



Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

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

Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 School Year

Week 36
April 10, 2026

Principal's Corner

HAVE A GREAT TIME AT SLY PARK, 6TH GRADE!

THANK YOU To all our families who drive to McGarvey at drop-off and pick-up, thank you for your patience and careful driving last week! Let's keep it up & know traffic will be much easier for everyone next year!

LOTS OF CELEBRATIONS COMING UP

- **C & D Track Teacher Appreciation Day** is scheduled for **April 24!** Please see info on page 2 for ways you can help.
- **A & D Track Open House** is on **April 30!** It'll be a wonderful evening to celebrate what your child has learned this year - plus delicious food trucks, a silent auction, and special community guests. Please see below to help out with gift baskets.

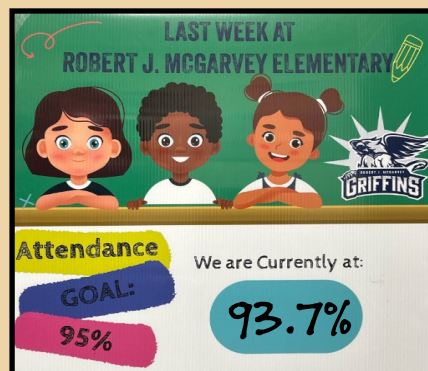
NEW PHONE SYSTEM McGarvey will be getting a new phone system on Tuesday 4/14. There may be slight disruption on that day, but we should be back to normal by Wednesday.

♥ 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!

Amazing win last week!
Practice 3:45 on 4/13

Game Tues 4/14 @ 3:45
vs PGES at home
Good Luck, Griffins!



Accountable Griffins!

This week, these students were recognized by their teachers.

Congrats!

I accept others the way they are.

Transitional Kindergarten

Levi
Nico
Lunah
Erin

3rd Grade

Aubri
Carter
Marcus

Kindergarten

Sona
Samantha
Tristan



4th Grade

Gurnoor
Camila
Elias

5th Grade

Prayag
Aria
Penny
Marc

1st Grade

Jun
Ahmari
Angel
Zoey

2nd Grade

Yashika
Kaleb

6th Grade

Chameli
Isaac
Delaney



Robert J. McGarvey Elementary School PFO

SILENT AUCTION

Silent Auction April 30, 2026 5:30PM
during Open House for A&D tracks

Help us raise funds to support local 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

Donations may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Gift baskets of a various themes:** coffee lover, movie night, family game night, golf, picnic, date night to name a few
- **Services:** Do you have a homebaking business and can offer to make a cake for free? Any hobbies that could create a one of a kind experience or item like cooking lessons or making quilts?
- **Gift certificates** to local establishments and businesses

Robert J. McGarvey Elementary School Parent Faculty Organization

This is not an EGUSD-sponsored event

4350 Sophistry Dr.

Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

WANT TO DONATE? CONTACT REBECCA LAM
@ SECRETARY@RJMEPFO.ORG

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



The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:
BE ACCEPTING!



Acceptance



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

Griffin's Big Question

Has anyone ever mispronounced your name? How did it make you feel?

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

True friends encourage me to be my best.

"You can't stay in your corner of the Forest waiting for others to come to you. You have to go to them sometimes."

- A. A. Milne Winnie the Pooh

C AND D TRACK TEACHER APPRECIATION



WE NEED A PARENT VOLUNTEER TO DECORATE EACH C AND D TRACK TEACHERS DOOR FOR TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY!

EACH DOOR WILL NEED TO BE DECORATED WITH A THEME BEFORE APRIL 24TH. SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO BE EMAILED AFTER SIGNING UP

PLEASE SCAN OR CLICK THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!

Important Dates

April

- 9-25 - Rancho Cordova Student Art Show
- 13-17 - 6th Grade Sly Park Field Trip
- 14 - 3:45 Volleyball Game vs. Pleasant Grove @ home
- 17 - 7th Annual Rancho Cordova Student Art Reception
- 17 - C & D Track Progress Reports
- 21 - Fire Drill
- 22 - 4:00 PFO Meeting (in person)
- 22 - PFO BOARD ELECTIONS
- 23 - PBIS Meeting
- 23 - 3:45 Volleyball Game @ Beitzel
- 24 - C & D Track Teacher Appreciation Day!**
- 24 - Walk & Roll to School!**
- 27 - A & C Kindergarten attends 10:30-2:00
- 27 - 3:45 Volleyball Practice
- 28 - Spring Pictures (A & C) & 6th Grade Promotion Pictures
- 28 - 3:45 Volleyball Game vs. CRES @ home
- 28 - 3:00-6:00 Handel's Ice Cream @ McG
- 30 - 3:45 Volleyball Game @ Adreani
- 30 - 2:00-7:00 Handel's Ice Cream @ McG
- 30 - 5:30 A & D Track OPEN HOUSE (with Zintzuni & Handel's Ice Cream!)**

May

- 1 - 9:30 B & C Open House Parade
- 1 - BIKE REPAIR DAY!!**
- 2 (Sat) - Community Bike Ride!**
- 4 (Mon) - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 4 (Mon) - Track Change Day (C goes off) (Min. Day)
- 7 - 8:00 Safety Committee
- 8 - SPRING CARNIVAL!**
- 11-22 D Track CAASPP Testing Window
- 14 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (Zoom)
- 14 - PFO Dinner Night Out @ Panera!
- 20 - 5:00 Spring Band Concert
- 25 - Memorial Day—NO SCHOOL
- 26 - 10:00 D Track Awards (Gr 4-5)
- 28 - 9:20 D Track 6th Grade Promotion
- 28 - 10:30 D Track Kindergarten Promotion
- 28 - 5:30 School Site Council Meeting
- 29 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 29 - Track Change Day (D goes off) (Min. Day)

2025-26 EGUSD PARENT PERSPECTIVE SURVEY

Visit:

egsurvey.net



Please scan the QR code with your smartphone camera or use the URL to access the survey

Escanear el código QR para tomar la encuesta

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請使用智能手機的相機掃描二維碼(QR)或使用 URL 存取調查。

Please take this survey to help us continue to make our schools and district the best place for our students to become college, career and life ready.

Por favor complete esta encuesta para ayudarnos a continuar trabajando en hacer nuestra escuela y distrito escolar el mejor lugar para que nuestros estudiantes se preparen par la universidad, sus carreras, y para la vida.

Vui lòng tham gia khảo sát này để giúp chúng tôi tiếp tục làm cho trường và học khu của chúng ta trở thành nơi tốt nhất cho học sinh sẵn sàng vào đại học, sự nghiệp và cuộc sống.

請參與這項調查，幫助我們繼續使我們的學校和學區成為學生為大學、職業和生活做好準備的最佳場所。

YOUR INPUT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US!

¡SUS APORTES SON IMPORTANTÍSIMOS PARA NOSOTROS!

Ý KIẾN CỦA QUÍ VỊ RẤT QUAN TRỌNG VỚI CHÚNG TÔI

您的意見對我們是非常重要的!

Zintzuni
Cocina Mexicana

**MCGARVEY
ELEMENTARY
OPEN HOUSE**

**4350 SOPHISTRY DR.
RANCHO CORDOVA**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH
4:30PM TO 7PM**

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

Create a poster that features ONE of the California grown items pictured below.



- 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 17th



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

PROMOTION

is just around the corner!

Here's the schedule:

Thurs., May 28, 2026

9:20 - D Track 6th
10:30 - D Track Kinder

Mon., June 22, 2026

9:30 - A Track Kinder
10:20 - B Track Kinder

Tues., June 23, 2026

9:30 - C Track Kinder

Thurs., June 25, 2026

9:30 - C Track 6th
10:15 - B Track 6th
11:15 - A Track 6th



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM 2026-2027

Dear McGarvey Families,
We are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to you and your student to join our ExL program! Our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing, and enriching environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.
Our ExL program offers a variety of engaging activities designed to support your student's development and provide them with opportunities for growth. From homework assistance to creative arts and STEM projects, we tailor our program to meet the diverse interests and needs of every student.

LEARNING BENEFITS

- ✓ Caring Staff
- ✓ Homework Support
- ✓ Enrichment Activities
- ✓ Healthy Snacks
- ✓ Physical Activity

ENROLL NOW



“ If you've met one individual with autism, you've met one individual with autism.

- Stephen Shore

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READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF MCGARVEY?

Be part of something meaningful—our Parent Faculty Organization (PFO). The PFO connects families and staff to support students, enrich programs, and strengthen our school community.

We're seeking parents and guardians to serve in one-year board positions. These roles are a great way to make a direct impact, share your ideas, and help guide the work of the PFO. Support and collaboration are built in—you won't be doing it alone.

Whether you can volunteer occasionally or are interested in a leadership role, your involvement matters and makes a real difference for our students.

To learn more, express interest, or nominate yourself for a board position, please scan the QR code or email secretary@rjmepfo.org



We'd love to have you involved.

JOIN THE PFO BOARD NEXT YEAR

One Year Positions for the 2026-2027 School Year

Executive Board: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

General Board Positions: Art Program Director, Room Parent Director, Teacher Appreciation Director, Sponsorship Director, Dinner Night Out (DNO) Director, Social Media Director, Membership Director, Communications Director

**Voting will happen at the PFO April Board Meeting
on April 22, 2026, 4pm at RJMES**



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!**

New school hours for 2026-27

8:40-3:10

Thursdays, early out @ 2:20
Grades 1-6

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

OFFICE HOURS
7:30 am -4:30 pm

HAMMERHEAD WORMS?!



Have you ever seen such a thing??

These very cool-looking worms have been spotted near Sandpiper Park. But it turns out they're invasive & not welcome:

- They prey on earthworms and other beneficial friends.
- They produce a toxic mucus that could be an irritant to eyes, nose, mouth, skin, etc. if hands are not washed after touching.

Wonder what to do if you spot one?
[Check out this article!](#)

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)

Shelly Moua (shmoua@egusd.net)





MAY IS **BIKE MONTH** at McGarvey!



Friday, May 1

FREE BIKE TUNE-UPS FOR STUDENTS

Get your Griffin's bike repaired for FREE while they're in class!

Saturday, May 2

COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE TO ANATOLIA MARKETPLACE

Join this family-friendly ride and enjoy a free drink from Dutch Bros or Jamba Juice!

**Space is limited. Registration required.
Register at**

bit.ly/mcgarvey-mibm26



Sponsored By:

50 Corridor TMA

RANCHO CORDOVA

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For questions:

Alyssa Lee

916.234.6570

team@50corridor.com



Family and Staff WELLNESS SERIES

Register on Eventbrite Using the QR Codes or links

Boundaries, Expectations, and Connection

Come explore the vital connection between clear boundaries, consistent expectations, and effective discipline. Gain tools to improve communication, foster accountability, and support positive behavior while strengthening adult-child relationships. Learn practical strategies to create safe, respectful environments where children can thrive - both in the classroom and at home.

Scan or click to register for this FREE event on April 15 - 6:00-7:30 PM **online!**

4/15/26



EGUSD FAMILY RESOURCES

Griffins Help Griffins Walk and Bike to School!

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 or (916) 792-7462.



50 Corridor TMA



Autism doesn't have to define a person. Artists with autism are like anyone else: They define themselves through hard work and individuality.

- Adrienne Bailon



**Handel's Homemade Ice Cream will be at
McGarvey Elementary School**

Tuesday, April 28: 3 PM - 6 PM

Thursday, April 30: 2 PM - 7 PM

Cash, credit card, and tap payments are accepted.



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



Motorized
Bicycle or Moped



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	

Motorized
E-Scooter



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	

Rules of the Road
E-Scooters & E-Bikes



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)



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	

Class 1 & Class 2
E-Bike



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.	

Class 3
E-Bike



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.	

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

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.

YOUNGCHILD FOOD TARIFFS DEL. PERIOD	MONTHLY YOUNGCHILD FOOD INCOME	ANNUAL YOUNGCHILD FOOD INCOME
1	\$108.75	\$1,305.00
2	\$114.00	\$1,368.00
3	\$119.25	\$1,431.00
4	\$124.50	\$1,494.00
5	\$129.75	\$1,557.00
6	\$135.00	\$1,620.00
7	\$140.25	\$1,683.00
8	\$145.50	\$1,746.00

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:

December 7th 3:45 - 5:15

December 10th 3:45 - 5:15

January 6th 3:45 - 5:15

January 22nd 3:45 - 5:15

February 5th 3:45 - 5:15

February 12th 3:45 - 5:15

March 5th 3:45 - 5:15

March 12th 3:45 - 5:15

April 2nd 3:45 - 5:15

April 16th 3:45 - 5:15

May 7th 3:45 - 5:15

May 21st 3:45 - 5:15

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Bring bags or a cart for easier choosing and carrying

Bring an ID for easier registration

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.

"NEURODIVERSITY MAY BE EVERY BIT AS CRUCIAL FOR THE HUMAN RACE AS BIODIVERSITY IS FOR LIFE IN GENERAL."

STEVE SILBERMAN

Inclusiveteach.com

Autism is as much a part of humanity as is the capacity to dream.

Kathleen Seidel