

# 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 22

December 19, 2025

### Principal's Corner

**SANTA HOLIDAY EVENT!** A big thank you to parents **Tina Manglona**, **Bri Castro**, and **Brittany Smith** for a wonderful event on Friday night. It was so touching to see how many families came out to enjoy the event — and absolutely heartwarming to see the overflowing tables of toys donated directly to children in-hospital being treated for cancer. Our school and PFO were pleased to host this event with **Hope for Hayes**, and are glad to put smiles on the faces of children and families living through very challenging circumstances. Thank you for your generosity and kindness - I'm so honored to be part of this community!

**SPIRIT DAY!** Join us for a fun spirit day on Tuesday, December 23rd. Wear your [school appropriate] pajamas & bring your stuffies. Remember, it's a track-change day with early dismissal.

#### HAVE A WONDERFUL WINTER BREAK!

Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful, restful holiday season! See you in 2026!

♥ Dr. Mitchell

### Cell Phones & Smart Watches

As we start the second half of the school year, it's time for a reminder... 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.

Students waiting for the bus are still on-campus and may not use their cell phones unless there is a true emergency.

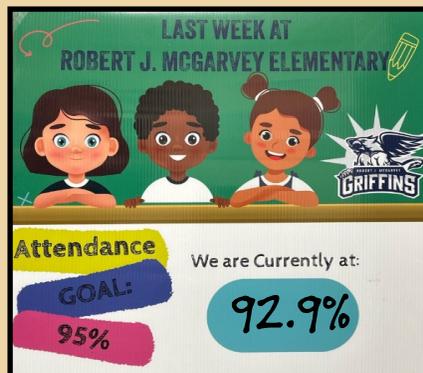
**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK**  
Dec. 24 - Jan. 2

School resumes Mon., Jan. 5, 2026

### 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:



We had a whopping **206 unexcused tardies** last week! That's waaay too many! Please make sure students are on time for school - in their seats & ready to learn at 9:05.



### REMEMBER TRACK CHANGE DAY

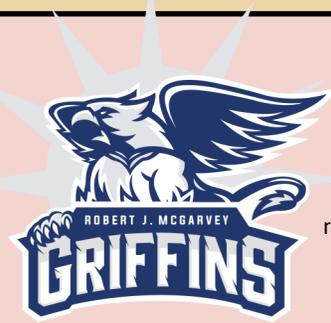
Goodbye C Track!

Tuesday,  
December 23, 2025

### MINIMUM DAY DISMISSAL @

1:35

ALL K & TK  
Attend 9:05-12:36



### Safe Griffins!

This week, these students were recognized by their teachers.

**Congrats!**

*I make the world a brighter place when I share my light others.*

#### Transitional Kindergarten

Viviana

#### Kindergarten

Gabriel

#### 1st Grade

Adelyn

Lia

#### 2nd Grade

Alfonzo

Yashika

#### 3rd Grade

Maddie

Hadiqa

Taha

Mahima

#### 4th Grade

Jayden

Addy

#### 5th Grade

Lucas

#### 6th Grade

Delaney

Zoe

Audrina

Taliya



### The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:

BELONGING

We all 'bee-long'!



#### Fitting In



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

#### Griffin's Big Question

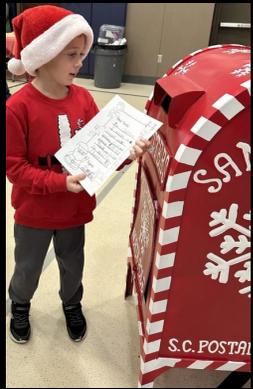
Tell about a time you did or said something that made someone else light up with happiness. How did it make you feel?

Our S.O.A.R. trait the first week in January is Open-Minded.

*People show their light in many different ways.*

"When you say thank you, you show that you notice the good in others."  
- inspired by Martin Luther King, Jr.

# SANTA HOLIDAY EVENT!



THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



WHICH TREE IS YOUR FAVORITE?



FAVORITE?

## Important Dates

### December

- 22 - 9:30 A Track Holidays Around the World
- 22 - 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice
- 23 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 23 - Track Change Day (C goes off) (Minimum Day)
- 23 - SPIRIT DAY: Pajamas & Stuffies!
- 23 - C Track Deficiencies (Progress Reports)
- 24-1/2/26 - Winter Break NO SCHOOL

### January

- 5 - School Resumes
- 5 - B Track Returns
- 15 - 8:00 Safety Committee
- 15 - Fire Drill
- 15 - 6:30 PFO Meeting
- 19 - MLK Jr. Birthday NO SCHOOL
- 20 - TK/K Registration Opens for 2026-27
- 22-23 - 4th Grade Trip to Coloma (A & D)
- 22 - 5:30 School Site Council Meeting
- 22-23 - 4th Grade Coloma Trip (AD)
- 26 - PFO Valentine Gram Sales Start!

# 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



# THANK YOU, PFO!

With rainy days on the horizon, we're very thankful the carts full of games & activities to give students something to do in the MPR during lunch. Much appreciated!



# Go 4 Pizza

Support the fundraiser for Robert McGarvey Elementary School PFO

**Sunday, Dec. 21**  
**11 am - 8:30 pm**

4036 Sunrise Blvd #100  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

A portion of proceeds will go to the Robert J. McGarvey Elementary School PFO.

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 [erin66@gmail.com](mailto:erin66@gmail.com) or (916) 792-7462.

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

## HOLIDAY RESOURCES

### HOLIDAY GIFTS AND TOYS

#### HOLIDAY BASKETS

#### HOLIDAY MEALS

211 SACRAMENTO

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

BY ZIP CODE

CALL: 2-1-1 OR 1-916-498-1000



## HOLIDAY PANTRY RESOURCES

### FOOD PANTRIES

### FOOD AND MEALS

### SACRAMENTO COUNTY

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