



Robert J. McGarvey Elementary School - Elk Grove Unified School District

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Corner

**Night at the Nest** Do you have a child entering 9th grade next year? Ever just wonder what school will be like for your child at Pleasant Grove High School? Be part of PGHS's 2nd annual Night at the Nest and satisfy your curiosity! Thurs 2/27 @ 5:30-7:00. See the flyer on the next page.

Have a great time at Sly Park next week, 6<sup>th</sup> graders!!!

Griffen Strong... All Day Long! ♥ Dr. Mitchell

### 2025 GRIFFIN FUN RUN

**WHO:** B AND C TRACK STUDENTS  
**WHEN:** FUNDRAISING KICKOFF 2/14/2025  
FUN RUN RACE 3/7/2025

**HOW TO GET STARTED:**  
REGISTER EACH STUDENT ON  
OUR PLEDGESTAR SCHOOL  
SITE BY EITHER GOING TO  
THIS LINK:  
[HTTPS://PLEDGESTAR.COM/MCGARVEY/](https://pledgestar.com/mcgarvey/)  
OR SCANNING THE QR CODE  
BELOW!



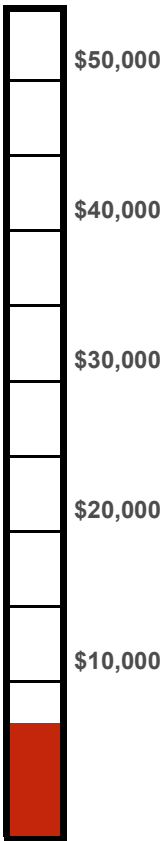
**PRIZES**

REGISTER	KEYCHAIN & T-SHIRT
\$25	GRIFFIN WATER BOTTLE
\$50	GREEN SHOP VOUCHER
\$100	GRIFFIN HEAD BAND
\$200	YELLOW SHOP VOUCHER
\$300	BLUE SHOP VOUCHER
\$400	3D PRINT PEN
\$500	PLINKO FOR GIFT CARD

**THANK YOU TO OUR FUN RUN SPONSORS!**



## Fun Run UPDATE



As of Thurs. Feb. 20—less than 1 week since the launch of our B & C Track Fun Run, our PFO has already raised \$7400!

## AMAZING!

Let's keep those pledges coming in!

This is the PFO's biggest fundraiser of the year! We need your help!

## Griffin Gala

Once a month on track-change weeks, we acknowledge students who go above and beyond - students who have S.O.A.R.ed high with all four of our Griffin traits. This time, we celebrated with a fun minute-to-win it game!

### Kindergarten/TK

Zoey K.  
Zoey L.

### 1st Grade

Solly  
Liam  
Brandon

### 2nd Grade

Diana  
Kaden Z.  
Hannah  
Taha

### 3rd Grade

Elliott  
Andre  
Nolan

### 4th Grade

Ashadieeyah  
Grayson  
Ethan A.

### 5th Grade

Traci  
Amya  
Eleanor  
Taliya  
Lucas

### 6th Grade

Trinity  
Ethan  
Noah

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## Resilient Griffins!

### Responsible Griffins S.O.A.R.!

We are Safe, Open-Minded, Accountable, and Resilient!

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

### Kindergarten/TK

Zoey K.  
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Anaya  
Tristan

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Solly  
Nate  
Martin

### 2nd Grade

Diana  
Kaden Z.  
Taha

### 3rd Grade

Nolan  
Matthias  
Madison  
Cooper

### 4th Grade

Malachi  
Damian  
Raymanuel  
Kaiziyion

### 5th Grade

Traci  
Dahlia  
Ja'Mya  
Dylan

### 6th Grade

Trinity  
Ethan  
Ryann

## Fun Run CHALLENGE

The class with the highest total amount of funds raised by Thurs. Feb. 27 will earn an ice cream sundae party!

Last week, Mrs. Derfield's class was in the lead with nearly \$1800 raised for McGarvey PFO!!

Which class will take over the lead and earn the Sundae Party?



## YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST 2024-25

- artwork must be done on 8.5 x 11 white paper  
- must be vertical direction - not horizontal  
- be creative & colorful with your school themed design



Due Fri 2/28

## CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OUR BASKETBALL TEAMS!

For the first time ever, both our Boys and Girls Teams had

## UNDEFEATED SEASONS!!

We're very proud of the way out players worked together on and off the court this season. Our teams demonstrated amazing skills and outstanding sportsmanship.

We're grateful to **Coach Bryan**, **Coach Fish**, **Coach Renee**, and **Coach Rod** for volunteering and supporting our student athletes.



### What are your plans for the 2025-26 school year?

Are you moving? Changing schools? If your TK-5th grader won't be returning to McGarvey next year, please let the office know by this Friday. We're making plans for next year and need our enrollment numbers as accurate as possible. Thanks!

### Construction Update



Construction on the new Kindergarten playground is under way again!

Now they're working on the installation of sofSURFACES under the structure. We're just a few short weeks from the grand opening!!

### A special shout-out to our TK/K for going all out during Spirit Week!



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## Important Dates

### February

- 24 - Welcome Back D Track!
- 24-28 - 6th Grade Camp @ Sly Park
- 27 - PBIS Meeting
- 27 - Night at the Nest (PGHS)
- 27 - 2:45 5th Grade Open Gym for Volleyball
- 28 - Yearbook Cover Contest Deadline
- 28 - Letter of Intent Due for Families not returning to McGarvey

### March

- 6 - SSC Spring Meeting
- 7 - Fun Run (Tracks B & C)
- 12 - Lockdown Drill
- 12 - 4:00 In-Person PFO Mtg
- 13 - OPEN HOUSE (B & C)
- 19 & 20 - Spring Family Picnic
- 21 - Track Change Day  
Minimum Day (B goes off)
- 21 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 21 - 10:00 A Track Awards
- 21 - Spirit Day: Career Day
- 24 & 25 - Spring Family Picnic
- 27 - 3:00 Talent Show Practice
- 28 - C & D Track Teacher Appreciation



PLEASANT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL



## 2ND ANNUAL

## A NIGHT AT THE NEST

AN OPEN HOUSE AT PLEASANT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

### EXPLORE OUR PROGRAMS:

- VAPA SHOWCASE
- ACADEMY SHOWCASES (DMA, BM, IDEA, AG, ETC.)
- INCOMING 9TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT
- AP INFORMATIONAL NIGHT
- CAREER FAIR
- CTE SATELLITE PROGRAMS
- ELECTIVE FAIR
- DISTRICT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 27, 2025  
5:30 - 7:00 PM

### MORE INFO :

- 916-686-0230
- PGHS.NET
- 9531 BOND ROAD, ELK GROVE, CA 95624

TIKIZ will be here every Thursday

## SUPPORT OUR MCGARVEY GRIFFINS



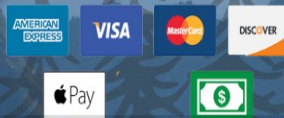
Thursday, Feb. 27

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM



Please send your student

\$5 Ice Cream Bars \$5 - \$7 Shaved Ice  
to ensure that they can participate  
in the TIKIZ experience.



[Tikiz.com/TikizOnTheRiver](https://Tikiz.com/TikizOnTheRiver)

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# Message from the Superintendent

Dear EGUSD Families, Students and Staff,

As a diverse school district, Elk Grove Unified is committed to the safety, well-being, and education of all our students, families, and staff members. Our School Board has adopted Board policy (BP/AR 5145.13) that protects access to student information or to students on school grounds. We recognize the increased anxiety surrounding recent executive orders related to immigration and understand the challenges and uncertainties many of our students, families, and staff members are facing. For many in our community, the weight of these uncertainties can be overwhelming.

We are actively monitoring these changes and want to reaffirm our unwavering commitment to making our campuses safe and welcoming places where all students, families, and staff feel a sense of belonging regardless of immigration status or national origin.

In addition to Board policy (BP/AR 5145.13) in place, which outlines how we respond to immigration enforcement, federal and state laws protect student education records and personal information. Please know that our district does not collect immigration or citizenship data. There are also many state and county resources available to our community, and we encourage you to access them. For our community’s benefit, [here is a link to some of these resources](#) on our EGUSD website. We will continue to update this page regularly to reflect the latest information.

As we move forward, it is important that we continue to support our students, their families, and each other. Our partnership with parents and the broader community is essential in creating learning environments where all students learn and are empowered to succeed. Thank you for all you do to help ensure our schools are safe and welcoming places where every single student is seen, heard and valued.

Sincerely,  
Your EGUSD Leadership Team

## Q&A: Serving Undocumented Students Information



### Are undocumented students entitled to a free public elementary and secondary school education?

**Yes.** Public schools are prohibited from denying undocumented students a free public education. (*Plyler v. Doe* (1982) 457 U.S. 202.) Under *Plyler*, the undocumented or non-citizen status of a student (or his/her parent or guardian) is irrelevant to that student’s entitlement to an elementary and secondary public education.

### Can I ask a student questions regarding his/her immigration status?

**No.** The District should never ask a student, or the parent/guardian of the student, questions regarding citizenship or immigration status. (See U.S. Dept. of J. and U.S. Dept. of Ed. Fact Sheet: Information on the Rights of All Children to Enroll in School, <https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/crt/legacy/2014/05/08/plylerfact.pdf>.) A student’s citizenship or immigration status is not relevant in establishing residency requirements. (OCR Dear Colleague Letter, May 8, 2014.)

### What kind of documents must an undocumented student provide to establish proof of residency for enrollment purposes?

Undocumented students wishing to enroll in a school may establish residency by providing the same documents as required by other students. For example, this may include a rental agreement or payment, correspondence from a government agency, a declaration of residency executed by the parent/guardian of the student, utility bills or other documents. (Ed. Code, § 48204.1.)

Schools should be cognizant, however, that school enrollment cannot be denied to a student, undocumented or otherwise, who is homeless and unable to show that he/she lives within the district’s boundaries.

### What kind of documents can a school request to establish an undocumented student’s age?

Schools are permitted to request documentation to show that a student falls within a school’s minimum and maximum age requirements. (Ed. Code, § 48002, Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 432, subd. (b)(1)(B).) Acceptable documents for establishing age include a birth certificate, an affidavit from a parent, or previously verified school records. (See U.S. Dept. of J. and U.S. Dept. of Ed. Fact Sheet: Information on the Rights of All Children to Enroll in School, <https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/crt/legacy/2014/05/08/plyler-fact.pdf>.)

It should be noted, however, that although a school may request the aforementioned documents, a student cannot be prevented from enrolling or attending at a school because he or she lacks a birth certificate, or has records indicating a foreign place of birth. There is no legal requirement for the district to retain a copy of the birth certificate in its records.



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## IMMIGRATION-ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AT CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS GUIDE FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

### KNOW YOUR EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS

#### YOUR CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO A FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION

- All children have a right to equal access to free public education, regardless of their or their parents’/guardians’ immigration status.
- All children in California:
  - Have the right to a free public education.
  - Must be enrolled in school if they are between 6 and 18 years old.
  - Have the right to attend safe, secure, and peaceful schools.
  - Have a right to be in a public school learning environment free from discrimination, harassment, bullying, violence, and intimidation.
  - Have equal opportunity to participate in any program or activity offered by the school without discrimination.

#### INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

- Schools must accept a variety of documents from the student’s parent or guardian to demonstrate proof of child’s age or residency and schools are not required to keep a copy of the document used as proof of a child’s age.
- Information about citizenship/immigration status is never needed for school enrollment. A Social Security number is never needed for school enrollment.

#### CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Federal and state laws protect student education records and personal information. These laws generally require that schools get written consent from parents or guardians before releasing student information, unless the release of information is for educational purposes, is already public, or is in response to a court order or subpoena.
- Some schools collect and provide publicly basic student “directory information.” If so, the school district must provide parents/ guardians with written notice of the directory information policy, and provide the option to refuse release of your child’s information.

#### FAMILY SAFETY PLANS IF YOU ARE DETAINED OR DEPORTED

- You can update your child’s emergency contact information, including secondary contacts, to identify a trusted adult guardian who can care for your child if you are detained or deported.
- You can complete a Caregiver’s Authorization Affidavit or a Petition for Appointment of Temporary Guardian of the Person to give a trusted adult the authority to make educational and medical decisions for your child.

#### RIGHT TO FILE A COMPLAINT

- Your child has the right to report a hate crime or file a complaint to the school district if he or she is discriminated against, harassed, intimidated or bullied because of his or her actual or perceived nationality, ethnicity, or immigration status.

For more information on resources for responding to immigration enforcement activities at California schools, or to file a complaint, please contact:

Bureau of Children’s Justice  
California Attorney General’s Office  
P.O. Box 944255  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2550

Phone: (800) 952-5225  
E-mail: [BCJ@doj.ca.gov](mailto:BCJ@doj.ca.gov)  
<https://oag.ca.gov/bcj/complaint>

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# EGUSD Information Immigration Protection Click Here

### Are undocumented students entitled to participate in extracurricular school activities and other school services?

**Yes.** Unless an activity does not contribute to educational goals, and the denial of participation furthers a substantial state goal, the activity is likely protected under *Plyler*’s guarantee of access to education. Because there are strong arguments that extracurricular activities are central to the student’s educational experience, undocumented students should have the right to participate in those activities. This right extends to services related to transportation, special education, Section 504 services, and free and reduced meals.

### Is an undocumented student entitled to the same privacy rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act as other students?

**Yes.** All students within a school district are entitled to privacy rights with regard to each student’s educational records, under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 C.F.R. § 99.1 et seq.), as well as under California law (Ed. Code, § 49060 et seq.). Under FERPA, a school district may disclose “directory information” to certain entities, so long as the school district has given the student/parents notice and an opportunity to refuse to disclose such directory information. What categories of directory information that will be released is a question determined at district level through board policy. (Ed. Code, § 49073, subd. (a).) Other records related to a student’s education at the school district, and which are personally identifiable, are protected under FERPA and state law from unauthorized disclosure.

### May an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) agent obtain otherwise private student records by way of a valid subpoena, search warrant, or court order?

**Yes.** Prior to releasing otherwise private student records to ICE, the superintendent should review the subpoena, search warrant, or court order, and consult with legal counsel, to determine the scope of the subpoena, warrant or court order, and whether it is genuine. In the case of search warrants, the school district will have little time to conduct a review of the documents. If the ICE agent is willing to cooperate with the school district and its legal counsel, the parties should coordinate to achieve compliance with the warrant that minimizes the disruption to school operations. Subpoenas and court orders do not present the same level of immediacy as a search warrant.

### What if ICE appears on campus without a subpoena, court order, or search warrant, no exigent circumstances, and requests protected student educational records?

Under the above circumstances, the school district must refuse to produce the requested documents in compliance with FERPA and the California Education Code provisions that prevent the unauthorized disclosure of student records.

### Are school district personnel required to assist ICE in the enforcement of immigration laws?

While there are no laws mandating local school districts to assist ICE in the enforcement of immigration laws, school personnel are nonetheless strongly discouraged from *frustrating* law enforcement purposes. Actively resisting the efforts of ICE may result in legal consequences to school personnel. Under Title 18 United States Code section 111, it is unlawful for a person to willfully resist, oppose, impede, or interfere with any officer of the United States Government who is discharging or attempting to discharge his or her official duties. Furthermore, federal law prohibits any person from intentionally concealing, harboring, or shielding an undocumented person from detection, where that person’s unlawful immigration status is known. (8 U.S.C. § 1324.)