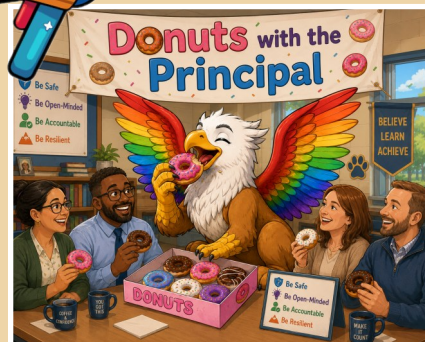
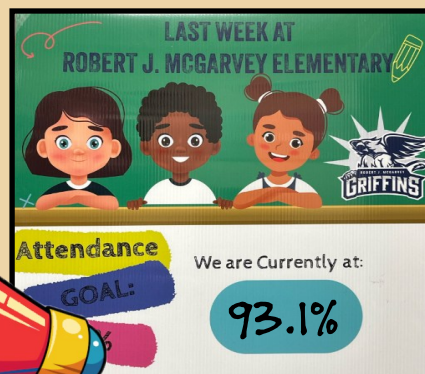
Enrollment conditions are subject to change and are continuously being evaluated by EGUSD staff. As such, **track assignments are still considered tentative.**

Balancing classes at a year-round school is like a three-dimensional sudoku game! Thank you to the generous families who volunteered to change tracks so others can stay put. And to the many families affected by track-changes, we appreciate the gracious way you handled the news. You are amazing examples of 'The McGarvey Way,' and what makes our school community so awesome!

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:



Please join us & meet our special guest, **Taylor Haven!** She is a long time resident of Rancho Cordova and an event specialist with the **Cordova Community Council**- the team who lights up the sky each 4th of July and the tree on Christmas. Come hear more about how to become more involved in Rancho Cordova, learn some history, and ask questions!

Thurs., May 21 @ 9:30-10:30
in the Office!



Resilient Griffins!

This week, these students were recognized by their teachers.

Congrats!

I can do hard things.

Transitional Kindergarten

Claire
Sofia
Maneh
Lukas

Kindergarten

David
Aarshi
Michael
Jemma

1st Grade

Isabella
Tr'hue
Arya
Wyatt

2nd Grade

Caleb
Natalie
Bella
Daniel
Ferdows

3rd Grade

Nikki
Noah
Cameron
Stella
Ryker

4th Grade

Mus
Jezabel
Maverick
Jermaine
Elliott

5th Grade

Zachary
Mrs. Kool
Penny

6th Grade

BJ
Reina
Colton
Nasir
Brooklyn

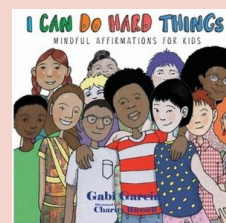


The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:
BE MINDFUL!



Happy & Healthy Minds



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

Griffin's Big Question

What can you say to yourself when something feels really hard or frustrating?

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

I make healthy choices.

"You don't have to control your thoughts. You just have to stop letting them control you."
- Dan Millman

PIZZA TIME



PAPA MURPHY'S PIZZA

10931 Olson Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

916-636-7272

MAY 28, 2026

BRING THIS FLYER OR PROVIDE:
**ROBERT J. MCGARVEY
ELEMENTARY**

15%

**15% OF YOUR ORDER
WILL GO BACK TO
YOUR ORGANIZATION**



**NO
SCHOOL**

Monday 5/25

Memorial Day

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

Capitol Region Engineering, Science, & Technology (CREST) is an inquiry-based engineering design program for K-6 students. McGarvey’s team spent many weeks getting ready for the CREST Summit at Valley High School. On May 9th, they competed and brought home a ton of awards!

First Place

Luke: 3rd Grade Math

Second Place

Nina: Kapla Blocks
Cooper: 4th Grade Math
Neel: 5th Grade Math

Third Place

Courtney, Leo, Nina: Rubber Band Racers
Jayden: 4th Grade Math

These students earned a S.O.A.R. Award for rising above challenges through collaboration, determination, and a positive mindset at the CREST Summit on May 9, 2026.

3rd Grade

Khang
Luke
Layla
Nina

4th Grade

Elanore
Eunie
Jayden
Laila
Nolan
Orion
Sophiya

5th Grade

Abigail
Amerlie
Brylee
Chloe
Nathan
Neel
Yousef

6th Grade

Aiden
Courtney
Elijah
Joseph
Leo
Lucas
Wesley

Thank You
Mrs. Shepard &
Ms. Edwards!



Important Dates

May

- 19 - Office Staff Appreciation Day
- 20 - 5:00 Spring Band Concert
- 21 - PBIS Meeting
- 21 - 9:15 Donuts with the Principal
- 25 - Memorial Day—NO SCHOOL
- 26 - 10:00 D Track Awards (Gr 4-5)
- 26 - D Track Pop Up Day
- 26 - 2:00 2026 McGarvey Alumni High School Graduation Walk!
- 28 - 8:00 Safety Committee
- 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 Last Day of School) (Min. Day)

June

- 5-12 - ABC Tracks CAASPP Testing Window (Grades 3-6)
- 10 - 6:00 PFO Skate Night at The Rink
- 19 - Juneteenth—NO SCHOOL
- 22 - Kindergarten Promotion
 - 9:30 A Track
 - 10:20 B Track
- 23 - 9:30 C Track Kindergarten Promotion
- 24 - 9:30 A Track Awards (Gr 4-5)
- 24 - 10:20 BC Tracks Awards (Gr 4-5)
- 25 - 6th Grade Promotion
 - 9:30 C Track
 - 10:15 B Track
 - 11:15 A Track
- 25 - Schoolwide Picnic Lunch!
- 26 - ABC Last Day of School (minimum day)

EAGLECOURSE

Robotics Summer Camp

Join FRC Team 2073 for a four days robotics STEM camp!

Design, build, and explore robots in an educational and competitive hands-on environment! Build fun STEM activities such as pulleys, levers, and gear ratios while learning to program with VEX IQ. Scan the QR code or click the link below to register and learn more!



Registration Fee: \$195 per camper (includes an EagleForce T- shirt)

- Dates:
- Session 1: June 17-20 (9 AM - 3 PM)
 - Session 2: June 24-27 (9 AM - 3 PM)
 - Session 3: July 8-11 (9 AM - 3 PM)

Registration [here](#)

EagleCourse@Team2073.com

This is not an Elk Grove Unified School District sponsored program and EGUSD accepts no liability or responsibility for this program/activity.

Team2073.com

@EagleForce2073

PALOOZA





**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING,
HEAR SOMETHING,
OR KNOW SOMETHING,**

**SEE
SOMETHING**



Look out for something that doesn't seem right.

**HEAR
SOMETHING**



Listen for something that worries you.

**KNOW
SOMETHING**



You may know something that can help keep someone safe.

SAY SOMETHING!



**IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY
TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE!**

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



PROMOTION

is just around the corner!

Thurs, May 28, 2026

9:20 - D Track 6th

10:30 - D 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

Mon., June 22, 2026

9:30 - A Track Kinder

10:20 - B Track Kinder

CALLING
MCGARVEY
ALUM...

Congratulations, Graduates!

CLASS OF 2026

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
SPECIAL ASSEMBLY!
PRESENCE IN YOUR CAP & GOWN IS
REQUESTED, AS WE WOULD LIKE TO
HONOR YOU WITH A TRADITIONAL
GRADUATION PARADE.

Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

Tuesday, May 26 at 2:00 pm
(following mandatory graduation rehearsal)



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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.

PRESCHOOL JOIN OUR EGUSD INTEGRATED PEER PROGRAM 2026-2027

No income
requirements &
MUST be able to
provide
transportation

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)



**McGarvey
EXL**
Expanded Learning

**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



**Heading to
Cypress Grove
next year?**

**JOIN THE PFO!
CLICK the PIC
to get started!**

Join. Give. Grow.

Join the PFO.
Give Back.
Make an Impact.
Donate Today.

**CYPRESS GROVE
PFO**

WWW.CYPRESSGROVEPFO.ORG

BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL BE RESPONSIBLE

**ASIAN
PACIFIC
AMERICAN**
HERITAGE MONTH

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	

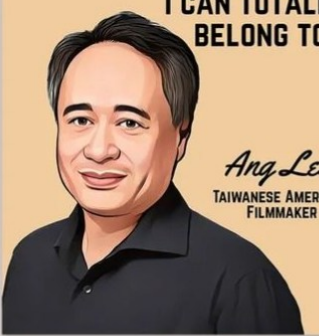
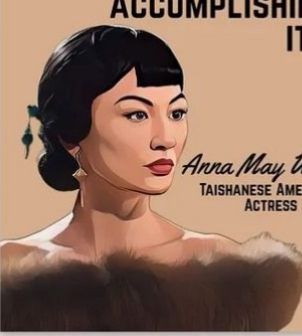
Transfer requests for the upcoming school year may be turned in beginning in April. Please contact the Elk Grove Unified School District, Elementary Education Division for more information:

Robert L. Trigg Education Center
9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road
Room 215
Elk Grove, CA 95624

(916) 686-7704



Asian American Leaders

"I INTEND TO LIVE LIFE, NOT JUST EXIST."  <i>George Takei</i> JAPANESE AMERICAN ACTOR AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST	"I'M A DRIFTER AND AN OUTSIDER. THERE'S NOT ONE SINGLE ENVIRONMENT I CAN TOTALLY BELONG TO."  <i>Ang Lee</i> TAIWANESE AMERICAN FILMMAKER	"THE MAIN STUMBLING BLOCKS IN THE WAY OF ANY PROGRESS IS AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN UNIMPEACHABLE TRADITION."  <i>Dr. Chien-Shiung Wu</i> CHINESE AMERICAN NUCLEAR PHYSICIST	"THE HARDER THE WORK, THE GREATER THE SATISFACTION IN ACCOMPLISHING IT."  <i>Anna May Wong</i> TAISHANESE AMERICAN ACTRESS
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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 TAMAÑO DEL HOGAR	MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME INGRESOS MENSUALES DEL HOGAR	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME INGRESOS ANUALES DEL HOGAR
1	\$3,084.78	\$36,777.50
2	\$4,141.68	\$49,700.50
3	\$5,218.06	\$62,627.50
4	\$6,298.04	\$75,582.50
5	\$7,375.13	\$88,477.50
6	\$8,458.21	\$101,498.50
7	\$9,527.28	\$114,327.50
8	\$10,604.38	\$127,252.50
Over 8 Más de 8 personas	Add \$1,071.08 each Añada \$1,071.08 por cada persona	Add \$12,826.00 each Añada \$12,826.00 por cada persona

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:

December 4th 3:45 - 5:15
December 18th 3:45 - 5:15
January 8th 3:45 - 5:15
January 22nd 3:45 - 5:15
February 5th 3:45 - 5:15
February 19th 3:45 - 5:15
March 5th 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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Bring bags or a
cart for easier
choosing and
carrying

Bring an ID
for easier
registration



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.	