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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 2
July 25, 2025

Principal's Corner

Our first full week of school is behind us! Students practiced our very first fire drill of the year & did an outstanding job!

Does your family have a fire escape plan? Here are some top tips for home fire safety:



#1 Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.

#2 Test smoke alarms every month. If they're not working, change the batteries.

#3 Talk with family members about a fire escape plan and practice twice a year.

#4 If a fire occurs in your home, get out, stay out, and call for help. Never go back inside for anything or anyone.

See redcross.org and safekidssacramento.org for more!

♥ Dr. Mitchell

BEE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL



We've had way too many tardy students since school opened.

Gates open at 8:55. Students are to be in their seats and ready to learn at 9:05. If they're just getting here at 9:05, they are late! And, wow - it's really embarrassing for them to walk into class late.

Students may arrive as early as 8:35 for breakfast.

If your child needs before-school care, please talk with Linda, Katia, or Kristy in the office. We have supervision as early as 7:30 Monday-Friday.

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.



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

We all know traffic around school is hard during drop-off and pick-up times. **Plan a few extra minutes, and bring your patience and flexibility.**

Law enforcement may be present to ensure safety!



Safe Griffins!

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

Congrats!

Transitional Kindergarten

Mia
Lyla
Sahi
Kazi

Kindergarten

Jalen
Tristan
Frida
Zia

1st Grade

Logan
Allyson

2nd Grade

Kane
Nate
Gracie

3rd Grade

Alice
Noah H.
Carter
Ella

4th Grade

Oleksandr
Jace
Leo

5th Grade

Carissa
Roman
Damian

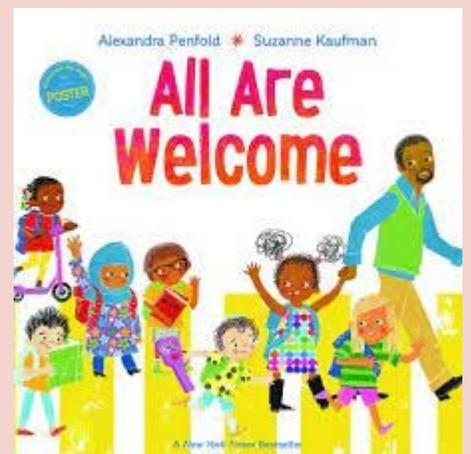
6th Grade

Trinity
Mbuyoti
Ruby

The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN

We Are All Griffins!



What can we do to make others feel welcome?

Our S.O.A.R. trait next week is Open-Minded.

I love including new people!

ATTENTION!

Hey Griffin families! Want to stay in the loop with PFO events, activities, volunteer opportunities? We now have an option for you to **OPT IN** to our new text message system!

send a text to **81010**

text this message:
@pforocks

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 hear from you!

Please stop by, call, or email. You always have direct access to your admin team!



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carmitch@egusd.net

Becky Ricks, vice principal
bricks@egusd.net

Carrie Garbett, vice principal
cgarbett@egusd.net

Important Dates

August

- 7 - Picture Day BCD Tracks
- 7 - 3:00-5:00 McGarvey Preview Party!
A Track (for the whole family)
- 14 - 4:30-5:15 TK & K Back to School Night A Track (parents/guardians only)
- 15 - Track Change Day (B goes off) (Minimum Day)
- 15 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 15 - SPIRIT DAY: TBD
- 15 - 9:00-1:00 TK Meet & Greet A Track AM & PM Classes (parents & TK students)
- 15 - 3:00-3:45 Kindergarten Meet & Greet A Track AM Classes (parents & K students)
- 15 - 4:00-4:45 Kindergarten Meet & Greet A Track PM Classes (parents & K students)
- 18 - McGarvey Way Theme: 'Bee a Friend' (Friendship)

18 - (Mon.) First Day of School for A Track

- 18 - PBIS Kick-Off begins
- 19 - 5:00-6:40 Grades 1-6 Back to School Night A Track (parents/guardians only)
- 21 - Donuts with the Principal
- 21 - 6:30 PM PFO Meeting
- 22 - Fire Drill
- 22 - Back to School Night Dance (for families)
- 25 - C & D Track Fun Run Kick Off
- 27 - A Track Picture Day

September

- 1 - Labor Day NO SCHOOL
- 4 - 6:30 PFO Meeting
- 11 - C & D Track Fun Run
- 12 - Track Change Day (C goes off) (Minimum Day)
- 12 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 12 - SPIRIT DAY: TBD

SPIRIT DAYS

You can't hide

Your Griffin Pride!

There's always a way to show it!!!

Tuesdays - Tie-Dye Tuesdays!
Wear anything tie-dye, including one of your McGarvey t-shirts

Wednesdays - Where You'll Go Wednesdays!
Wear a t-shirt or hoodie from a place that represents your future goals - college, university, trade school, military, or career readiness

Thursdays - Pod Pride!
Wear your pod's color or grade-level t-shirt

Fridays - Griffin Gear Fridays!
Wear your McGarvey t-shirt or hoodie

Tikiz is Coming!

Shaved Ice & Ice Cream

McGarvey Elementary

Every Thursday Afterschool



20% of the sales will be donated back to McGarvey Elementary.

Dates:

July 31

August 7

August 14

August 21

August 28



\$5 - 7 Shaved Ice
\$5 Ice Cream



Tikiz Shaved Ice Products are:
• Fat Free
• Gluten Free
• Soy Free
• Wheat Free

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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.

2023 Income Guidelines		
Family Size	Annual	Monthly
1	\$34,263	\$2,855.25
2	\$46,342	\$3,861.83
3	\$58,421	\$4,868.42
4	\$70,500	\$5,875.00
Additional Family Members	Add \$12,079 each	Add \$1,006.59 each

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.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

How and When to Sign up?

Visit food distribution:

June 5th 3:45 - 5:15
June 26th 3:45 - 5:15
July 17th 3:45 - 5:15
Aug. 7th 3:45 - 5:15
Aug 21st 3:45 - 5:15
Sept. 4th 3:45 - 5:15
Sept. 18th 3:45 - 5:15
Oct. 2nd 3:45 - 5:15
Oct. 16th 3:45 - 5:15
Nov. 6th 3:45 - 5:15
Nov. 20th 3:45 - 5:15
Dec. 4th 3:45 - 5:15
Dec. 18th 3:45 - 5:15

Bring an ID for easier registration

Bring bags or a cart for easier choosing and carrying



School Site Council Nominations

Serving on our School Site Council is an excellent way to get an insider's view of all the great things going on at McGarvey!

You get to learn about our school goals, our budget, and how we use our money to address our goals. We meet 4 - 5 times a year, over zoom for 60-90 minutes.

The School Site Council is made up of an equal number of school staff & parents - we have 5 of each - and serve for 2 year terms. **Erin Seymour, Shannon Walker, and Rehana Rehman** are returning parent members of our SSC, and we're looking for **two more parents!**

If you're interested or if you'd like to nominate someone, please email the principal by August 22, 2025. carmitch@egusd.net

August 4: A.I. Educational Partner Forum

Elk Grove Unified School District is seeking collaborative input from educational partners regarding the districtwide integration of artificial intelligence (AI). We invite you to join us for our upcoming AI Forum that is designed to foster a shared understanding of AI and to gather valuable educational partner perspectives on its potential impact on students, staff, and families.

The forum will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Zoom and will feature a brief presentation followed by interactive small group discussions.

Register for AI Educational Partner Forum

August 9: Elk Grove High School (EGHS) Community Open House

The event will take place from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and is hosted by the Friends & Alumni of Elk Grove High School Association. Come explore the newly renovated campus, enjoy live music provided by the EGHS Band, take a guided tour, and enter to win door prizes while enjoying light refreshments. This free event is open to everyone in the community.

Register for Open House | EGHS Community Open House Flyer

Help Name Our Future Schools

The Elk Grove Unified School District is seeking recommendations for names of schools currently in development. When submitting suggestions, please consider the following guidelines: elementary schools should reflect the district's cultural diversity or honor individuals or places significant to local history or education; middle schools should represent the district's diversity or recognize influential figures in education or Northern California history; and high schools should be named after their geographic location.

To submit your suggestion, please use [this electronic form](#), or [print a paper form](#). For more details, [view the map of upcoming schools](#).