

# LIVE FROM



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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 15

October 24, 2025

## Principal's Corner

### It's Red Ribbon Week!

This is a great time of year to talk with kids about making safe and healthy choices. Let's work together to make sure our school and neighborhood are safe too.

- Check food packaging carefully. Some products, especially edible THC items, can look very similar to regular snacks or candy.
- Keep recreational or medicinal substances securely stored and out of reach of children.
- Remind students not to share food or candy at school, as it can be difficult to know exactly what an item contains.

Encourage your kids to show their commitment to health by participating in our **Red Ribbon Week Spirit days!** (pg 3)

Consider participating in a **FREE ZOOM** workshop on Wed 10/29 to figure out how to **talk with your kids about the dangers of smoking and vaping.** (pg 4)

### Education Benefits Survey

Thank you to everyone who has participated in this survey in the last few weeks. **We need 100% participation!** We're still waiting over 100 families - and **this is the last week!** It's easy to do - just follow the steps on page 2.

### Congratulations and Thank You!

Your participation and support has earned our PFO nearly \$75,000. This money will be spent to support your kids and teachers at McGarvey. We couldn't be more grateful!

♥ Dr. Mitchell



## TRACK-CHANGE DAY

Good Bye A Track!

Friday, October 31

MINIMUM DAY

DISMISSAL @ 1:35

ALL K & TK

Attend 9:05-12:36



## WE'RE HAVING A

# BOOK FAIR!

### STARTING THIS WEEK!

## Costumes

Friday Oct. 31 is a **Book Character Dress-Up Day.**

For everyone's safety & enjoyment: **No blood. No weapons (including toys & look-alike weapons). No masks.**

MCGARVEY ELEMENTARY

## GLOBAL VILLAGE MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Monday, November 10  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM



All are welcome to attend the celebration of our cultural diversity!

Scan the QR code or visit <https://forms.gle/DB76Nx2eNnrfcWlQ8> to participate:

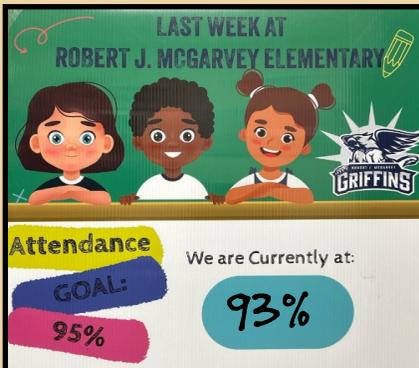


This is not an EGUSD-sponsored event.

# 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:



## Open-Minded Griffins!

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

**Congrats!**

*I take responsibility for my words and actions.*

### Transitional Kindergarten

Cadence  
Jayce  
Arvin  
Mobashir  
Erin

### Kindergarten

Jacob  
Laron  
Pranav  
Brent

### 1st Grade

Jonathan  
Isaiah  
Ameer  
Samuel

### 2nd Grade

Johnathan  
Journee  
Saoirse  
Lincoln

### 3rd Grade

Ellie  
Orion  
Airah

### 4th Grade

Owen  
Chanelle  
Aayan

### 5th Grade

Ethan D  
Faith  
Damian  
Mason  
Malachi

### 6th Grade

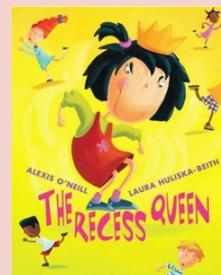
Capri  
Courtney  
An Nhien  
Colin  
Jionni



## The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:  
BULLY PREVENTION

'Bee' Nice!



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

**Griffin's Big Question**  
*How can kindness solve a problem better than fighting or bossing?*

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

*Everybody is learning how to be a better friend.*

"If you see someone without a smile, give them yours."  
- Dolly Parton

## Instructions for the Update/Verification in ParentVue

Log into your Synergy account.

- You will see the screen below.
- Click Begin.

- Choose the "Current Student and Parent Update/Verification"
- DO NOT complete Part 1 or Part 2, this will interfere with your current student's account.**

- Complete the Electronic Signature that matches the name on the account.

- Click through the Parent/Guardian Information.
- Complete the Educational Benefits section.

- Verify your Emergency Contacts and add more contacts if you have less than two.
- The system will not let you proceed if you do not have at least two contacts.

- Verify your Student(s) information is correct.
- If the status is complete you can proceed. If it states review click edit to the left of the name.

- Verify the status is ready to submit and click the Review.
- Once you review the information check the box at the bottom of the page and then click submit.

# Don't scroll past this page.

## We need your help!! Please!!

### Ed Benefits Survey

I can't underscore enough how important it is that you fill out the VERY SHORT Parent Survey on ParentVUE. Our district could miss out on million of state and federal dollars if we don't have your participation!

The questions ask you:

- The number of people in your household
- The range of your family's monthly income
- If your family is currently experiencing homelessness

**THAT'S IT!**

Your responses are confidential. No one at our school has access to this information.

If you have not, yet please do so now. It just takes a few minutes and will help fund priorities like transportation and wellness support on school campuses. Thanks for supporting our students!

**Need your ParentVUE password? Have questions about this? Call our office (916) 793-3400.**

## Did you know you can't see your child's report card until you do this?

## Still haven't done it? Phone calls to families are underway.

# NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK

OCTOBER 27-31

## MONDAY 10/27

**Your future is bright!**

Wear neon clothes & accessories!



## TUESDAY 10/28

**Turn your back on bad choices!**

Wear your clothes backwards!

## WEDNESDAY 10/29

**You have the power to be healthy!**

Wear your superhero gear!



## THURSDAY 10/30

**Use your head to make smart choices!**

Wear a hat to school!



## FRIDAY 10/31

**Drugs are 'Out of Character!'**

Dress up as a book character!



NO BLOOD, NO WEAPONS (NOT EVEN LOOK-ALIKES), NO MASKS

## Important Dates

### October

- 27-31 RED RIBBON WEEK - Spirit Days
- 27 - Book Fair Opens (thru 11/6)
- 29 - A & C Track Picture Make-Up Day
- 29 - 6BB Dr. Payton's Back to School Night
- 29 - Families of Black Students United meeting (in person - see flyer on page 4)
- 29 - Talking with Your Children about the Dangers of Smoking and Vaping (ZOOM - see flyer on page 4)
- 30 - Safety Committee Meeting
- 30 - 9:15 B Track 'Bee Track Hive Harvest'
- 31 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 31 - SPIRIT DAY: Book Character Costume Day!
- 31- Track Change Day (A goes off) (Minimum Day)
- 31 - A, B, and C Track Awards

### November

- 2 - Garden Clean-Up Day!
- 3 - D Track Returns
- 6 - 9:15 Donuts with the Principal
- 6 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (Zoom)
- 10 - 5:30 Multi-Cultural Night
- 11 - Veteran's Day NO SCHOOL
- 12 - Fire Drill
- 13 - 5:30 School Site Council Meeting (ZOOM)
- 14 - Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day
- 17 - A Touch of Understanding
- 19 - 9:30 D Track Friendsgiving
- 21 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 21 - SPIRIT DAY: TBD
- 21- Track Change Day (B goes off) (Minimum Day)
- 23-28 - Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL



WE'RE HAVING A **BOOK FAIR!**

**10/28 - 11/6**

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

Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! Find bestselling series and characters that students love from more than 100 publishers. Plus every purchase benefits our school.

## Prepare for the Fair



Book Fair eWallet is the easy way to pay  
AVAILABLE BETWEEN:  
**10/7-11/7**

Create a NEW eWallet for each Fair

- Students shop without cash
- Teachers build classroom libraries

GET STARTED



A book for every kid starts here

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

GIVE NOW

[Click Here to volunteer to help with the Book Fair!](#)

# Make-Up PICTURE DAY

## A & C

## TRACKS

# Wed. Oct. 29



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# School Fundraiser

McGarvey Elementary

Students get a free mini chocolate chip! 20% goes back to the school! Class with most participation gets a cookie party!

Crumbl - Rancho cordova

10909 Olson dr #103  
Rancho cordova

Thursday, Nov. 13  
3pm - 9pm





**Fantastic Fall Ball, Y'all!**  
**Thanks for supporting 5th Grade Camp!**



Thank you for a great  
**FUN RUN!**

## CA ED CODE 53008: READING DIFFICULTIES SCREENER

2025-26

Elk Grove Unified School District



Multitudes  
English Language and Literacy

**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.

**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.

CHECK OUT THE VIDEO WITH MORE INFO BELOW:



**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).

CLICK ON THE QR CODE FOR AN FAQ SHEET



**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

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS:

OCT 29TH

# TALKING TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT THE DANGERS OF SMOKING & VAPING

A workshop for parents wanting to learn how to navigate the topics of Smoking & Vaping with their children.

## WHEN & HOW

This workshop is on Weds, Oct. 29, from 5:15-6:15 PM via Zoom.

For event details, register & fill out the form below:

[HTTPS://SHORTURL.AT/K6IEE](https://shorturl.at/k6IEE)



## REGISTER TODAY

Please register by filling out the form below and a Zoom link and reminder will be sent to you.

SCAN QR CODE:



Department of Family and Community Engagement



## FAMILIES OF BLACK STUDENTS UNITED

The purpose of Families of Black Students United (FBSU) is to build a community of Black Families (and allies) that gives voice to what families need based on their unique, individual and collective education experiences in Elk Grove Unified School District

## YOU ARE NEEDED!

Together, let's develop and build our EGUSD Black Family Alliance Group to ensure our children are successful in all areas while in Elk Grove Unified School District and beyond.

## OUR AGENDA

- Community Circle and Connection
- Black Family Affinity Plan
- Cal Kids-Money for College
- Regional FBSU Leads
- Family Feedback



Elk Grove Unified School District



October 29, 2025

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

BYLP Office

9300 W. Stockton Blvd., Suite 205. Elk Grove, CA 95758



10/29/25 • 11/19/25 • 1/21/2026

2/25/2026 • 4/1/2026 • 4/29/26

5/20/2026



Sign up with the FBSU Google Link or scan the QR Code.



## Questions?

Email Kathy Wilson at [kawilson@egusd.net](mailto:kawilson@egusd.net), or call (916) 831.5551

Email Aisha Madu at [amadu@egusd.net](mailto:amadu@egusd.net), or call (916) 831.5553

## At this school, we keep each other safe.

If you are approached by an immigration officer, remain calm and tell a school administrator.

### “What’s new in state law?”

**AB 49** requires this school's officials and employees, to the extent practicable, to request valid identification of any officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement seeking to enter nonpublic areas of this school, including bus drop-off areas when school-provided transportation is present.

Per **AB 49**, an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement cannot enter this school without a valid judicial warrant, judicial subpoena, or court order.

**SB 98** requires this school to update its comprehensive school safety plan to include communication if there is confirmed presence of immigration enforcement on the school site.

To see what a valid judicial warrant looks like, scan here:



## Our Schools: Tools for Including Immigrant Families

Our Schools. Our Kids. Our California.

## Need someone to talk to?

California mental health resources like BrightLife, Soluna, and 988 are safe, anonymous, and confidential for everyone.

**BrightLife Kids**  
A CalHOPE program for children

BrightLife is a support for families with children at every age and every stage:



**soluna**  
a CalHOPE Program

Students ages 13 and older and their families can access Soluna here:



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## Education Benefits Survey

When you first log in to ParentVue this year, you'll be prompted to answer a few simple questions about your household size and income range. It's important to complete that survey. Here's why - the survey data helps us...

- **get critical funding** - state and federal dollars that could be left on the table but our school really needs!
- **continue to offer free meals** at breakfast & lunch.
- **fund educational programs**, classroom resources, and extracurricular activities.
- **maintain and improve the quality of education** available at McGarvey.

Submitting the form is no cost to you. It's a quick and simple way to contribute to our school's program needs.

What's the **BEST** reason to take this survey?

You'll avoid a phone call from us, asking you to do it.

The survey is that important.

# TRAFFIC SAFETY

## Important Reminders!

We are all responsible for safety at arrival and dismissal time. **Please:**

- **Obey the crossing guard.** This includes no right turns.
- **Stay on the sidewalk** and **use crosswalks** to cross the street.
- **Avoid double-parking.** This blocks traffic for other families and adds to the traffic.
- **Do not encourage your children to run across the street** to your waiting car. Students should use the crosswalk to cross the street safely.
- Make sure your child **wears a helmet** while riding a bike.
- **Walk bikes on the sidewalk** near pedestrians.

We all know traffic around school is hard during drop-off and pick-up times.

Everyone is interested in a quick, easy, and safe drop-off and pick-up.

## *Please do your part.*

**Plan a few extra minutes, and bring your patience and flexibility.**

**Law enforcement may be present to ensure safety!**

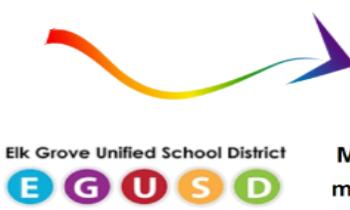
# Unite, Embrace, Soar:

The EGUSD FACE Department is offering an LGBTQ+ affinity group! It is a space for adult caregivers and adult family members of LGBTQ+ youth to gather in community, share joys, and build a supportive network.

**September 18th 6:00 - 7:00pm on zoom**

**November 5th 6:00 - 7:00pm on zoom**

**February 11th 6:00 - 7:00pm on zoom**



[Click Here for More Information](#)

Elk Grove Unified School District

Megan Sladen Parent  
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# SPIRIT DAYS

**You can't hide Your Griffin Pride!**

There's always a way to show it!!!

**Tuesdays** - Tie-Dye Tuesdays! Wear anything tie-dye, including one of your McGarvey t-shirts

**Wednesdays** - Where You'll Go Wednesdays! Wear a t-shirt or hoodie from a place that represents your future goals - college, university, trade school, military, or career readiness

**Thursdays** - Pod Pride! Wear your pod's color or grade-level t-shirt

**Fridays** - Griffin Gear Fridays! Wear your



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

**JOBS AT McGarvey**  
If you or someone you know is looking for a job, consider us!

- Register for an account at [edjoin.org](http://edjoin.org)
- Already have an account? Login & scan the QR code
- After you submit your application, call Linda @ McGarvey and let her know!

**T.K. PARAEDUCATOR**

**2 Positions**

- A Track AM
- C Track PM
- Part Time
- \$18.08-\$21.18

