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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 11
September 26, 2025

Principal's Corner

We had a wonderful Cross Country Meet last week! A big thanks to **Mrs. Bhopla** and **Mrs. Haynes** for coaching our young runners, and for putting on such a well organized and efficient meet! We appreciate the many parents and teachers who volunteered at the event, too! Look for pictures on the next pages.

Last week we practiced our first **lock-down drill** by making sure classrooms are locked, students and staff are quiet and out-of-sight. They did a **great** job!

Community Picnics start this week! We look forward to welcoming our families for this annual event! See the schedule on page 2. Families will meet their children in the quad. Please remember students are expected to remain at school for the rest of the day unless there's an emergency or a medical appointment.

♥ Dr. Mitchell

Your ParentVue Account...

...do you have one? Have you logged in yet this year? Do you need help? This is where you see your child's grades & report card. It's also where you complete the annual Education Benefits Survey. [Click here for a help document.](#) Or, call our office for help.

FRIDAY SPIRIT DAY

Jersey Day! **Oct. 3**

Show your commitment to teams & community by wearing the jersey of your favorite team!

REMEMBER TRACK CHANGE DAY

Goodbye D Track!

Friday, October 3, 2025

MINIMUM DAY DISMISSAL @

1:35

ALL K & TK

Attend 9:05-12:36



Open-Minded Griffins!

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

Congrats!

Our community includes everybody.

Transitional Kindergarten

Khailo
Lori
April
Thea

Kindergarten

Brooklyn
Aarshi
Kiara
Estella
Micha

1st Grade

Alex
Brooklyn
Ian
Nicholas

2nd Grade

Matthew
Sara
Zaelyn
Will

3rd Grade

Greyson
Adriana
Trevor
Khloe
Luke H

4th Grade

Ryen
Kaiziyon
Cora
Orion
Jayden

5th Grade

Holly
Kevin
Maddie

6th Grade

Aidan
Reina
Grace
Aleen

MAKE-UP PICTURE DAY

B & D TRACKS



Tues. September 30



A & B Track Kick-Off Monday 10/6

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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

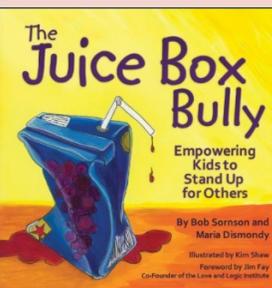
Our goal is 95% attendance. Here's how we did last week:



The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN: COMMUNITY

'Bee' a Community!



Griffin's Big Question

Why does it matter how we talk to someone who is being unkind?

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

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

I remind myself and others that we all belong in our community.

"We're all different, and that's what makes us the same."
- Todd Parr *It's Okay to be Different*

Community Picnics

Let's celebrate our school community!

Wed. 10/1
Thurs. 10/2
Mon. 10/6
Tues. 10/7

Community Picnic Days

Lunchtime @ McGarvey

Classes	Lunch & Recess Schedule
First & Second Grades	11:50am - 12:30pm
Third & Fourth Grades	12:35pm - 1:15pm
Fifth & Sixth Grades	1:20pm - 2:00pm

All students **MUST** return to class following their scheduled lunch/recess timeframe.

Students can only be checked out early following the picnic in the event of an emergency or appt.

TK & Kindergarten Picnics: on the Kindergarten Playground

D Track	A Track	B Track	C Track
Wed. 10/1	Thurs. 10/2	Mon. 10/6	Mon. 10/6
AM Classes 12:00-12:30	AM Classes 12:00-12:30	AM Class 12:00-12:30	AM Class 12:00-12:30
PM Class 3:00-3:30	PM Classes 3:00-3:30	PM Classes 3:00-3:30	PM Classes 3:00-3:30

Cross Country Meet Finish-Line Photos (sorry we didn't get everyone...)



Important Dates

- September**
 30 - B & D Track Picture Make-Up Day
- 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: Jersey Day!
 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
 8 - 6:30 EGUSD College & Career Fair (Laguna Creek High School)
 9 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (ZOOM)
 9 - Dine Out Day @ Chick's 500
 15 - Cross Country Championship @ Placer Fairgrounds
 16 - Great California Shake-Out
 17 - A & B Track Fun Run
 27 - Book Fair Opens
 29 - A & C Track Picture Make-Up Day
 30 - Safety Committee Meeting
 30 - 9:15 B Track 'Bee Track Hive Harvest'
 31 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
 31 - SPIRIT DAY: TBD
 31 - Track Change Day (A goes off) (Minimum Day)
 31 - A, B, and C Track Awards

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.

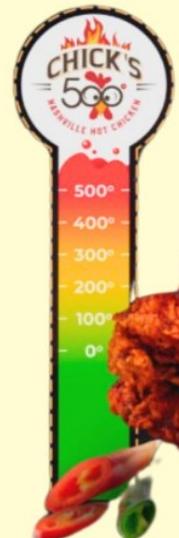
What's the **BEST** reason to take this survey?

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

The survey is that important.

CHICK'S 500 FUNDRAISER

FOR ROBERT MCGARVEY ELEMENTARY PFO
 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9
 11 AM - 9 PM



BRING IN FLYER OR MENTION "MCGARVEY SCHOOL"

10% OF SALES WILL BE DONATED TO THE PFO

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

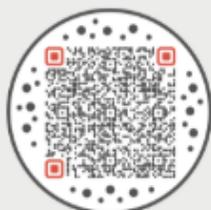
Discuss with Financial Advisors how to budget tuition fees, campus costs, and other educational tools.

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

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!

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

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



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!

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

- 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!

T.K. PARAEDUCATOR

3 Positions

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



