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Where responsible Griffins S.O.A.R!
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Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 School Year

Week 1
July 18, 2025

WELCOME BACK!

Principal's Corner

What an exciting start to the 2025-26 school year! We starting things off last week with a big **Preview Party** to welcome our newest Griffins on B, C, and D Tracks - we had an amazing turnout! Nearly 200 families visited McGarvey! We are so excited to meet you & get to know you this year!

On Monday we celebrated B, C, and D Track **Back to School Night**, and you took your first peek inside classrooms & got an idea for all the exciting things to come this year. Check out the info on the next page for more information.

Wednesday brought the **First Day of School!** Yay! After a big welcoming walk under the arches and on the Griffin Blue Carpet (thanks to our PFO!), kids were ready to get the year started! We did our PBIS rotations and learned how to S.O.A.R. in all areas of our school. Students also reviewed STOP, WALK, and TALK, our district-wide approach to bully prevention.

We'll do it all again for our A Trackers! Please check the next page for dates. Cheers to a great 2025-26 School Year!

♥ Dr. Mitchell

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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Thank You!

Thank you so much for doing your best to help with the number of cars on the road during drop-off and pick-up. **So many families are walking and riding bikes to school!** It has made such an amazing difference! Let's keep it up!

Welcome!

Each week we'll introduce one of our new McGarvey staff members.



Ms. Garbett Vice Principal

I'm so excited to join both the McGarvey and Sunrise communities as your part-time vice principal at each school. I bring 22 years of experience in education from Western Placer Unified and am thrilled to now be in my fourth year as an administrator and my first year in EGUSD. My family and I live right here in Anatolia, so don't be surprised if you see us at the park or cheering on a local game at the ball field. I love cooking, baking, and travel. I can't wait to get to know everyone and support our amazing students and staff!

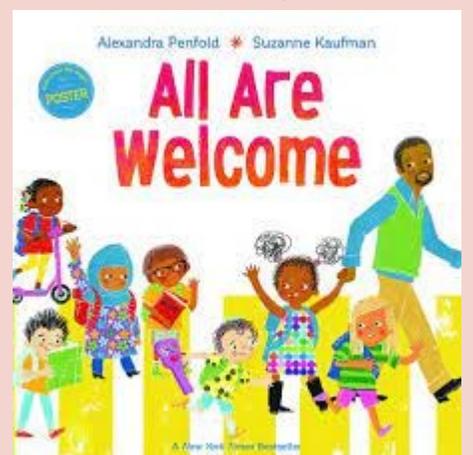
The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN

In week 2, we officially launch the kindness campaign a team of parents & school folks spent all last year planning. Each track period, we will highlight a different way to show kindness in our community, and connect it with our S.O.A.R traits. We will share a read-aloud and other common classroom activities to highlight the theme.

As we welcome so many new students, families, and employees this year, it's important that each and every person knows and feels they belong here. That's why our first theme is:

We Are All Griffins!



When we share this book with students, our focus question is:

What can we do to make others feel welcome?

We invite you to talk about this question at home, too!

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

I am glad to be a Griffin!

Surf & S.O.A.R.

Back to School Night 2025-26

July 14, 2025

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Big Changes

- 300+ new students
- ~30 new staff members
- Special Education Preschool
- Music Teacher TK-3



Attendance



- 95% attendance is our goal! (we're at 93% now)
- On time, every day, for the whole day.
- 8:35 – Breakfast starts
- 8:55 – Gates open & students go directly to class
- 9:05 – School starts

Cell Phones & Smart Watches

- District Policy: 'Off & in the Backpack' from gate to gate
- May be taken away for the school day or held for the parent to pick up
- School isn't responsible for lost or damaged items



Things to Leave at Home



- Toys & Collectables
- Sports Equipment
- Make-Up, perfume, cologne
- Long, dangly earrings
- Snacks & candy for sharing

Bikes, Scooters, Skateboards

- Students are encouraged to ride bikes, scooters, and skateboards to school!
- SAFETY is key!
 - Helmets are required by law.
 - Students must walk their bikes, scooters, and skateboards on the sidewalk. Pedestrians have the right of way.



Grading & Homework

- Homework may be assigned, but it is not be included as part of a student's grade.
- Late work is accepted.
- Extra credit is not offered.
- Retakes on assessments will be offered after intervention.
- Balance school with extra-curriculars and family life.



Dress Code

- No spaghetti straps
- Shirt tops should meet the pants.
- No short-shorts & skirts
- Shoes must cover the toes and have a heel strap
- Hats and sunglasses may be worn outdoors.

Stay Informed & Get Involved!



- Weekly Newsletters
- Donuts with the Principal
- Griffin Guardians
- PFO
- Classroom Volunteers



Back to School MCGARVEY PFO
Welcome Back Parents & Staff

What is the PFO?
The Parent Faculty Organization (PFO) is a 100% volunteer-run group that supports our school through fundraising and community-building events throughout the year. We help bring the fun: Pumpkin Palooza, the Santa Event, Heart Grams, Fun Run, Talent Show, Multicultural Night – and so much more. But it's not just about events.

The PFO raises and contributes over \$90,000 each year to support our students, teachers, and classrooms. That includes:

- Field trips & enrichment programs: Science & Math
- Classroom supplies and teacher support
- Student planners and Wednesday folders
- Clubs, assemblies, and school promotions
- Spirit wear and staff appreciation

Important Dates

July

23 - Fire Drill

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 Dro;;
- 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



McGarvey Preview Party!



Fresh Paint!



136 skylights replaced!