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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 24

January 16, 2026

Principal's Corner

Lots of great things happening at McGarvey! Did you know it's time for our annual Yearbook Cover Contest?

WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY Every last Friday will be **Walk & Roll to School Day!** Avoid the stress of morning drop-off. Send your Griffin to school on one of our walking or bike buses. Morning movement helps students learn better, and fewer cars means cleaner air for all. Check out page 3 for more info! [Register for January 30 here.](#)

SO LUCKY! Our 6th graders were so lucky to be treated to performances from Albani Middle School (KAMS) this week! Jazz Band and Advance Theater groups came to put on a performance just for 6th grade - with the hope of inspiring them to choose art, theater, or music as an elective in 7th grade. See pics on page 4.

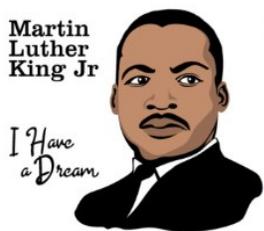
♥ Dr. Mitchell

TK & Kindergarten Registration for '26-'27 Jan. 20, 2026!

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 starting 1/20/26, 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.



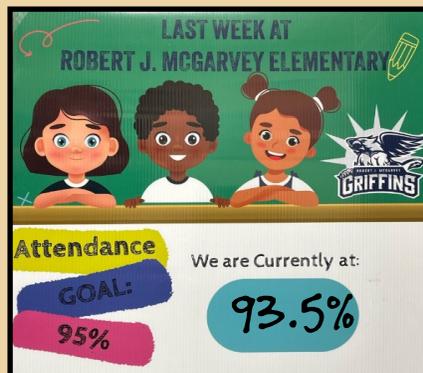
NO SCHOOL Monday 1/19

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday!

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:



New school hours for 2026-27

8:40-3:10

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

AM TK & K is 8:40-12:11

PM TK & K is 11:29-3:10

Start planning ahead...!

Griffin Basketball

We have THREE basketball teams this year - 2 boys teams & 1 girls team. Games got started this week, and our Boys BLUE team scored their first 'W'! Much thanks to our volunteer coaches! **BLUE Team:** Coach Jeremy. **WHITE Team:** Coaches Marcus & Jason. **Girls Team:** Coaches Derek, Seth, and Christy. **THANK YOU - THANK YOU**

Cell Phones & Smart Watches

Student cell phones and smart watches must be turned off and put away at all times while on campus. Devices may be used when students are off-campus — that means **OUTSIDE** the gate.

Students may not use their phones when they leave their classrooms and walk toward the gate or while waiting for the bus.



Accountable Griffins!

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

I am responsible for my contribution.

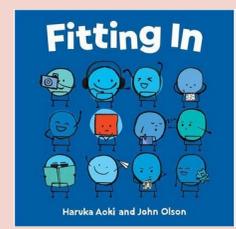
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| Transitional Kindergarten | 3rd Grade |
| Addy | Micah |
| Joaquin | Niko |
| Jordan | Jayce |
| Kindergarten | 4th Grade |
| Lucas | Leo |
| Kadyn | Julian |
| Diane | Ari |
| | Grayson |
| 1st Grade | 5th Grade |
| Sirjan | Avery |
| Lyndon | Abby |
| Addy | Mia |
| Ian | Jazmine |
| Madison | |
| 2nd Grade | 6th Grade |
| Zain | Evan |
| Kylo | Reese |
| Journee | Yuvraj |
| Quenton | TerrahLyn |
| Jonathan | Evelyn |



The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:
BELONGING

We all 'bee-long'!



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

Griffin's Big Question
Have you ever tried to change yourself to fit in? How did it work out?

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

I include everyone, even when it seems hard.

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'"
- Mary Ann Radmacher

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

Important Dates

January

- 19 - MLK Jr. Birthday NO SCHOOL
- 20 - TK/K Registration Opens for 2026-27
- 20 - 3:30 Boys BLUE Team Basketball Game vs. Fite @ Home
- 20 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 21 - 4:00 Girls Basketball Game @ Batey
- 22 - 3:30 Boys WHITE Team Basketball Game vs. Case @ McGarvey
- 22 - 5:30 School Site Council Meeting
- 22-23 - 4th Grade Trip to Coloma (A & D)
- 23 - 3:45 Boys Basketball Open Gym
- 23 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 23 - A/B Deficiencies (Progress Reports)
- 23 - End of Tri 2 (D Track)
- 26 - PFO Valentine Gram Sales Start!
- 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
- 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 - 3:35 Boys BLUE Team Basketball Game vs. Butler @ home
- 3 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 3 - Earthquake Drill
- 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



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Robert McGarvey Elementary Parent Faculty Organization

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY
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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



Join the Griffin Walking or Bike Bus!



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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Send your Griffin to school on one of these routes:



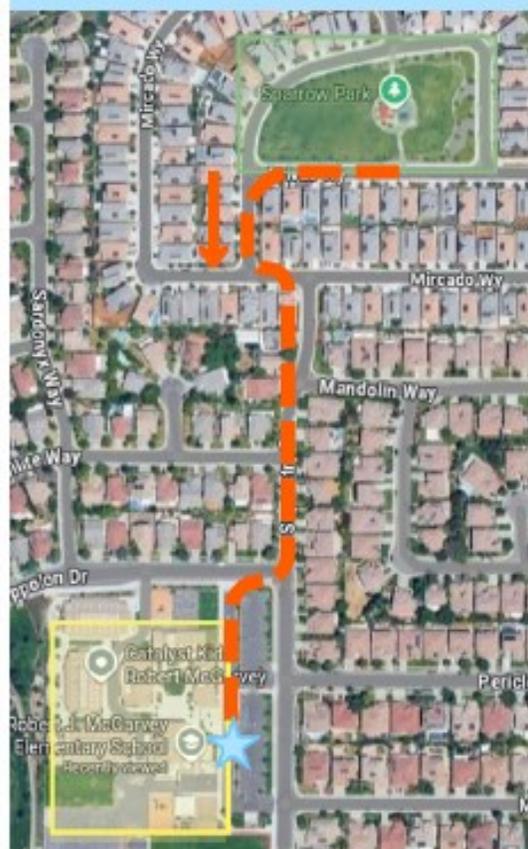
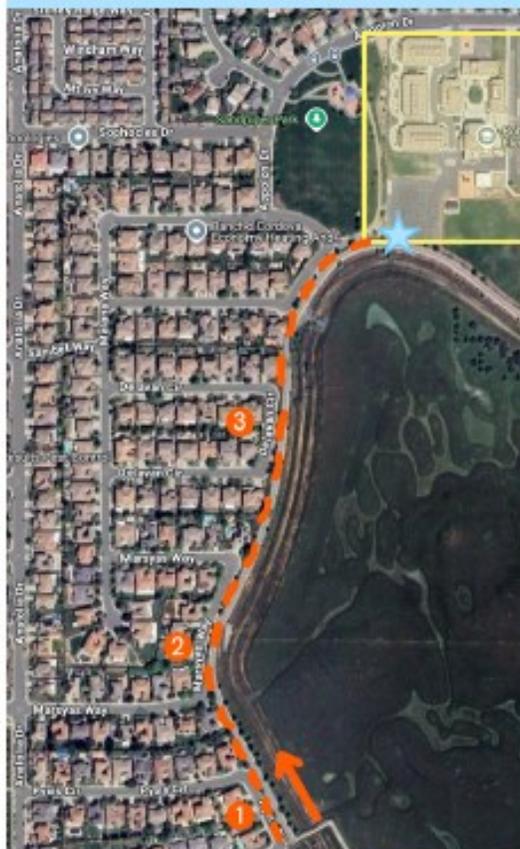
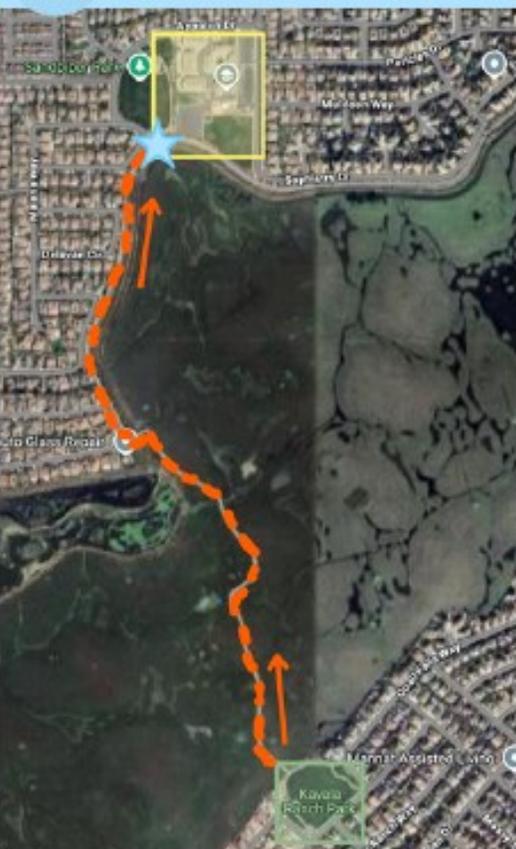
Bike Bus on Kavala Ranch Bike Path



Walking Bus on Anatolia Wetland Preserve Trail



Walking Bus from Sparrow Park



Thank You KAMS

School Site Council Meeting

Our next meeting is re-scheduled for Thursday 1/22 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:
882 8029 7219
Passcode: 530858

Jazz Band



Advanced Theater



...for coming to inspire our 6th graders!

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 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

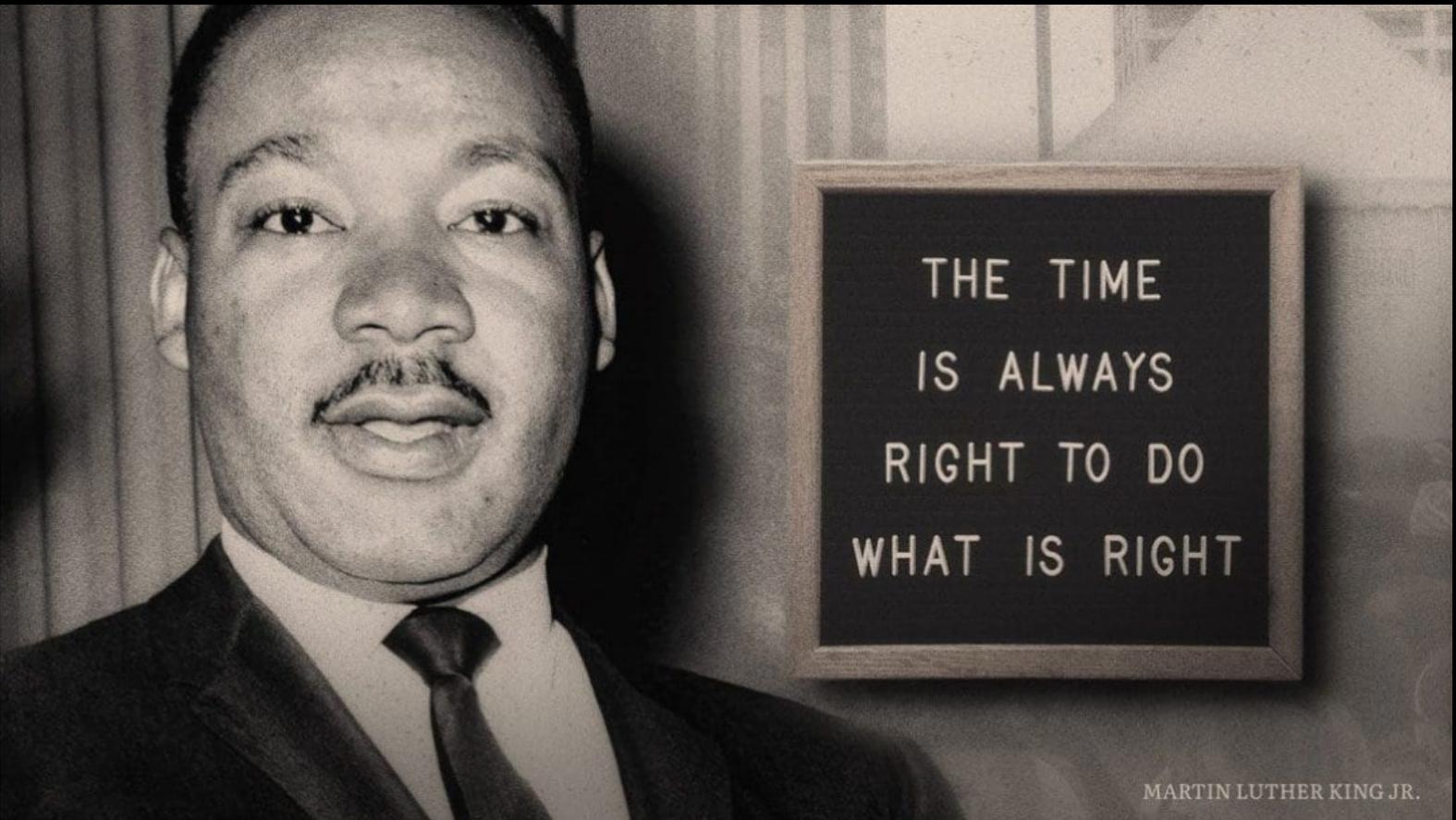


**Griffins Help Griffins
Walk and Bike to School!**

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.



THE TIME
IS ALWAYS
RIGHT TO DO
WHAT IS RIGHT

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

**Enjoy the holiday
WEEKEND**