



Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

Where responsible Griffins S.O.A.R!
Safe - Open Minded - Accountable - Resilient

Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 School Year

Week 32
March 13, 2026

Principal's Corner

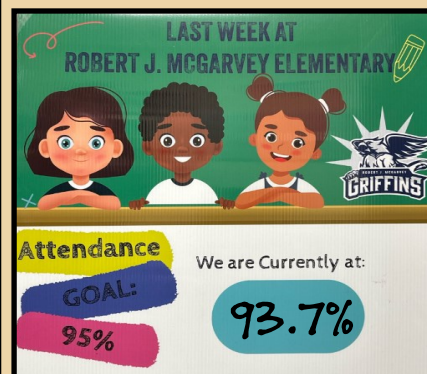
Can we give a round of applause to our amazing PFO? It's a small and mighty Executive PFO Board planning and leading the charge with so many schoolwide events and celebrations. **Rehana Rehman, Brittany Smith, Rebecca Lam, & Sarah Standing** - we are so grateful for you and your seemingly endless well of energy and love for McGarvey! A big heartfelt thank-you to board members **Katrina Osanna, Brianna Castro, Erin Seymour, & Kristy Hartman!** And to everyone else who volunteers in support of the PFO efforts and to support our teachers, THANK YOU! What an amazing year it's been so far! Tuesday's meeting is open to everyone - please join us by zoom!

This week, flags across EGUSD & California were flown at half-staff to honor Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert M. Marzan, age 54, who was tragically killed in an Iranian drone attack on March 1, as reported by the U.S. Department of Defense. A proud 1989 graduate of Elk Grove High School, Chief Warrant Officer Marzan will be remembered for his courage, dedication, and sacrifice in service to our country. Our thoughts are with his family, loved ones, and all who knew him. ♥ Dr. Mitchell

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:



Volleyball Team!

Wow! We had over 70 students try out for volleyball! The team list came out Friday at 11:00 AM. Congrats to all students - those who tried out & those who made the team. **Practice Monday 3/16 & Wednesday 3/18 3:45-5:15!**



Accountable Griffins!

This week, these students were recognized by their teachers.

Congrats!



I make room for other people's ideas.

Transitional Kindergarten

Sophie
Nate
Rahid
Harnoor

Kindergarten

Arka
Emma
Mason
Maya

1st Grade

Emily
Anvika
Sophie

2nd Grade

Matthew
Nakoa

3rd Grade

Reid
Kamela
Jayvion
Mikayla
Bella

4th Grade

Parker
Mason
Orion C.

5th Grade

Harnadar
Hailey F.
Natalia

6th Grade

Krish
Farhan
Zoe
Angie

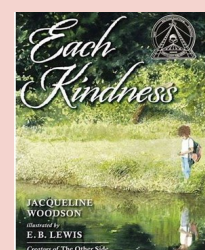


The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:
BE KIND!



Buzz into Kindness!



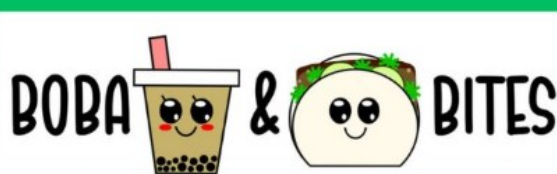
Click the book cover for a link to a read aloud on YouTube.

Griffin's Big Question
Tell about a time you worked with someone to create something you couldn't have done on your own. How did it make you feel?

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

Together we can!

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."
- Aesop



Support our fundraiser with Boba & Bites!
10% of sales will be donated to the McGarvey PFO
Their food truck will be in front of Robert McGarvey Elementary School
4350 Sophistry Drive Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

Thursday, March 19, 2026
2 pm - 8 pm

4350 Sophistry Dr., Rancho Cordova CA 95742 (916) 793-3400

Robert J. McGarvey Elementary School PFO

SILENT AUCTION



**Silent Auction March 26, 2026 5:30PM
during B&C track Open House**

Help us raise funds to support our teachers and students.

The RJMES PFO helps fund student field trips, science & math programs, teacher supply costs, assemblies & clubs, student supplies, teacher & staff appreciation, and art projects

Some of the bidding items will include:

- *Gift baskets
- *School VP for a day
- *Free wine tasting tickets
- *Ice Cream with the Principal
- *Family bookcase quilt
- *Reserved seats at K/6th promotions
- *One extra recess for the whole class
- *Easter themed cake/cupcakes
- *Behind the Scenes tour of McGarvey

This is not an EGUSD-sponsored event

Want to donate? Contact Rebecca Lam at

secretary@rjmepfo.org

Children are eligible if they were born between September 2, 2022, and September 1, 2023, or if they will turn 3 years old before starting the program.

No income requirements & MUST be able to provide transportation

PRESCHOOL JOIN OUR EGUSD INTEGRATED PEER PROGRAM

2026-2027

Upcoming Dates for Zoom Information Meetings



March 9, 2026



May 18, 2026



April 20, 2026



June 8, 2026

Zoom informational meetings will be held on the dates listed above at the following times:

8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.

Attendance at one of the informational meetings is required.

Zoom Meeting I.D.

<https://egusd-net.zoom.us/j/86979946950>

Meeting ID: 869 7994 6950

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact us:

Jennifer Lipsky (jlipsky@egusd.net)

Shally Moua (shmoua@egusd.net)



Important Dates

March

- 16-27 SPED PreK Spring Break (MT Calendar)
- 16 - 3:45 Volleyball Practice
- 17 - C & D Track Teacher Appreciation Day
Will be Rescheduled in April—stay tuned!
- 17 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (zoom)
- 18 - 3:45 Volleyball Practice
- 19 - Boba & Bites food truck fundraiser!
- 19 - 5:30 School Site Council Meeting #4
- 26 - 5:30 B & C Track OPEN HOUSE
- 26 - Spring Book Fair (thru April 8)
- 27 - Walk & Roll to School!**

PFO Meeting ZOOM

ID: 863 2227 8068

Tues. 3/17
@ 6:30

[LINK](#)

April

- 1-3 - 5th Grade @ Marin Headlands
- 2 - Earthquake Drill
- 3 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 3 - Track Change Day (B goes off) (Min. Day)
- 8 - PBIS Refresher (A)
- 8 - 4:30 KAMS Incoming 7th Grade Ice Cream Social
- 9 - 4:00 PFO Meeting (in person)
- 9-25 - Rancho Cordova Student Art Show
- 13-17 - 6th Grade Sly Park Field Trip
- 17 - 7th Annual Rancho Cordova Student Art Reception
- 27 - A & C Kindergarten attends 10:30-2:00
- 28 - Spring Pictures (A & C) & 6th Grade Promotion Pictures
- 30 - 5:30 A & D Track OPEN HOUSE

Don't trash our school!

We keep finding lots of gum and trash littering our beautiful campus.

Families, we need your help! Please remind children not to bring or chew gum at school, and to put snack wrappers & other trash in the trash cans instead of on the ground or in the bushes. Thank you!

Remember... No gum at school!

"For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it, if only we're brave enough to be it."

AMANDA GORMAN
POET

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



WE'RE HAVING A BOOK FAIR!



3/26 - 4/8

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

Prepare for the Fair



Book Fair eWallet: The easy way to pay

AVAILABLE BETWEEN:
3/5 - 4/8

Set up a NEW one for each Fair:

- Students shop cash-free
- Teachers build class libraries

[GET STARTED](#)



No kid should leave the Fair empty-handed

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

[GIVE NOW](#)

Preview the books at our Fair

Take a 360° virtual tour and explore gotta-have books, watch video book trailers, and more!

[PREVIEW THE BOOKS](#)





Let's power Earth Day with an art competition

Showcase your talent in our art gallery and demonstrate how you're celebrating the Earth by helping us reach our goal of zero carbon by 2030.

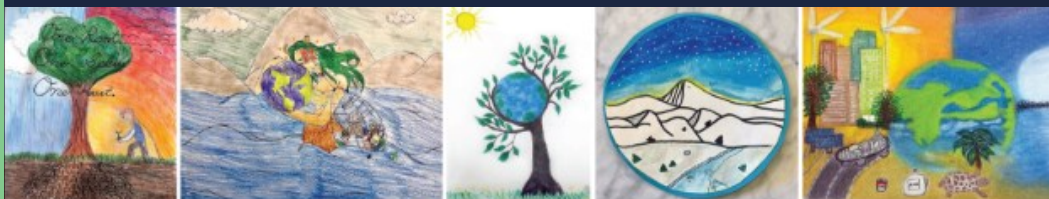
Submit a photograph of your Earth Day-themed art using a 2D media and we'll select 50 winners and display their artwork in our gallery. The top 18 winners will also have their artwork featured in a calendar. Calendar winners will receive an Earth Day calendar along with other special prizes.

Contest runs Sunday, March 1 - Friday, April 3

Contest rules and entry information is on the back of this flyer.

Have fun, be creative and let's power Earth Day every day!

Learn more at smud.org/EarthDay.



Rules and submission instructions

- Entrant must be a SMUD customer residing in our service area.
- Entrant must be in grades K-6.
- Only 1 individual entry per person.
- SMUD employees and families are not eligible to participate in individual submissions.
- Only 2D art media is acceptable.
- Art gallery dimension requirements:
Minimum: 11" wide x 8.5" high, Maximum: 14" wide x 11" high (landscape orientation)
- Do not include your name in the artwork.
- Please do not include religious references or symbols in the artwork.
- All contestants must complete the Participation and Consent Form found on smud.org/EarthDay or the entry will not be accepted. While completing the form, you will be asked to upload a high resolution, landscape photo of your artwork.
 - ◊ Make sure there are no shadows in the picture.
 - ◊ Contestants must use the following naming convention for the photo file:
firstname.lastname.schoolname.jpeg

Deadline to submit: Friday, April 3

- We'll announce winners on Wednesday, April 22.
- We'll recognize and display 50 pieces of art in our art gallery located at our Customer Service Center at 6301 S Street, Sacramento.
- Winner must deliver their artwork so it can be displayed in our gallery.
- We'll feature the top 18 winning artworks in our 12-month SMUD Celebrates Earth Day Calendar.
- We may post artwork on our social media and website including the winner's first name, last initial, grade, and school.
- Winners will receive exciting prizes like bags, water bottles and more!
- We'll invite the 18 calendar winners, their families, and teachers to a celebratory reception on Thursday, May 21.

Questions? Email etcmil@smud.org



Interested in an Intra or Inter District Transfer for your child?

The schools below are open to transfers on a space available basis:

Edna Batey Elementary 9421 Stonebrook Drive Elk Grove, CA 95624	Elitha Donner Elementary 9461 Soaring Oaks Drive Elk Grove, CA 95758	B.C. Morse Elementary 7000 Cranleigh Avenue Sacramento, CA 95823
Maeola Beitzel Elementary 8140 Caymus Drive Sacramento, CA 95829	Elliott Ranch Elementary 10000 East Taron Drive Elk Grove, CA 95757	Pleasant Grove Elementary 10160 Pleasant Grove School Rd. Elk Grove, CA 95624
Carroll Elementary 10325 Stathos Drive Elk Grove, CA 95757	Ellen Feickert Elementary 9351 Feickert Drive Elk Grove, CA 95624	Prairie Elementary 5251 Valley Hi Drive Sacramento, CA 95823
Cosumnes River Elementary 13580 Jackson Road Sloughouse, CA 95683	Florin Elementary 7300 Kara Drive Sacramento, CA 95828	David Reese Elementary 7600 Lindale Drive Sacramento, CA 95828
C.W. Dillard Elementary 9721 Dillard Road Wilton, CA 95693	Arlene Hein Elementary 6820 Bellaterra Drive Elk Grove, CA 95757	Joseph Sims Elementary 3033 Buckminster Drive Elk Grove, CA 95758
Cypress Grove Elementary 4189 Cypress Grove Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	James McKee Elementary 8701 Halverson Drive Elk Grove, CA 95624	

Transfer requests for the upcoming school year may be turned in beginning in April. Please contact the Elk Grove Unified School District, Elementary Education Division for more information:

Robert L. Trigg Education Center
9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road
Room 215
Elk Grove, CA 95624

(916) 686-7704



“Never interrupt someone doing something you said couldn’t be done.”

AMELIA EARHART
AMERICAN AVIATOR

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

New school hours for 2026-27

8:40-3:10
Thursdays, early out @ 2:20 PM
Grades 1-6

AM TK & K is 8:40-12:11
PM TK & K is 11:29-3:10

Motorized
Bicycle or Moped



Motorized
E-Scooter



Rules of the Road
E-Scooters & E-Bikes



California Vehicle Code
(CVC) Definition

CVC 406 (a)

- Two or three wheels
- Fully operative pedals or no pedals if it has an electric motor
- Maximum speed of 30 mph

RIDER REQUIREMENTS	
License	Driver's license with an M1 or M2 endorsement
Helmet	DOT compliant helmet required for all ages
Where	May ride on public and private roads Not allowed on sidewalks or trails
Other Info	Must be registered with the DMV and have adequate vehicle insurance
POSSIBLE PENALTIES	
1. 12500(a) VC Citation - Driving without a license and tow with 30-day impound	
2. Right of way violation	

California Vehicle Code
(CVC) Definition

CVC 407.5

- Two wheels with a motor, handlebars, and a floorboard for standing on when riding
- May have a driver seat that does not interfere with the ability to stand and ride

RIDER REQUIREMENTS	
License	Driver's license or instruction permit required
Helmet	Bicycle helmet if under 18 CVC 21212
Where	May ride wherever traditional bicycles may ride - No riding on sidewalks CVC 21200
Other Info	Not to exceed 15 mph CVC 22411
POSSIBLE PENALTIES	
1. 12500(a) VC Citation - Driving without a license and tow with 30-day impound	
2. Helmet citation	
3. Right of way violation	

CITY OF ELK GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT
8400 Laguna Palms Way
Elk Grove, CA 95758

(916) 478-8110

elkgrove.gov/police

Starting this week, EGUSD and local law enforcement will begin a coordinated two-pronged initiative aimed at reducing e-bike and scooter collisions and preventing serious injuries. The first phase will consist of a 30-day education campaign across various platforms. The enforcement phase will follow. Officers will conduct zero-tolerance enforcement in and around school areas and will take enforcement action when illegal or unsafe operation of e-bikes or scooters is observed. Please review these flyers and make sure your family is complying with these important safety laws.

Off-Highway Motorcycle
(Dirtbike)



Class 1 & Class 2
E-Bike



Class 3
E-Bike



California Vehicle Code
(CVC) Definition

CVC 436

- A motorcycle for use exclusively off the highway
- Electric and/or gas powered

RIDER REQUIREMENTS	
License	None - This type of motorcycle is NOT street legal.
Helmet	DOT compliant helmet required
Where	Can only ride at off-highway vehicle parks (such as Carnegie) or on private property May not ride on any public road, sidewalk, trail, or park.
Other Info	Must be registered with the DMV and have adequate vehicle insurance
POSSIBLE PENALTIES	
1. 12500(a) VC Citation - Driving without a license and tow with 30-day impound	

California Vehicle Code
(CVC) Definition

CVC 312.5

A pedal or throttle-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a motor that assists only up to a speed of 20 mph

RIDER REQUIREMENTS	
License	None
Helmet	Bicycle helmet if under 18 CVC 21212
Where	May ride wherever traditional bicycles may ride CVC 21200
Other Info	No minimum age requirement to ride
POSSIBLE PENALTIES	
1. Helmet Citation, if applicable	
2. Right of way citation, if ridden improperly.	

California Vehicle Code
(CVC) Definition

CVC 312.5

A low-speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a speedometer, and a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to assist when a speed of 28 mph is reached

RIDER REQUIREMENTS	
License	None
Helmet	Bicycle helmet required regardless of age CVC 21213(a)
Where	May ride wherever traditional bicycles may ride CVC 21200
Other Info	Must be 16 years or older to ride
POSSIBLE PENALTIES	
1. Helmet Citation, if applicable	
2. Right of way citation, if ridden improperly.	



Family and Staff WELLNESS SERIES

Register on Eventbrite Using the QR Codes or links

3/31/26



Belonging Starts with Us: Supporting Transgender and Gender Expansive Youth

Let's learn how to better support transgender and gender-expansive youth in school and at home. Gain a clearer understanding of gender identity, learn practical ways to create affirming environments, and explore strategies for responding with care, respect, and confidence. Through shared language, real-life examples, and actionable tips, we will strengthen partnership, belonging, and well-being for all students.

4/15/26



Boundaries, Expectations and Connection

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50 Corridor TMA

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.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME
1	\$1,000.00	\$12,000.00
2	\$1,416.67	\$17,000.00
3	\$1,750.00	\$21,000.00
4	\$2,083.33	\$25,000.00
5	\$2,416.67	\$29,000.00
6	\$2,750.00	\$33,000.00
7	\$3,083.33	\$37,000.00
8	\$3,416.67	\$41,000.00
Over 8	\$3,750.00 each	\$45,000.00 each
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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.

How and When to Sign up?
Visit food distribution:

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Bring bags or a
cart for easier
choosing and
carrying

December 1st 3:45 - 5:15
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E.G.U.S.D. Community Block Party

Student
Performances
&
Information Booths

FREE Food & Drinks
(while supplies last)

Door Prizes

Kid Friendly
Activities

SCAN ME

CLICK HERE

REGISTER NOW

Thursday April 30, 2026
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Elk Grove Shopping Center
9418 Elk Grove-Florin Road

7TH ANNUAL RANCHO CORDOVA

STUDENT ART SHOW

Art Reception
April 17 | 5:30-7:30 pm.

APRIL 9 - 25

This show exhibits hundreds of works by students TK-12 Grade who go to school or live in Rancho Cordova. All art is submitted through their teacher and school. We are inspiring the next generation of artist at the MACC.

