

LIVE FROM



THE HIVE

Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

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

Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 School Year
Week 19
November 21, 2025

Principal's Corner

As we enter this season of thanksgiving, we are reminded of the many reasons we are grateful for our wonderful McGarvey community.

This week, our Fourth Grade students benefited from meaningful lessons in empathy and understanding through *A Touch of Understanding*. They explored everyday life with disabilities such as ADHD, blindness and visual impairments, Autism, and the experience of using a wheelchair. These lessons helped our students grow in compassion, awareness, and respect for the diverse strengths within our school and community.

Our D Track students also enjoyed their annual Friendsgiving this week. What a wonderful opportunity for our families to come together to break bread, share cultures and experiences, and continue growing together as a strong and connected community.

As for your admin team, we are grateful to be part of the McGarvey community and for the opportunity to grow and learn alongside all of you.

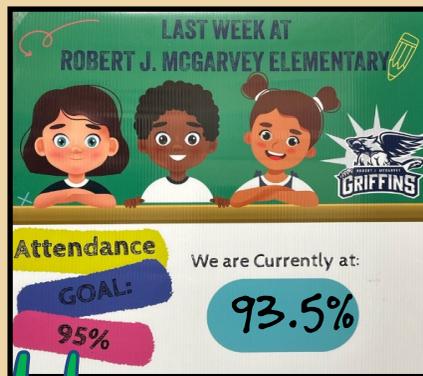
Wishing each of our students, families, teachers, and staff a warm, joyful, and restful Thanksgiving season filled with gratitude, connection, and celebration.

♥ Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Ricks, & Ms. Garbett

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:



Happy Thanksgiving!

SCHOOL CLOSED

FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK

Nov. 23-28, 2025

School resumes Monday, Dec. 1



Open Minded Griffins!

This week, these students were recognized by their teachers.

Congrats!

Lots of people help me in ways I don't even see.

Transitional Kindergarten

Julianna
Luke
Olive
Jaiden

3rd Grade

Camila
Addy
Hannah
Jamille

Kindergarten

Faaiz
Michael
Alex
Michael
Leo



4th Grade

Renaat
Johanna
Maya

5th Grade

Javi
Aurora
Kyri

1st Grade

Emma
Adalyn

2nd Grade

Charlie
Edhal
Rye

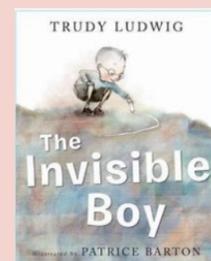
6th Grade

Eka
Isla
Aly
Christian

The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:
SHINE FROM WITHIN

'Bee' the Light!



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

Griffin's Big Question
Have you noticed people who might feel invisible? Why is it important for them to be seen?

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

Shining my light brightly doesn't dim anyone else's.

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind."

- attributed to Dr. Seuss

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 rin66@gmail.com or (916) 792-7462.

CA ED CODE 53008: READING DIFFICULTIES SCREENER 2025-26

Elk Grove Unified School District



WHAT IS THE SCREENER?

In 2023, 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



Important Dates

December

- 1 - A Track Returns
- 3 - City of Rancho Cordova Holiday Star Program
- 3-4 - 3:45 Boys Basketball Tryouts
- 3-4 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Tryouts
- 4 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (ZOOM)
- 9 - Fire Drill
- 9 - 5:00 Winter Band Concert
- 11 - 5:30 School Site Council
- 18 - PBIS Meeting
- 19 - PFO Santa Event!
- 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

PFO Meeting
ZOOM

Thurs. 12/4/25
@ 6:30

[LINK](#)

January

- 5 - School Resumes
- 5 - AB Track Returns
- 15 - 8:00 Safety Committee
- 15 - Fire Drill
- 15 - 6:30 PFO Meeting
- 22 - 5:30 School Site Council Meeting
- 22-23 - 4th Grade Coloma Trip (AD)
- 26 - PFO Valentine Gram Sales Start!
- 29 - 9:30 Donuts with the Principal

School Site Council Meeting

Our next meeting is re-scheduled for Thursday 12/11 at 5:30 via zoom.

Agenda:

- Review and approve 1st Fall Meeting minutes
- Site LCAP Evaluation; review Goals 3 & 4; discuss impact on current year's programs
- Review site LCAP actions and align & approve budgets; vote on approval of changes, if needed

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 862 0495 1562
Passcode: 204464



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!

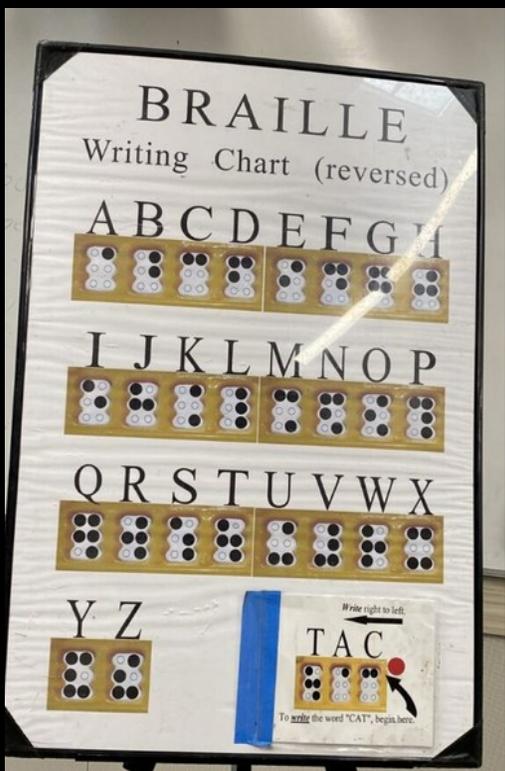
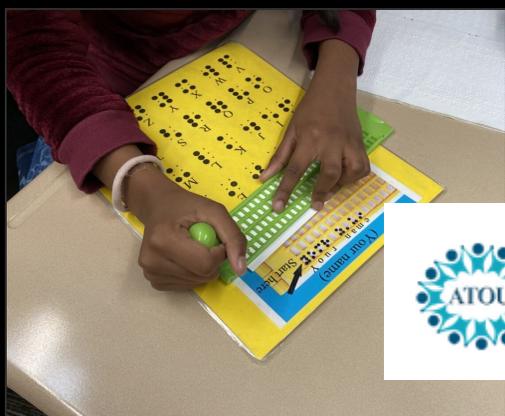
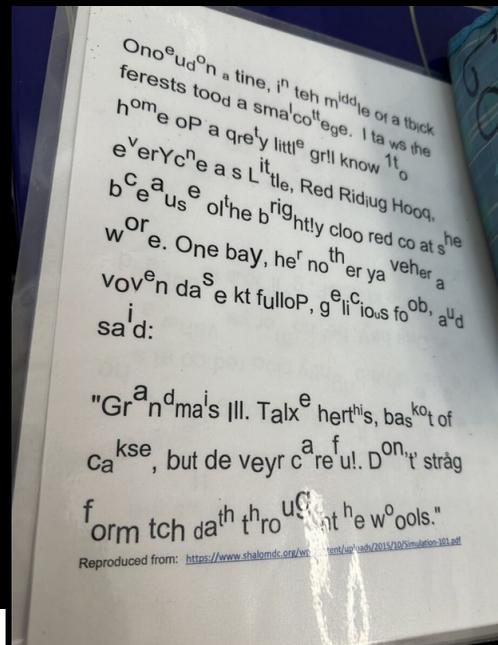
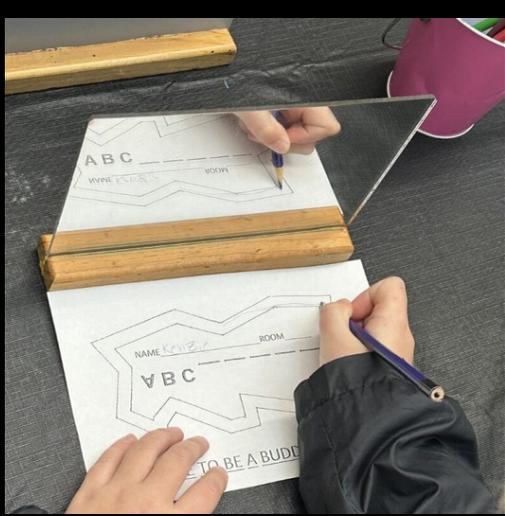
Carrie Mitchell, principal
carmitch@egusd.net

Becky Ricks, vice principal
bricks@egusd.net

Carrie Garbett, vice principal
cgarbett@egusd.net



Puppet Show!!



D Track Friendsgiving





★ 26th Annual
CORDOVA COMMUNITY
Christmas Tree
★ LIGHTING

★ 4-7:30 p.m.
★ Sunday, November 30, 2025

**Tree Lighting &
Fireworks at 7 p.m.**
Village Green Park
3141 Bridgeway Drive ★

FREE ADMISSION

- Hay Rides • Live Nativity
- Food Trucks • Santa Claus
- Train Rides • SNOW!

★ **HELP STUFF THE SQUAD CAR**

Brighten the holidays for
needy kids in our community
by bringing a new, unwrapped gift.

Presented by



www.cordovacouncil.org