

# LIVE FROM



# Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

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

## Weekly Newsletter

2025-26 School Year  
Week 8  
September 5, 2025

### Principal's Corner

Great job with fundraising, C & D Tracks! We're up to \$27,300 of our \$60,000 goal! We're looking forward to a terrific Fun Run on Thursday! The weather is going to be great!

Thanks to every one who has already volunteered to help! There are still a few sign-ups needed - especially clean-up from 2:30-3:30. We truly can get it all cleaned up if we have enough help. *Many hands make light work!*

EGUSD is looking for a new Superintendent! [Click here for more information.](#) Events are this week!

SSC Elections this week! Please vote for two School Site Council representatives. [Click here.](#)

♥ Dr. Mitchell

### C & D Track Fun Run Times Thurs., Sept. 11

- 10:15-11:00 - 5th & 6th Grades
- 11:15-12:00 - 3rd & 4th Grades
- 12:05-12:35 - All TK & AM K
- 1:15-2:00 - 1st & 2nd Grades
- 2:05-2:35 - PM K

Only registered volunteers & registered runners are allowed on the field!

### Fun Run VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For insurance liability reasons, **only registered parent volunteers and registered student participants are allowed on the field** at the Fun Run.

Register as a volunteer **before 8:00 AM on Sept. 11.**  
NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.



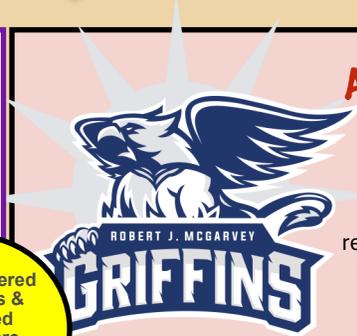
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The PFO will accommodate all parents who want to be there.

If you need special accommodations to volunteer, email [roomparents@rjmepfo.org](mailto:roomparents@rjmepfo.org)

Spectators & children who are not McGarvey students may watch through the fence, but cannot be on campus.

**No dogs allowed.**



### Accountable Griffins!

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

*I have things in common with new people.*

#### Transitional Kindergarten

- Scarlett
- Kai
- Hagar
- Gabriela
- Selene

#### 3rd Grade

- Nikki
- Kalei
- Ella
- Johnathan

#### Kindergarten

- Diano
- Laron
- Kartee

#### 4th Grade

- Myles
- Ollie
- Andre
- Olivia C.

#### 1st Grade

- Kaitlyn
- Maverick
- Oliver
- Sophia
- Zoey

#### 5th Grade

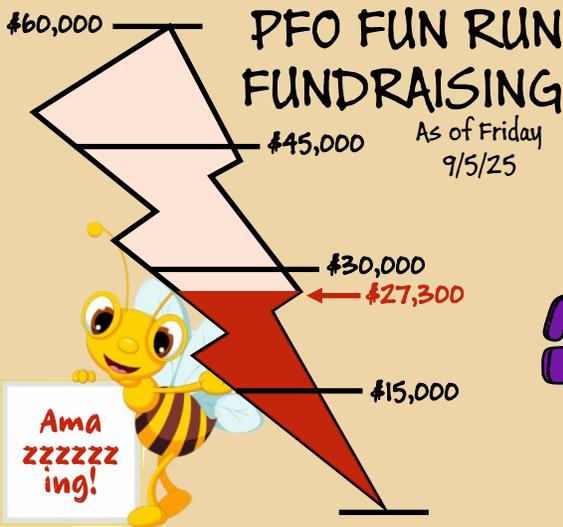
- Kylah
- Max
- Weston
- Liam

#### 2nd Grade

- Shaelyn
- Jesston
- Mehrumah
- Olivia

#### 6th Grade

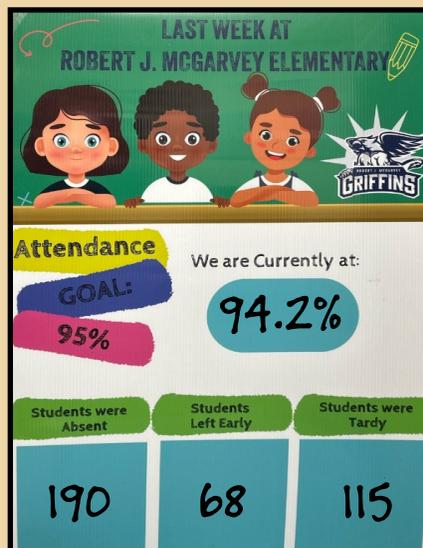
- Chameli
- Eleanor
- Elle
- Khaden



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Let's help every Griffin S.O.A.R. high — one school day at a time!

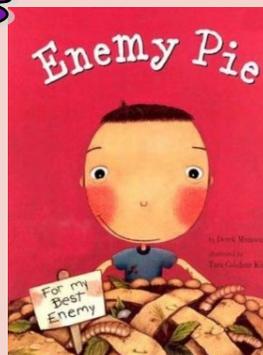
**Our goal is 95% attendance. Here's how we did last week:**



## The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN: FRIENDSHIP

'Bee' a Friend!



#### Griffin's Big Question

What qualities make you a good friend?

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

*I have a lot of qualities that make me a good friend.*

"When you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine — and share it with a friend." - Unknown

## REMEMBER TRACK CHANGE DAY

Goodbye C Track!

Friday, September 12, 2025

**MINIMUM DAY DISMISSAL @ 1:35**

ALL K & TK

Attend 9:05-12:36

# EMPOWERED & UNSTOPPABLE GRIFFIN FUN RUN

**WHO: C AND D TRACK STUDENTS**

**WHEN: FUNDRAISING KICKOFF 8/25/2025  
FUN RUN RACE 9/11/2025**



## 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!



AMOUNT RAISED	PRIZE
REGISTER	RUBBER BRACELET AND T-SHIRT LIGHT BALL & WRISTBANDS
\$25	RED STORE
\$50	RED STORE
\$100	GRIFFIN BAG
\$150	PURPLE STORE
\$200	GREEN STORE
\$300	BLUE STORE
\$400	MEAL WITH PRINCIPAL
\$500	TICKET MACHINE

## Important Dates

### September

- 9 - 6:00-7:00 Superintendent Search Open Community Forum @ Monterey Trail HS
- 11 - C & D Track Fun Run
- 12 - Track Change Day (C goes off) (Minimum Day)
- 12 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 12 - SPIRIT DAY:  
**Stars, Stripes & Polka-Dots!**
- 15 - B Track Returns
- 15 - Fire Drill
- 17 - 6:00-7:00 Superintendent Search Open Community Forum @ ZOOM  
Meeting ID: 824 7694 5905 | Passcode: 968172
- 17 - Cross Country Meet @ Valley View
- 17 - Dine Out Day - Boba & Bites Food Truck @ McGarvey
- 18 - School Site Council Meeting #1
- 19 - A & B Track Deficiencies
- 22 - Lockdown Drill
- 25 - PBIS Team Meeting
- 30 - B & D Track Picture Make-Up Day

**C TRACK TK ATTENDS EARLY**  
Wed 9/10-Field Trip  
Thurs 9/11-Fun Run  
Fri 9/12-Track Change

### October

- 1 - Cross Country Meet @ District Christian
- 1-2 - Community Picnic Lunch
- 2 - Fire Drill
- 3 - Track Change Day (D goes off) (Minimum Day)
- 3 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 3 - SPIRIT DAY: TBD
- 3 - D Track - End of 1st Trimester
- 3 - D Track Awards
- 6 - C Track Returns
- 6 - A & B Track Fun Run Kick-Off
- 6-7 - Community Picnic Lunch
- 8 - Cross Country Meet @ Silva Valley
- 9 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (ZOOM)
- 15 - Cross Country Championship @ Placer Fairgrounds
- 16 - Great California Shake-Out
- 17 - A & B Track Fun Run
- 24 - 9:15 B Track 'Bee Track Hive Harvest'

## 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.

All information provided is confidential and is used only for funding purposes. Your privacy is our priority, and your data is securely managed.

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!**

**Support our fundraiser with Boba & Bites!**

*Their food truck will be in front of*

**Robert McGarvey Elementary School.**

**4350 Sophistry Dr, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742**

**Wednesday, September 17, 2025  
3 pm - 7 pm**

10% of sales will be donated to the McGarvey PFO.

**BREAKFAST IS SERVED  
FREE - every day  
STARTING AT 8:35  
come in thru the front gate**

# 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 McGarvey t-shirt or hoodie

# FRIDAY SPIRIT DAY Sept. 12

**STARS, STRIPES, & POLKA-DOTS!**

Celebrate our track-change with a dress-up mash-up!

- [Patriot Day](#) is Sept. 11 (Day of Remembrance)
- [International Dot Day](#) is Sept. 15 (Celebrate Creativity, Courage, & Collaboration)
- [Constitution Day](#) is Sept. 17 (The birthday of our government)



Please stop by, call, or email. You always have direct access to your admin team!

Making sure our students are safe and ready to learn is our most important job.

**Carrie Mitchell**, principal  
carmitch@egusd.net  
**Becky Ricks**, vice principal  
bricks@egusd.net

Whether you have a great idea, praise, or a concern, we want to from you!

**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**

**3 Positions**

- A Track AM & PM
- C Track PM
- Part Time

# ATTENTION!

Hey Griffin families! Want to stay in the loop with PFO events, activities, volunteer opportunities? We now have an option for you to **OPT IN** to our new text message system!

send a text to **81010**  
text this message:  
**@pforocks**

## HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES RECRUITMENT FAIR



**SENIORS**  
bring 10 copies of your Current Transcript & (If Available) SAT/ACT Test Scores  
**Juniors**  
bring Transcripts

In partnership with

### Elk Grove Unified School District

**Location:** Monterey Trail High School Gymnasium  
8661 Power Inn Road  
Elk Grove, CA 95624

**Date:** Saturday, September 20, 2025  
**Time:** 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

#### Learn what HBCUs have to offer:

- Meet recruiters from 30-35 different HBCUs representing hundreds of majors and professional degrees.
- Receive application fee waivers.
- "On the spot" admissions from selected colleges, if qualified.
- "On the spot" Scholarships awarded, if qualified.

#### HBCUs Invited to Attend:

Alabama A&M University\*  
Alabama State University\*  
Alcorn State University\*  
Allen University\*  
Arkansas Baptist College\*  
Benedict College\*  
Bennett College\*  
Bethune-Cookman University\*  
Bowie State University  
Clark Atlanta University\*  
Clinton College\*  
Coppin State University\*  
Delaware State University\*

Dillard University\*  
Edward Waters University\*  
Elizabeth City State University\*  
Fisk University  
Florida A&M University  
Florida Memorial University\*  
Fort Valley State University\*  
Grambling State University\*  
Hampton University  
Harris-Stowe State University\*  
Howard University  
Huston-Tillotson University\*  
Jackson State University\*

Jarvis Christian University\*  
Lane College\*  
Langston University\*  
Lincoln University (MO)\*  
Livingstone College\*  
Miles College\*  
Morehouse College\*  
Morgan State University\*  
Paine College\*  
Philander Smith College\*  
Savannah State University  
Shaw University\*  
South Carolina State University\*

Southern University and A&M College\*  
Spelman College  
Talladega College\*  
Texas Southern University  
Tougaloo College\*  
Tuskegee University  
University of Arkansas Pine Bluff\*  
University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
Virginia State University\*  
Voorhees College\*  
Wilberforce University\*  
Wiley University\*  
Xavier University of Louisiana  
And more!

\*Accepts Common Black College Application (CBCA)

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<https://gotocollegefairs.swoogo.com/ucan-registration>



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\*See school counselor for code\*  
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## School Entrances & Exits

**Bee safe!** Help us keep our students safe and our campus secure by entering and exiting using only:

1. The **front gate (by the office)** and
2. The **back gate (on the playground).**

The gate near the D & E wings that exit to Appolon Drive is for bus riders and emergency exit only.



Please do not enter or exit the campus using these gates!



# Tikiz is Coming!

Shaved Ice & Ice Cream

## McGarvey Elementary

Every Thursday Afterschool



20% of the sales will be donated back to McGarvey Elementary.

### Dates:

Sept. 4

Sept. 11

Sept. 18

Sept. 25



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## Help Name Our Future Schools

The Elk Grove Unified School District is seeking recommendations for names of schools currently in development. When submitting suggestions, please consider the following guidelines: elementary schools should reflect the district's cultural diversity or honor individuals or places significant to local history or education; middle schools should represent the district's diversity or recognize influential figures in education or Northern California history; and high schools should be named after their geographic location.

To submit your suggestion, please use [this electronic form](#), or [print a paper form](#). For more details, [view the map of upcoming schools](#).

Elk Grove Unified School District



## 33rd Annual EGUSD College and Career Fair

OCTOBER 8  
2025  
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Laguna Creek High School

9050 Vicino Dr., Elk Grove, CA 95758



1

Speak with Admission Representatives from a wide range of post-secondary Institutions and career fields, including paid apprenticeships and other on-the-job-training programs.

2

Learn more about options for Colleges, Universities, and other Post-secondary Arts, Apprenticeship and other Trade Institutions.

3

Discuss with Financial Advisors how to budget tuition fees, campus costs, and other educational tools.

4

Learn about guaranteed College Credit Transfer opportunities for Post-secondary education.

5

Career Planning with College/Career Industry Partners, Professionals, Agencies, and Advisors.



REGISTER [HERE](#)

For more information, please contact Nicole Brown at 916.793.2987 or [nnbrown@egusd.net](mailto:nnbrown@egusd.net)

## 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.

Family Size	2023 Income Guidelines	
	Annual	Monthly
1	\$34,263	\$2,855.25
2	\$46,342	\$3,861.83
3	\$58,421	\$4,868.42
4	\$70,500	\$5,875.00
Additional Family Members	Add \$12,079 each	Add \$1,006.59 each

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:

June 5th 3:45 - 5:15  
June 26th 3:45 - 5:15  
July 17th 3:45 - 5:15  
Aug. 7th 3:45 - 5:15  
Aug 21st 3:45 - 5:15  
Sept. 4th 3:45 - 5:15  
Sept. 18th 3:45 - 5:15  
Oct. 2nd 3:45 - 5:15  
Oct. 16th 3:45 - 5:15  
Nov. 6th 3:45 - 5:15  
Nov. 20th 3:45 - 5:15  
Dec. 4th 3:45 - 5:15  
Dec. 18th 3:45 - 5:15

Bring an ID for easier registration

Bring bags or a cart for easier choosing and carrying



## SACRAMENTO LATINO BOOK & FAMILY FESTIVAL

FREE ADMISSION  
EXTRA GRATIS

SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2025  
10 AM - 3:30 PM

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SEPTIEMBRE 2025  
10 AM A 3:30 PM

VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL  
6300 Ehrhardt Ave,  
Sacramento, CA 95823



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