



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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Corner

Next year, we'll be bursting at the seams with lots and lots of Griffins and families. *We need your help to make sure everyone feels safe and welcome.* Please think about how you can contribute a few minutes of your time and be a true **Griffin Guardian**! See page 2 for more information!

Don't miss this **Friday night's Talent Show!!** 5:00-7:00 in the MP. Free for all families!! See you there!

Good news! If you missed the chance to participate in the 2024-25 EGUSD Parent/Guardian Perspective Survey, the deadline was extended until May 23! Please click this link to get started - www.egsurvey.net. The info you provide will be used to make further improvements to our school and district programs. So far, we've only heard from about 25% of our families—we want to hear from everyone! That means YOU! ♥ Dr. Mitchell

EGUSD's Multilingual Learner Recognition Award

Congratulations, Sumreet B. for being McGarvey's 2024-25 EGUSD Multilingual Learner Award Winner!



Sumreet is a dedicated and accomplished student who actively engages in learning and consistently produces high-quality work. Her resilience in overcoming challenges sets a strong example for her peers, both academically and socially. Her kindness and humor enrich the classroom community, making her a true role model. She embodies the determination and strength found in even the youngest of our community.

Happy Mothers Day!

**WEAR YOUR
GRADE-LEVEL COLOR
T-SHIRT THIS
FRIDAY 5/16!**

Your tie-dye Fun Run T-shirt is perfect!

Friday is the last assembly (for D Track) and we plan to take a schoolwide picture!

**D TRACK
STATE TESTING
Grades 3-6**

It's that time of year... our Griffins get to show how much they've learned on the CAASPP!

**May 5-16 9:05-11:15
Grades 3-6**

Griffins do their best when they...

1. Have a good night's sleep.
2. Get to school on time and unrushed.
3. Have a healthy breakfast.

**Please make perfect attendance
your goal during the testing
window.**

Students who arrive late on a testing day may not be admitted to their classroom until the day's test is complete. They'll have to miss class time to do make-up testing on a different day.

To minimize distractions, we will not interrupt classes that are testing between 9:05-11:15.

**A, B, and C Track
STATE TESTING DATES
June 2-13 9:05-11:15**



Resilient 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

Liana
Finn
Farrell
Jacob
Savannah

1st Grade

Millie
Mila
Shaelyn

2nd Grade

Genevieve
Victoria
Reid

3rd Grade

Christian
Jace
Abby
Faith

4th Grade

Aaliyah
Alanah
Faith

5th Grade

Nemo
Amya
Audrina
Priya

6th Grade

Gerramie
Noelle
Aurora



THE RJMES PFO PRESENTS

**Griffins
Got Talent!**

You don't want to miss this...

Friday, May 16 | 5-7 PM

McGarvey MP Room

**Join us for an exciting night of
student talent, music, and fun!**

**Free for all families
Concessions available for purchase**

**Come support our amazing Griffins—we
can't wait to see you there!**

**Have you noticed all
the new trees at
McGarvey?**

Thank you to the **Sacramento
Tree Foundation** for their
generous
donation of 27
trees, and our
**EGUSD Grounds
Crew** for
planting them!



**REMEMBER
TRACK CHANGE DAY**

Goodbye D Track!

THURSDAY, May 24

**MINIMUM DAY
DISMISSAL @ 1:35**

ALL K & TK

Attend 9:05-12:36

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

Become a... Griffin Guardian!

At McGarvey, community matters. Volunteer today!

This is an all-call for adults - dads, moms, grandparents, and other adults.

(must be 21 or older and have fingerprints cleared by EGUSD)

We'll have more than 300 new students next year. It's important that all our Griffins know they belong & our community pulls together to make sure they thrive. You can help children feel safe, supported, and seen.

Griffin Guardians are volunteers who show up with heart and purpose to ensure our school runs smoothly from the moment students get on the way to school until they head home.

Please consider volunteering. Here are just some of the roles we need filled:

- **Walking Train & Bike Train leaders** - We need to get more kids arriving on foot and on wheels to ease the traffic around campus. *Would you be willing to walk/bike with a group of kids from your part of the neighborhood?*
- **Crossing Guards** - With more kids walking & biking, and undoubtedly many arriving by car, we need more help getting families across the crosswalk. *Would you be willing to help kids & families cross the street safely?*
- **Recess Helper** - Lots more kids means lots more play! Do you love playing with kids? Do you have a game you'd love to teach kids and supervise? Ever heard of Gaga Ball?? *Would you be willing to help supervise and engage kids in play during recess or lunch recess?*
- **Gate Greeter** - Greeting kids and families with a warm smile and keeping an eye on safety makes everyone feel secure. *Would you be willing to greet people at the gate in the morning or say goodbye in the afternoon?*

A lot of these roles are just a few minutes a day. You may already be at school or doing these things with your own kiddos already. What's a few more minutes or a few more kids?

Why volunteer?

- ☒ Make a direct impact on student safety.
- ☒ Build community and school spirit.
- ☒ Set a positive example for our future leaders.
- ☒ Let every Griffin know they matter!
- ☒ Earn smiles and hugs from kids!!

You don't need to volunteer every day (but you sure can!). **Scheduling is flexible to fit your availability.**

No experience necessary! We'll provide any training you need.

Interested?

Want more information? Click or scan to connect with us.

THANK YOU!



Important Dates

May

- 5-16 - D Track State Testing (Gr 3-6)**
- 12 - Volleyball Parents VS Kids/Team Party
- 14 - 3:45 PFO Meeting
- 15 - 4:00 Talent Show Rehearsal
- 16 - 5:00 Talent Show**
- 17 - (Sat.) CREST Competition
- 17 - (Sat.) City of Rancho Cordova Spring Day of Service
- 20 - Fire Drill
- 20 - 5:30 Band Concert
- 22 - 9:10 D Track 6th Gr Promotion
- 22 - 10:30 D Track Kinder Promotion
- 22 - D Track Last Day of School (Minimum Day)**
- 22 (Thurs.) - Track Change Day Minimum Day (D goes off)
- 22 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 23 - C Track Returns
- 26 - NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- 27 - 2:00 PGHS Graduate Assembly
- 28 - 2:30 PGHS Graduation
- 29 - 5:30 School Site Council
- 30 - KAMS Promotion Ceremonies

June

- 2 - ABC Track starts State Testing (Grades 3-6)**
- 5 - 9:15 Coffee Chat with the Principal
- 5 - 5:30 916 Ink Book Signing
- 11 - Fire Drill
- 19 - (Thurs.) NO SCHOOL Juneteenth
- 23 - Kindergarten Promotions
 - 9:30 - A Track
 - 10:15 - B & C Tracks
- 26 - 6th Grade Promotions
 - 9:30 - C Track
 - 10:15 - B Track
 - 11:15 - A Track
- 27 - ABC Tracks Last Day of School (Minimum Day)**

July

- 16 - (Wed.) BCD First Day of School**

VOLLEYBALL

Parents vs. Kids
Volleyball Game &
Team Party
Mon 5/12 @ 3:45



Promotion Schedule



Kindergarten

A Track - Mon 6/23 @ 9:30
B Track - Mon 6/23 @ 10:15
C Track - Mon 6/23 @ 10:15
D Track - Thurs 5/22 @ 10:30

6th Grade

A Track - Thurs 6/26 @ 11:15
B Track - Thurs 6/26 @ 10:15
C Track - Thurs 6/26 @ 9:15
D Track - Thurs 5/22 @ 9:15

**LOST
AND
FOUND
IS FULL!!**

Please
check for
your child's
belongings
in the MP.

YARD SUPERVISORS WANTED FOR 2025-26

If you or someone you know is interested employment as a yard supervisor, please:

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

**SCAN
OR
CLICK**



A special invitation for our
McGarvey Elementary School
alumni

Graduating Seniors from

**Pleasant Grove
High School**

CONGRATULATIONS
**GRADUATING
CLASS OF 2025
MCGARVEY STUDENTS**

Please join us for a special assembly!
Your presence in your CAP & GOWN is
requested, as we would like to honor you with
a traditional graduation parade.

Robert J. McGarvey Elementary
Tuesday, May 27 at 2:00 pm
(following mandatory graduation rehearsal)

McGarvey
EXL
Expanded Learning |

OPEN FOR
ENROLLMENT
2025-2026
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL



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



We love seeing so many Griffins riding their bikes and scooters to school!

Please remember to be safe!

Walk your bike or scooter on the sidewalk.

Wear your helmet. It's the law.

You may never ride your bike or scooter on campus.

We continue to remind students about these safety rules. We will call parents to help us enforce the rules. Students who continue to be unsafe may lose the privilege of riding their wheels to school.

**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!



Griffin Strong

All Day Long!

TIKIZ will be here every Thursday

**SUPPORT OUR
MCGARVEY
GRIFFINS**

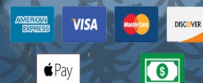


Thursday, May 15

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

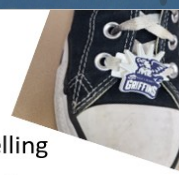
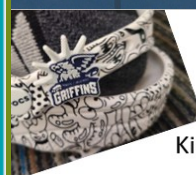


Please send your student
\$5 Ice Cream Bars \$5 - \$7 Shaved Ice
to ensure that they can participate
in the TIKIZ experience.



Tikiz.com/TikizOnTheRiver

"This is not an Elk Grove Unified School District
sponsored program, and EGUSD accepts no liability
or responsibility for this program/activity."



Kindergarten is selling

Smencils & Shoe Charms!

Show your Griffin Pride with a little "flair" for your shoes!
These versatile charms work on both lace-up shoes and Crocs style shoes.

Kindergarten teachers will be selling shoe charms
after school on Thursdays on the stage.

AM Kinders - please see your child's teacher to purchase



Smencils are **\$2 each** or **3/\$5**

Shoe Charms will be **\$5 each**

We will have: watermelon, cherry, blueberry, strawberry, orange, pineapple, lemon-lime, grape, blue sunshine, mango, banana, apple, bubble gum, kiwi, passion fruit, rainbow sorbet, marshmallow, chocolate, smores, & donut. We will also have Smelly Gellies!

**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.



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.)