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Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

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

Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 School Year

Week 25

January 23, 2026

Principal's Corner

ARE YOU SIGNED UP FOR WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY THIS FRIDAY 1/30?

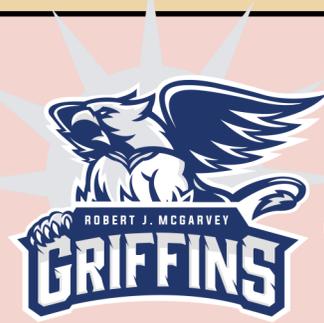
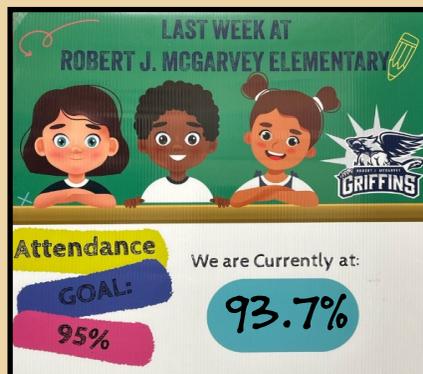
Send your Griffin to school on one of our walking or bike buses. **Did someone say donuts?** Morning exercise helps students learn better, and fewer cars means cleaner air & less traffic for all. Check out page 3 for more info! [Register here.](#)

E-SCOOTERS & e-BIKES are becoming a popular way for students to get around. You may be surprised how the law says they can be used. Please review the flyers on page 4. Contact Darren Antonovich, Safe Routes to School Coordinator at dantonov@egusd.net. ♥ 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!

I include everyone, even when it seems hard.

Preschool

Nathan

Transitional Kindergarten

Claire
Cooper

Kindergarten

Liam
Marlon
Pukraj
Emerald
Emmie

1st Grade

Liam
Armaan
Julius
Caius
Wyatt

2nd Grade

Milena
Ayanna
Bella
Colton

3rd Grade

Madeline
Jimena
Mustafa
Arian

4th Grade

Evnika
Janai

5th Grade

Aria
A.J.
Miracle
Nazary

6th Grade

Krish
Audrey
Haley
Sediqullah
J.J.



ATTENTION PM TK/K CLASSES

Thursday dismissal is at 2:55 (Grades 1-6 dismiss at 2:45). Please don't interrupt classes.

REGISTER NOW! TK & Kindergarten for '26-'27

TK Age Eligibility: Child turns **4** on or before 9/1/26.

Kinder Age Eligibility: Child turns **5** on or before 9/1/26.

Please come into the office to pick up a registration packet and return it (and all the supporting documentation) by 3:30 on 2/20/26. Placements will be made randomly by computer so all families have an equal opportunity for their track preference. Children registered after 2/20/26 will be placed where space is available.

Griffin Basketball

Our three teams had a lot of fun playing last weeks' games! **Congrats to our girls for their win against Batey!!**



Good luck this week, boys! BLUE team @ Mix Elem on Tuesday. WHITE team @ Pleasant Grove Elem on Thursday. Girls have a bye week.

Cold & Flu Season

As the winter season continues, we want to share a few gentle reminders to support the health and well-being of our community. Everyday habits like **regular handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, staying hydrated, getting plenty of rest, and staying home when feeling unwell** all help keep our families and schools healthy. We appreciate your partnership in keeping our community well.



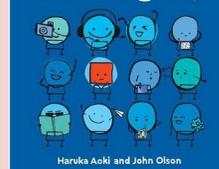
The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:
BELONGING

We all 'bee-long'!



Fitting In



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

Griffin's Big Question
How can we help others feel like they belong — not just 'fit in'?

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

We all belong all the time.

"Belonging means being part of a team where everyone is important."
- Unknown

New school hours for 2026-27

8:40-3:10

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

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



HEART GRAMS



\$1

ON SALE JANUARY 21ST, 2026

Want to sprinkle your student, or their buddies or teachers, or staff members with a little ❤️? Grab a \$1 Heart Gram to show them they're beary special! The PFO will deliver these cute Heart Grams for **D Track** on Feb 6th and on Feb 13th for **A, B, & C Tracks** straight to their classrooms.

Deadline to purchase online is Feb 4th 5pm for D track and Feb 11th 5pm for A,B and C Tracks



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Important Dates

January

- 26 - PFO Valentine Gram Sales!
- 26 - 3:45 Boys Basketball Practice
- 27 - 4:00 Boys BLUE Team Basketball Game @ Mix
- 27 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 28 - Dine Out Day Panda Express
- 28 - 6:00 7th Grade Orientation for Albiani Middle School (A & D Tracks)
- 29 - 8:00 PBIS Meeting
- ~~29 - 9:30 Donuts with the Principal~~ **POSTPONED**
- 29 - 4:00 Boys WHITE Team Basketball Game @ Pleasant Grove
- 30 - Walk & Bike to School Day!**
- 30 - 3:45 Boys Basketball Open Gym
- 30 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice

February

- 2 - 3:45 Boys Basketball Practice
- 2 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 3 - Earthquake Drill
- 3 - ~~3:35 Boys BLUE Team Basketball Game vs. Butler @ home~~ **CANCELED**
- 3 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 3 - 5:30 School Site Council (rescheduled)
- 4 - 2:50 1st Grade 'Celebrate America' Performance (A/D)
- 4 - Albiani Middle School visits 6th Grade Classes (A/D)
- 4 - 6:00 7th Grade Orientation for Albiani Middle School (B & C Tracks)
- 5 - 3:30 Boys WHITE Team Basketball Game vs. Kennedy @ home
- 5 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Game @ West
- 6 - 10:00 D Track Awards
- 6 - 3:45 Boys Basketball Open Gym
- 6 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 6 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 6 - Track Change Day (D goes off) (Minimum Day)
- 9 - Lincoln's Birthday—NO SCHOOL
- 10 - C Track Returns
- 10 - 4:00 Boys BLUE Team Basketball Game @ Ehrhardt
- 10 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 11 - 4:00 Girls Basketball Game @ Ehrhardt
- 12 - 4:00 Boys WHITE Team Basketball Game @ McKee
- 13 - 3:45 Boys Basketball Practice
- 13 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 16 - President's Day—NO SCHOOL
- 17 - 4:00 Boys BLUE Team Basketball Game @ Butler
- 17 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice

D Track celebrates 1000 DAYS in Kindergarten



FUNDRAISER FOR
Robert McGarvey Elementary Parent Faculty Organization
Wed. Jan. 28 ALL DAY
ONLINE ORDERS ONLY
VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS



- When
Wednesday, January 28, 2026
 Place your order for pickup or delivery on Wednesday, January 28!
- Where
Available at Panda Express locations nationwide
www.pandaexpress.com
- How
Online orders only
 Apply code **9011309** in the Fundraiser Code box during online checkout at www.pandaexpress.com or via App

28% of sales will be donated to: Robert McGarvey Elementary Parent Faculty Organization

and 1000 DAYS in TK!





Join the Griffin Walking or Bike Bus! **THIS FRIDAY JAN. 30**



Avoid the stress of morning drop-off.

Morning movement helps students learn better.

Fewer cars at school = cleaner air for all.

Monthly Walk & Roll to School Day every last Friday

Scan the QR code to sign up



⚠️ We need parent volunteers!

Contact Erin Seymour @ (916) 792-7462 to learn more.

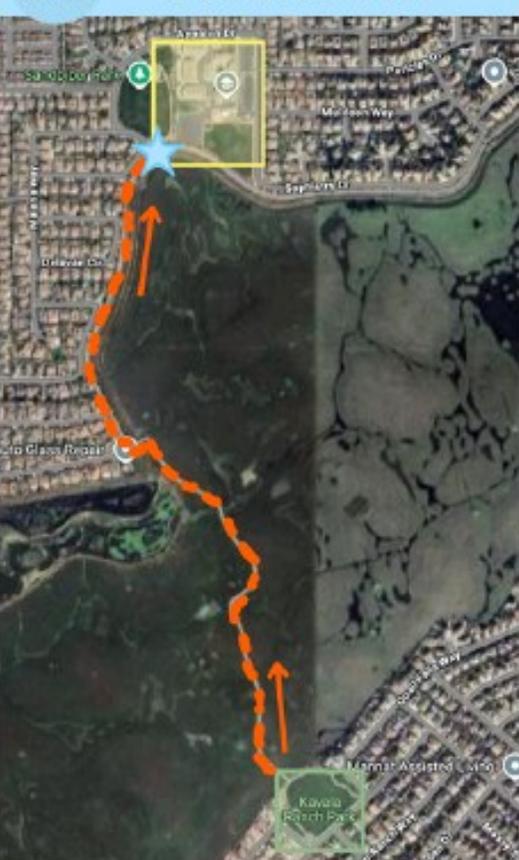
Sponsored By: 50 Corridor TMA

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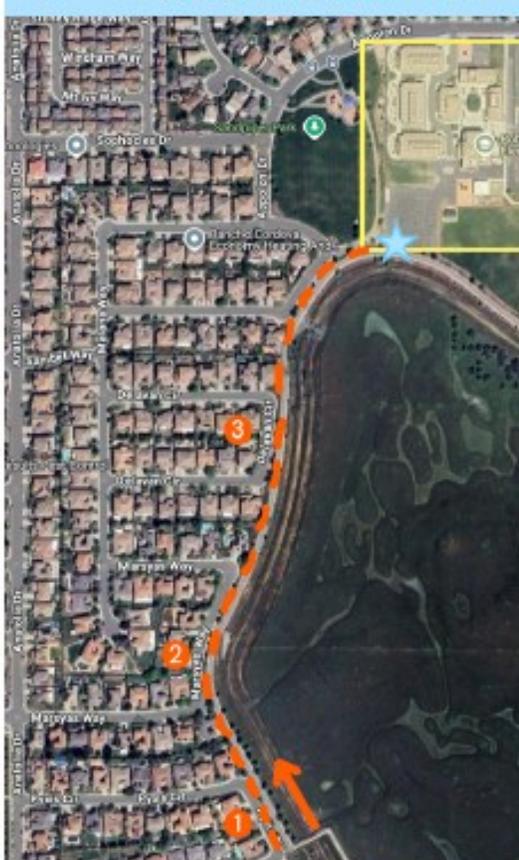
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Send your Griffin to school on one of these routes:

Bike Bus on Kavala Ranch Bike Path



Walking Bus on Anatolia Wetland Preserve Trail



Walking Bus from Sparrow Park



Motorized Bicycle or Moped



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

Motorized E-Scooter



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

Rules of the Road E-Scooters & E-Bikes



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)



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

Class 1 & Class 2 E-Bike



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.

Class 3 E-Bike



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.

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

**School Site
Council
Meeting**

Our next meeting
was re-scheduled for **Tuesday 2/3 at
5:30** via zoom.

Agenda:

- Review and approve 2nd Fall Meeting minutes
- Review of SARC
- Update on implementation of Actions & Services: Goals 1-4
- Site LCAP Evaluation
- Input on Use of Funds for 2025-26

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID:
851 7303 9983
Passcode: 030465

**D Track
celebrates
101 DAYS
in 1st Grade!**



**YEARBOOK COVER
CONTEST
25-26**

Attention McGarvey students! You are invited to create & submit 1 (one) page of your original artwork for the 25-26 yearbook covers!

- All submissions on a standard 8.5x11 piece of paper, no pencil drawings
- Artwork must be vertical & fill up the page as much as possible
- School name & current school year must be neatly displayed on page
- All work completed by McGarvey student only (write full name on back)

Can't wait to see your creative & colorful masterpieces! Have fun!

Deliver your finished creations to Ms. Kristy by: FEB. 20th

4th Grade Coloma Trip!

A & D Track 4th graders had their overnight field trip to Coloma this week! They were above the fog and enjoyed wonderful weather while learning all about the Gold Rush! It was an amazing and memorable trip! Stay tuned for pictures next week!!



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	\$36,717.00
2	\$4,141.88	\$49,702.00
3	\$5,218.96	\$62,627.00
4	\$6,296.04	\$75,552.00
5	\$7,373.13	\$88,477.00
6	\$8,450.21	\$101,402.00
7	\$9,527.29	\$114,327.00
8	\$10,604.38	\$127,252.00
Over 8 Más de 8 personas	Add \$1,077.00 each Añada \$1,077.00 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 an ID
for easier
registration

Bring bags or a
cart for easier
choosing and
carrying



SCOE TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAM



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

APPLY NOW!

Earn your Preliminary Teaching credential while in a full-year student teaching placement under a Mentor Teacher!

FOR MORE INFO:

Visit our website: <https://www.scoeresidency.net/> or email Christine Louen at clouen@scoe.net

- \$34,000 minimum living stipend provided by grant funds
 - Minimum \$500/mo stipend provided by District or hired as a para/IA in classroom
 - Cohort model to enhance collaboration and support
 - Comprehensive college coursework and professional learning opportunities
- ### Credential Pathways
- Multiple Subject focused on Transitional Kindergarten
 - Education Specialist: Mild to Moderate Support Needs
 - Educational Specialist: Extensive Support Needs
- ### Requirements for Program:
- Bachelors degree
 - Certificate of Clearance
 - U.S. Constitution Course/Exam
 - CSETs complete by April 15



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAM,
IN PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SCOE, SACRAMENTO DISTRICTS
AND CHARTER SCHOOLS, AND TEACHERS COLLEGE OF SAN JOAQUIN



7TH ANNUAL RANCHO CORDOVA

STUDENT ART SHOW



ART

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.

4th Annual BLACK FAMILY CONFERENCE



Rest, Resist, Reset:
Celebrating Strength, Joy, and Resilience

SAVE THE DATE **MARCH 7
2026**

LOCATION

Monterey Trail
High School

Multi Purpose Room
8661 Power Inn Road
Elk Grove, CA 95624
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

EVENT SPONSORS



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.



50 Corridor TMA

Unite, Embrace, Soar:

The EGUSD FACE Department is offering an LGBTQ+ affinity group! It is a space for adult caregivers and adult family members of LGBTQ+ youth to gather in community, share joys, and build a supportive network.

September 18th 6:00 - 7:00pm on zoom
November 5th 6:00 - 7:00pm on zoom
February 11th 6:00 - 7:00pm on zoom



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EGUSD

[Click Here
for More
Information](#)

Megan Sladen Parent
msladenp@egusd.net

E.G.U.S.D. Community Block Party

FREE Food & Drinks
(while supplies last)

Door Prizes

Kid Friendly
Activities

Student
Performances
&
Information Booths

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



Family and Staff WELLNESS SERIES

Register on Eventbrite Using the QR Codes or links

2/12/26



Bots & Boundaries: A Family Guide to Responsible AI Use

Explore what digital citizenship looks like in an AI-driven world. Together, we'll unpack topics like bias, safety, and privacy, and share strategies encouraging authentic learning while avoiding over-reliance on technology. You'll leave with practical conversation starters, and resources to set healthy boundaries, build critical thinking skills, and create a balanced approach to AI use at home.

3/31/26



4/15/26



Belonging Starts with Us: Supporting Transgender and Gender Expansive Youth

Let's learn how to better support transgender and gender-expansive youth in school and at home. Gain a clearer understanding of gender identity, learn practical ways to create affirming environments, and explore strategies for responding with care, respect, and confidence. Through shared language, real-life examples, and actionable tips, we will strengthen partnership, belonging, and well-being for all students.

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

