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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 16
October 31, 2025

Principal's Corner

It was a busy week at McGarvey!

We had a great time with our **Red Ribbon Week Spirit Week!** It was nice to see so many people involved!

The **B Track Harvest Breakfast** was a smashing success. Nobody left hungry, that's for sure!

We celebrated four teachers for their longevity in EGUSD. Join us in congratulating these educators for all their years of service to our kids:

- Mrs. Michele Schmeh—25 years
- Mrs. DeAnn Shepard—25 years
- Mrs. Kris Huscher—35 years
- Mrs. Sarah Rinelli—35 years

We had our **Trimester 1 Awards Ceremony** for A, B, and C Tracks. Congratulations to those students who earned District Honor Roll and Principal Awards.

This Saturday we had another big work day in the garden. A million thank-yous parents and students of **Ohana Mixed Martial Arts** and **Jesuit High School** for their hard work setting brick pavers in the garden. Thank you also to the **City of Rancho Cordova** and **Coleman Construction** for generous donations of funds and materials for the project, and to **Mrs. Mullard** for organizing everything. We can't do this without you!

♥ Dr. Mitchell

TRI 1 REPORT CARDS
now available on
parentvue

NOT SURE HOW TO ACCESS PARENTVUE?
CALL OUR OFFICE FOR HELP!

WE'RE HAVING A
BOOK FAIR!

Through Thursday 11/6
See page 3 for more details!

MCGARVEY ELEMENTARY

**GLOBAL VILLAGE
MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL**

Monday, November 10
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

All are welcome to attend the celebration of our cultural diversity!

Scan the QR code or visit
<https://forms.gle/DB76Nx2eNnrfcWlQ8>
to participate:

This is not an EGUSD-sponsored event.

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:

LAST WEEK AT
ROBERT J. MCGARVEY ELEMENTARY

Attendance

GOAL: 95%

We are Currently at: 93%



Accountable Griffins!

This week, these students were recognized by their teachers.

Congrats!

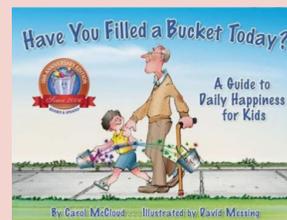
Everybody is learning how to be a better friend.

Pre-K Sonny	3rd Grade Neal Ella Nina Avneet
Transitional Kindergarten Annie Niko Jenevieve	4th Grade Lucy Arianna Olivia C
Kindergarten Noyemi Gabriel Hope Michael	5th Grade Ethan D Ruby Eva Natalia
1st Grade Anvila Ruby Kah'Mirah Elena	6th Grade Eusebio Courtney Olivia Aiden Sienna
2nd Grade Chloe Bella Hannah	

The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:
GRATITUDE

'Bee' Grateful!



Griffin's Big Question
How do your actions affect other people's feelings?

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

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

*In a world where I can be anything,
I choose to be kind.*

"I think the best way to help people is to understand them first."
- Roald Dahl, *Matilde*

Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day!



Friday, Nov 14, 9 AM
McGarvey's Front and Back Gate Entrances

Join us as we honor Ruby Bridges, a brave six-year-old who made history in 1960 by becoming one of the first Black students to attend an all-white elementary school in the South. Ruby's courage and determination continue to inspire kindness, inclusion, and equality. On Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day, students, families, and staff walk together to celebrate unity, stand up against racism, and promote a brighter, more inclusive future for all. Remember to wear purple!

Important Dates

November

- 3 - D Track Returns
- 6 - 9:30 Donuts with the Principal
- 6 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (ZOOM)
- 10 - 5:30 Multi-Cultural Night
- 11 - Veteran's Day NO SCHOOL
- 12 - Fire Drill
- 13 - 5:30 School Site Council Meeting (ZOOM)
- 14 - Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day
- 17 - A Touch of Understanding
- 19 - 9:30 D Track Friendsgiving
- 21 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 21 - SPIRIT DAY: TBD
- 21- Track Change Day (B goes off) (Minimum Day)
- 23-28 - Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL

PFO Meeting ZOOM

Thurs. 11/6/25 @ 6:30

[LINK](#)

December

- 1 - A Track Returns
- 4 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (ZOOM)
- 11 - 5:00 Winter Band Concert
- 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

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 erin66@gmail.com or (916) 792-7462.

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School Fundraiser

McGarvey Elementary

Students get a free mini chocolate chip! 20% goes back to the school! Class with most participation gets a cookie party!

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10909 Olson dr #103
Rancho cordova

Thursday, Nov. 13
3pm - 9pm



SCHOLASTIC

WE'RE HAVING A **BOOK FAIR!**



10/28 - 11/6

ROBERT J MCGARVEY ELEM SCHOOL
Library
4350 Sophistry Dr
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! Find bestselling series and characters that students love from more than 100 publishers. Plus every purchase benefits our school.

Prepare for the Fair



Book Fair eWallet is the easy way to pay

AVAILABLE BETWEEN: 10/7-11/7

Create a NEW eWallet for each Fair

- Students shop without cash
- Teachers build classroom libraries

GET STARTED

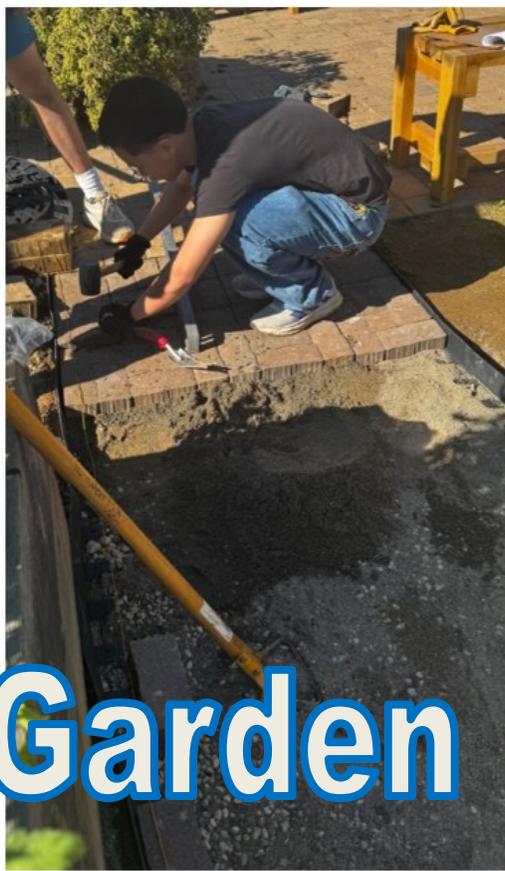
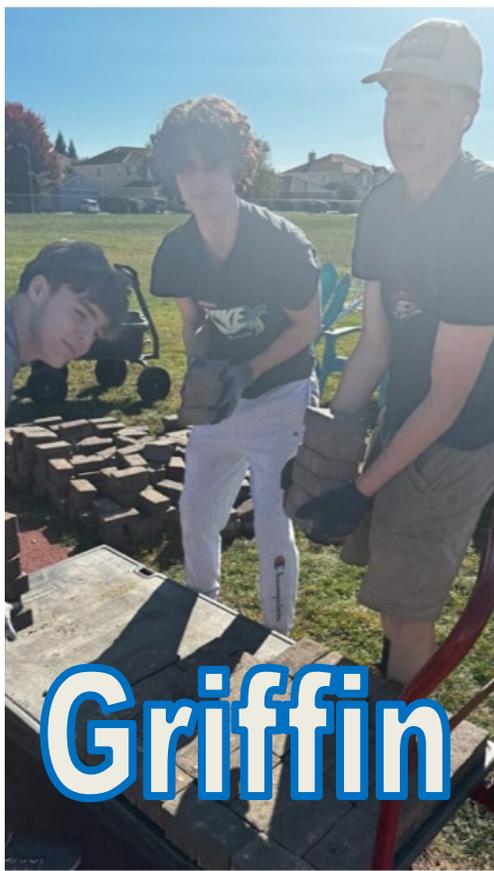


A book for every kid starts here

Contribute to Share the Fair, the giving program that benefits students at our school who need help buying new books.

GIVE NOW

[Click Here to volunteer to help with the Book Fair!](#)



Griffin Garden



Paver Installation

Thank you

Volunteers!



**At this school,
we keep each
other safe.**

If you are approached by an immigration officer, remain calm and tell a school administrator.

“What’s new in state law?”

AB 49 requires this school’s officials and employees, to the extent practicable, to request valid identification of any officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement seeking to enter nonpublic areas of this school, including bus drop-off areas when school-provided transportation is present.

Per **AB 49**, an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement cannot enter this school without a valid judicial warrant, judicial subpoena, or court order.

SB 98 requires this school to update its comprehensive school safety plan to include communication if there is confirmed presence of immigration enforcement on the school site.

To see what a valid judicial warrant looks like, scan here:



**Our Schools:
Tools for Including
Immigrant Families**

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**Need someone
to talk to?**

California mental health resources like BrightLife, Soluna, and 988 are safe, anonymous, and confidential for everyone.

BrightLife Kids
A CalHOPE program by Breakthrough

BrightLife is a support for families with children at every age and every stage:



soluna
a CalHOPE Program

Students ages 13 and older and their families can access Soluna here:



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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



Elk Grove Unified School District
EGUSD

[Click Here for More Information](#)
Megan Sladen Parent
msladenp@egusd.net

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Important Reminders!

We are all responsible for safety at arrival and dismissal time. **Please:**

- **Obey the crossing guard.** This includes no right turns.
- **Stay on the sidewalk and use crosswalks** to cross the street.
- **Avoid double-parking.** This blocks traffic for other families and adds to the traffic.
- **Do not encourage your children to run across the street** to your waiting car. Students should use the crosswalk to cross the street safely.
- Make sure your child **wears a helmet** while riding a bike.
- **Walk bikes on the sidewalk** near pedestrians.

We all know traffic around school is hard during drop-off and pick-up times.

Everyone is interested in a quick, easy, and safe drop-off and pick-up.

Please do your part.

Plan a few extra minutes, and bring your patience and flexibility.

Law enforcement may be present to ensure safety!

CA ED CODE 53008: READING DIFFICULTIES SCREENER 2025-26



WHAT IS THE SCREENER?

In 2025, 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



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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JOBS AT McGarvey

If you or someone you know is looking for a job, consider us!

- Register for an account at edjoin.org
- Already have an account? Login & scan the QR code
- After you submit your application, call Linda @ McGarvey and let her know!

T.K. PARAEducATOR

2 Positions

- A Track AM
- C Track PM
- Part Time
- \$18.08-\$21.18

