



Robert J. McGarvey Elementary School - Elk Grove Unified School District

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Corner

It's that time of year again... Time to get your feedback to guide our efforts with your children! The Parent/Guardian Perspective Survey is open now and will be open until May 9. The info you provide will be used to make further improvements to our school and district programs. Please complete the 2024-25 EGUSD Parent/Guardian Perspective Survey at www.egsurvey.net. We'll also ask our 5th & 6th graders for their feedback. Look for more info about that to come home soon! ♥ Dr. Mitchell

BEE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL



We've had a lot of tardy students lately. Remember, students are expected to be in their seats & ready to learn by 9:05!



Accountable Griffins!

Responsible Griffins S.O.A.R.!

We are **Safe**, **Open-Minded**, **Accountable**, and **Resilient**!

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

Kindergarten/TK

Sophia
Likezo
Leo
Maximus

1st Grade

Fatah
Madison
Natalie

2nd Grade

Umra
Aseel
Mahsa

3rd Grade

Lukey
Amaya
Jayden
Sanaya

4th Grade

Jionni
Levon
Noah

5th Grade

Emmett
Elijah
Chandaly
Willa

6th Grade

Franco
Jason
Mannat
My'Khael

Volunteers Needed!

It's BOOK FAIR time!

Wed-Thurs 4/16-17
Tues-Thurs 4/22-24
Tues-Thurs 4/29-5/1

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/RJMES1>

COME TO THE FAIR CHOOSE BOOKS YOU LOVE

Shop with Book Fair eWallet for cash-free purchases

THE RJMES PFO PRESENTS

Griffins Got Talent!

OPEN TO ALL GRIFFINS TK-6TH

Sing, dance, play an instrument, do magic, tell jokes—whatever your talent, we want to see it!

Sign up by: April 11th, 2025

Talent Show: 5/16/25 5-8pm

Copy & Paste or Scan to Sign Up:
<https://forms.gle/y5o7MgGh63VcfG697>

Don't miss your chance to shine! Grab your friends, pick your act, and let's make this the best show ever!

2025 GRIFFIN FUN RUN

WHO: A AND D TRACK STUDENTS
WHEN: FUNDRAISING KICKOFF 4/4/25
FUN RUN RACE 4/25/25

HOW TO GET STARTED:
REGISTER EACH STUDENT ON OUR PLEDGESTAR SCHOOL SITE BY EITHER GOING TO THIS LINK:
[HTTPS://PLEDGESTAR.COM/MCGARVEY/](https://pledgestar.com/mcgarvey/)

OR SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW!

PRIZES

REGISTER	KEYCHAIN & T-SHIRT
\$25	GRIFFIN WATER BOTTLE
\$50	GREEN SHOP VOUCHER
\$100	GRIFFIN HEAD BAND
\$200	YELLOW SHOP VOUCHER
\$300	BLUE SHOP VOUCHER
\$400	3D PRINT PEN
\$500	PUNKO FOR GIFT CARD

Kindergarten Playground

The new Kindergarten Playground will open Monday 4/7 at 11:50 with a special ribbon cutting ceremony! We're so excited!

Sierra Enterprise Elementary presents

FIVE SENSES SATURDAY

Saturday, April 5th
11:00am - 2:00pm

9115 FRUITRIDGE ROAD
SACRAMENTO, CA 95826

Join us for an afternoon of family fun including:

- water table exploration
- kinetic sand
- indoor and outdoor games
- prizes
- arts and crafts
- music
- snacks and drinks
- free vision screening for children and adults

OPEN HOUSE

A & D Tracks
Thursday, April 10

5:30-6:30

Come check out your child's classroom!

PFO NEEDS YOU

Be heard! Make a difference!
Join the PFO Board next year!

Join Robert J. McGarvey Elementary's awesome Parent Faculty Organization (PFO) by becoming a board member!
Share your ideas and thoughts so we can improve our students' educational experiences and build their sense of community.
McGarvey Elementary School PFO needs you!

Interested in Joining?

Here are our available positions:

Executive Positions: (2-year term)

- President
- Interim Secretary (1 year)

Board Positions:

- Website Admin
- Sponsorship
- Room Parent Coordinator
- Active4me/Safe Routes Coordinator
- General Board Member

SCAN
OR
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Voting will happen on April 23, 2025

If you're interested in volunteering with us,
Scan QR Code and fill out application or
Contact Lindsay Miller at
president@rjmepfo.org



Reminder about Cell Phones & Smart Watches

We are continuing to have violations of our cell phone and smart watch rules.

While students are allowed to have 'mobile communication devices' on campus, **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.

To protect our learning environment, devices in-use on campus will be collected by an administrator and kept in the school office for a parent to pick up.



Important Dates

April

- 7 - Earthquake Drill
- 7 - 3:45 Volleyball Practice
- 9 - Dinner Night Out Zintzuni
- 9 - PFO Meeting (Zoom)
- 10 - 3:45 Volleyball Game
- 10 - OPEN HOUSE (A & D)
- 11 - Open House Parade
- 11 - Deadline to Register for the Talent Show
- 14 - 3:45 Volleyball Practice
- 15 - 4:00 Talent Show Practice
- 15 - Spring Pictures (C & D)
- 16-18 - 5th Grade Science Camp (C & D)
- 16-20 - BOOK FAIR!
- 16 - 4:00 Volleyball Game @ CRES
- 21 - 3:45 Volleyball Practice
- 23 (Wed) - Track Change Day Minimum Day (C goes off)
- 23 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 25 - Fun Run (Tracks A & D)

May

- 1 - 4:00 Talent Show Practice
- 2 - Bike Repair Day
- 3 (Sat.) - Community Bike Ride to Dutch Bros
- 5-7 - 5th Grade Science Camp

VOLLEYBALL

Come cheer on the Griffin Volleyball team on **Thursday at 3:45** in the McGarvey MP!



FREE Assist PROGRAMS
EXL 24/25
PROGRAMMING

VERY LIMITED SPOTS HAVE OPENED UP



SNACK WILL BE PROVIDED



Enrollment for remainder of current school year

SUBMITTING A REQUEST DOES NOT GUARANTEE ENROLLMENT. IF ENROLLED, YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION PRIOR TO PROGRAM STARTING.

Now accepting new enrollments for this school year in Grades 1-6!

Use the QR Code & fill out the info sheet.

Then wait for a confirmation email.

Snacks are provided.

Students must be picked up by 5:30 by a designated adult (18+) with valid ID.

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May is **BIKE MONTH**
@ McGarvey



FRIDAY, MAY 2ND

FREE BIKE REPAIRS

Get your kids bikes rolling smoothly again!

While they're in class at McGarvey

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD

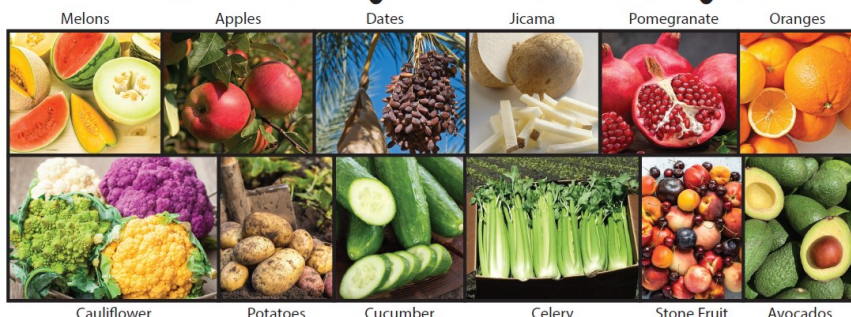
BIKE RIDE TO DUTCH BROS

Ride with fellow Griffins and enjoy a free drink!

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Meet at McGarvey



NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH® POSTER CONTEST celebrating California's Fruits & Vegetables!



Create a poster that features **ONE** of the many California grown items we have at school throughout the year!

- Prizes & recognition will be awarded at each school. All entries will be kept by Food & Nutrition Services and may be used in promotional materials like our annual HOTM calendar and poster.
- Student name, grade, teacher and school should be written on the back of the poster. Please make posters no bigger than 9x12"

Submit all entries to your cafeteria by April 12th

Contact Christine Clark in Food & Nutrition Services with any questions, cclark@egusd.net or (916) 686-7735 ext 78096.

All events sponsored by:
50 Corridor TMA
and the City of Rancho Cordova

This is not an Elk Grove Unified School District sponsored program and EGUSD accepts no liability or responsibility for this program/facility.
For questions:
916.234.6176
team@50corridor.com





Know your Rights Immigration Plan Ahead and Defend Yourself

You are invited to a "Know Your Rights" virtual workshop.

Register here to secure your spot and to receive additional information:

[Workshop: Know your rights.](#)



Thursday, March 13th 6:00pm-7:30pm

Thursday, April 10th 6:00pm-7:30pm

Virtual: ZOOM

Please join us with representatives from Sacramento ACT to learn about:

- Your constitutional rights
- Ways to protect your family and/or community

If you have any questions, please call Nancy López at (916) 831-5555

These sessions will be held virtually and in English with interpretation, if needed.



Conoce tus Derechos Inmigración Planifica y Defiéndete

Invitamos a las familias y a la comunidad de EGUSD a un taller de "Conoce tus Derechos".

Regístrese aquí para asegurar su espacio y recibir más información:

[Taller: Conoce tus Derechos.](#)

Favor de acompañarnos con representantes de Sacramento ACT para aprender sobre:

- Sus derechos constitucionales
- Formas de proteger a su familia y/o comunidad



jueves, 13 de marzo 6:00pm-7:30pm

jueves, 10 de abril 6:00pm-7:30pm

virtual por ZOOM

Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame al (916) 831-5555 con Nancy López

Estas sesiones se llevarán a cabo de forma virtual y en inglés, con interpretación, si es necesario.

TIKIZ will be here every Thursday

SUPPORT OUR MCGARVEY GRIFFINS



Thursday, April 10

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM



Please send your student
\$5 Ice Cream Bars \$5 - \$7 Shaved Ice
to ensure that they can participate
in the TIKIZ experience.



[Tikiz.com/TikizOnTheRiver](https://tikiz.com/tikizontheriver)

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Doctor's Orders: Laughter

Jokes of the Week

Why is everyone exhausted on April 1st?

Because they've just finished at 31-day March!

Which monster loves April Fool's jokes?

Pranken-stein!

Can February march?

No, but April may!

Why can April jump so high?

Because it's spring!

What did April Fool's Day say after it won an award?

Prank you!



Thank You

We appreciate your thoughtfulness, parents!



Message from the Superintendent

Dear EGUSD Families, Students and Staff,

As a diverse school district, Elk Grove Unified is committed to the safety, well-being, and education of all our students, families, and staff members. Our School Board has adopted Board policy (BP/AR 5145.13) that protects access to student information or to students on school grounds. We recognize the increased anxiety surrounding recent executive orders related to immigration and understand the challenges and uncertainties many of our students, families, and staff members are facing. For many in our community, the weight of these uncertainties can be overwhelming.

We are actively monitoring these changes and want to reaffirm our unwavering commitment to making our campuses safe and welcoming places where all students, families, and staff feel a sense of belonging regardless of immigration status or national origin.

In addition to Board policy (BP/AR 5145.13) in place, which outlines how we respond to immigration enforcement, federal and state laws protect student education records and personal information. Please know that our district does not collect immigration or citizenship data. There are also many state and county resources available to our community, and we encourage you to access them. For our community’s benefit, [here is a link to some of these resources](#) on our EGUSD website. We will continue to update this page regularly to reflect the latest information.

As we move forward, it is important that we continue to support our students, their families, and each other. Our partnership with parents and the broader community is essential in creating learning environments where all students learn and are empowered to succeed. Thank you for all you do to help ensure our schools are safe and welcoming places where every single student is seen, heard and valued.

Sincerely,
Your EGUSD Leadership Team

Q&A: Serving Undocumented Students Information



Are undocumented students entitled to a free public elementary and secondary school education?

Yes. Public schools are prohibited from denying undocumented students a free public education. (*Plyler v. Doe* (1982) 457 U.S. 202.) Under *Plyler*, the undocumented or non-citizen status of a student (or his/her parent or guardian) is irrelevant to that student’s entitlement to an elementary and secondary public education.

Can I ask a student questions regarding his/her immigration status?

No. The District should never ask a student, or the parent/guardian of the student, questions regarding citizenship or immigration status. (See U.S. Dept. of J. and U.S. Dept. of Ed. Fact Sheet: Information on the Rights of All Children to Enroll in School, <https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/crt/legacy/2014/05/08/plylerfact.pdf>.) A student’s citizenship or immigration status is not relevant in establishing residency requirements. (OCR Dear Colleague Letter, May 8, 2014.)

What kind of documents must an undocumented student provide to establish proof of residency for enrollment purposes?


Undocumented students wishing to enroll in a school may establish residency by providing the same documents as required by other students. For example, this may include a rental agreement or payment, correspondence from a government agency, a declaration of residency executed by the parent/guardian of the student, utility bills or other documents. (Ed. Code, § 48204.1.)

Schools should be cognizant, however, that school enrollment cannot be denied to a student, undocumented or otherwise, who is homeless and unable to show that he/she lives within the district’s boundaries.

What kind of documents can a school request to establish an undocumented student’s age?

Schools are permitted to request documentation to show that a student falls within a school’s minimum and maximum age requirements. (Ed. Code, § 48002, Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 432, subd. (b)(1)(B).) Acceptable documents for establishing age include a birth certificate, an affidavit from a parent, or previously verified school records. (See U.S. Dept. of J. and U.S. Dept. of Ed. Fact Sheet: Information on the Rights of All Children to Enroll in School, <https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/crt/legacy/2014/05/08/plyler-fact.pdf>.)

It should be noted, however, that although a school may request the aforementioned documents, a student cannot be prevented from enrolling or attending at a school because he or she lacks a birth certificate, or has records indicating a foreign place of birth. **There is no legal requirement for the district to retain a copy of the birth certificate in its records.**



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IMMIGRATION-ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS
AT CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS
GUIDE FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

KNOW YOUR EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS

YOUR CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO A FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION

- All children have a right to equal access to free public education, regardless of their or their parents’/guardians’ immigration status.
- All children in California:
 - Have the right to a free public education.
 - Must be enrolled in school if they are between 6 and 18 years old.
 - Have the right to attend safe, secure, and peaceful schools.
 - Have a right to be in a public school learning environment free from discrimination, harassment, bullying, violence, and intimidation.
 - Have equal opportunity to participate in any program or activity offered by the school without discrimination.

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

- Schools must accept a variety of documents from the student’s parent or guardian to demonstrate proof of child’s age or residency and schools are not required to keep a copy of the document used as proof of a child’s age.
- Information about citizenship/immigration status is never needed for school enrollment. A Social Security number is never needed for school enrollment.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Federal and state laws protect student education records and personal information. These laws generally require that schools get written consent from parents or guardians before releasing student information, unless the release of information is for educational purposes, is already public, or is in response to a court order or subpoena.
- Some schools collect and provide publicly basic student “directory information.” If so, the school district must provide parents/ guardians with written notice of the directory information policy, and provide the option to refuse release of your child’s information.

FAMILY SAFETY PLANS IF YOU ARE DETAINED OR DEPORTED

- You can update your child’s emergency contact information, including secondary contacts, to identify a trusted adult guardian who can care for your child if you are detained or deported.
- You can complete a Caregiver’s Authorization Affidavit or a Petition for Appointment of Temporary Guardian of the Person to give a trusted adult the authority to make educational and medical decisions for your child.

RIGHT TO FILE A COMPLAINT


- Your child has the right to report a hate crime or file a complaint to the school district if he or she is discriminated against, harassed, intimidated or bullied because of his or her actual or perceived nationality, ethnicity, or immigration status.

For more information on resources for responding to immigration enforcement activities at California schools, or to file a complaint, please contact:

Bureau of Children’s Justice
California Attorney General’s Office
P.O. Box 944255
Sacramento, CA 94244-2550

Phone: (800) 952-5225
E-mail: BCJ@doj.ca.gov
<https://oag.ca.gov/bcj/complaint>

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Immigration Protection
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Are undocumented students entitled to participate in extracurricular school activities and other school services?

Yes. Unless an activity does not contribute to educational goals, and the denial of participation furthers a substantial state goal, the activity is likely protected under *Plyler*’s guarantee of access to education. Because there are strong arguments that extracurricular activities are central to the student’s educational experience, undocumented students should have the right to participate in those activities. This right extends to services related to transportation, special education, Section 504 services, and free and reduced meals.

Is an undocumented student entitled to the same privacy rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act as other students?

Yes. All students within a school district are entitled to privacy rights with regard to each student’s educational records, under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 C.F.R. § 99.1 et seq.), as well as under California law (Ed. Code, § 49060 et seq.). Under FERPA, a school district may disclose “directory information” to certain entities, so long as the school district has given the student/parents notice and an opportunity to refuse to disclose such directory information. What categories of directory information that will be released is a question determined at district level through board policy. (Ed. Code, § 49073, subd. (a).) Other records related to a student’s education at the school district, and which are personally identifiable, are protected under FERPA and state law from unauthorized disclosure.

May an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) agent obtain otherwise private student records by way of a valid subpoena, search warrant, or court order?

Yes. Prior to releasing otherwise private student records to ICE, the superintendent should review the subpoena, search warrant, or court order, and consult with legal counsel, to determine the scope of the subpoena, warrant or court order, and whether it is genuine. In the case of search warrants, the school district will have little time to conduct a review of the documents. If the ICE agent is willing to cooperate with the school district and its legal counsel, the parties should coordinate to achieve compliance with the warrant that minimizes the disruption to school operations. Subpoenas and court orders do not present the same level of immediacy as a search warrant.

What if ICE appears on campus without a subpoena, court order, or search warrant, no exigent circumstances, and requests protected student educational records?

Under the above circumstances, the school district must refuse to produce the requested documents in compliance with FERPA and the California Education Code provisions that prevent the unauthorized disclosure of student records.

Are school district personnel required to assist ICE in the enforcement of immigration laws?

While there are no laws mandating local school districts to assist ICE in the enforcement of immigration laws, school personnel are nonetheless strongly discouraged from *frustrating* law enforcement purposes. Actively resisting the efforts of ICE may result in legal consequences to school personnel. Under Title 18 United States Code section 111, it is unlawful for a person to willfully resist, oppose, impede, or interfere with any officer of the United States Government who is discharging or attempting to discharge his or her official duties. Furthermore, federal law prohibits any person from intentionally concealing, harboring, or shielding an undocumented person from detection, where that person’s unlawful immigration status is known. (8 U.S.C. § 1324.)