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Robert J. McGarvey Elementary

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

Weekly Newsletter

2026-27 School Year

Week 2
July 17, 2026

Principal's Corner

What a great start to the school year! It's been so wonderful to see our kids and families back on campus. And, hasn't the traffic been wonderful!

Thank you for coming out for Back to School Night! If you want a recap of the slides, you'll find them on the next pages.

Attendance has been great since the school year started, too. Thanks for the big effort to be here on time & for minimizing early dismissals.

And I've already signed several new volunteer forms! Thanks for getting a head-start on the paperwork and safety clearances so you can be part of the McGarvey magic!

Just a reminder, learning starts at 8:40. **Classroom open at 8:30**, so please have students here by then so they're **ready to learn at 8:40** (and not rushing in at the last minute!)



♥ Dr. Mitchell

From our PFO

A big thank you to all these volunteers who are ready to serve in these roles! Welcome to the team. We look forward to a great year ahead!

- **Rehana Rehman** - President
president@rjmepfo.org
- **Sarah Standring** - Vice President
vicepresident@rjmepfo.org
- **Brittany Smith** - Treasurer
treasurer@rjmepfo.org
- **Rebecca Lam** - Secretary, Art Docent
secretary@rjmepfo.org
- **Brianna Durham** - Teacher Appreciation
- **Missy Carpenter** - Small Events and Room Parents
- **Jackie Martinez** - Small Events and Carnival Assistance
- **Kyla Aquino Irving** - Website and Graphic Design
- **Marday Salmond** - Dinner Night Out
- **Brianna Castro** - Social Media
- **Shannon Mundy** - Literary Outreach Director
- **Katrina Osanna** - Transportation/50 Corridor/Scan to School
- **Kelly St. Jean** - Dinner Night Out Assistance
- **Shannon Dupler** - Treasurer Assistance
- **Shannon Mundy** - Library Outreach

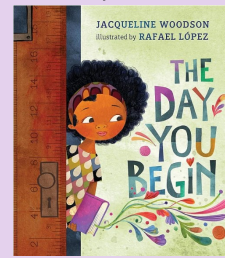
Upcoming Events

Aug: Back-to-School Dance
Sept: Fun Run C & D Tracks
Oct: Fun Run A & B Tracks
Fall Costume Ball
Nov: Multicultural Night
Dec: Holiday Event
Jan: Talent Show
Feb: Valentine Grams
March: Silent Auction @ B & C
Open House
April: Silent Auction @ A & D
Open House
10-Year Party Palooza!

The McGarvey Way

A KINDNESS CAMPAIGN:

Griffins Take Flight!



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

Sometimes children feel nervous because they think they are different from everyone else.

Griffin's Big Question

Have you ever helped someone who looked lonely or left out? What did you do?

I have the courage to spread my wings and try new things.

"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face."

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Our S.O.A.R. trait this week is **Safe.**

Want to Visit the Classroom or Chat with the Teacher?

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences are held to discuss your child's progress. Conferences may take place in person, by telephone, or video conferencing. Conferences are welcomed as parents or teachers wish. Additional conferences may be scheduled as necessary at the request of either the teacher or parent. Requests to visit a class should be arranged with the teacher a minimum of 24 hours in advance of the visit. Please allow 24 hours for return of phone calls to schedule appointments.

MCGARVEY PFO



TREAT YOUR FAMILY

Jamba Juice
SUPPORT MCGARVEY

Purchase a \$15 Jamba BOGO Card
On sale July 13 thru September 4

Every card helps the McGarvey PFO bring a Wild Animal Assembly to our students.

SCAN TO ORDER



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

CORDOVA
YOUTH TRIATHLON

1ST ANNUAL
AUG 8 | 8AM
HAGAN PARK

SWIM RIDE RUN

ALL AGES.
ONE FINISH LINE.
COUNTLESS VICTORIES.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN →

THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT.

www.CordovaYouthTriathlon.com

PARTICIPANTS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN BIKE AND HELMET

BROUGHT TO YOU BY CORDOVA BLUE MARLINS RANCHO CORDOVA TRACK CLUB

Important Dates

August

- 6 - BCD Picture Day
- 10 - 6:30 PFO Meeting (zoom)
- 13 - SCC TK/K First Day of School (Trad Calendar)
- 13 - 4:30 A Track TK/K Back to School Night (parents/guardians only, please)
- 14 - 9:00-1:00 A Track TK Meet & Greet
- 14 - 3:30 A Track Kindergarten Meet & Greet
- 14 - Track Change Day—B Goes Off Track (Minimum Day)
- 14 - Griffin Store & Griffin Gala
- 17 - A Track First Day of School**
- 17 - SCC Preschool First Day of School (Mod. Trad Calendar)
- 17 - A Track PBIS Kick-Off
- 18 - A Track Back to School Night** (parents/guardians only, please)
 - 5:00 Parent Welcome Meeting
 - 5:35 Grades 1-6 Session #1
 - 6:10 Grades 1-6 Session #2
- 18 - CD Progress Reports
- 19 - A Track PBIS Assembly
- 25 - Vision/Hearing Screening (TK, K, 2nd, 5th)
- 26 - A Track & SCC Picture Day
- 28 - 5:30 Back to School Dance

September

- 1 - Vision/Hearing Screening (TK, K, 2nd, 5th)
- 1 - School Site Council Meeting #1
- 3 - 8:45 Donuts with the Principal
- 7 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- 10 - CD Fun Run!

Elk Grove Unified School District
JOIN OUR INTEGRATED PEER

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

where every child's unique abilities are celebrated and nurtured

Families interested in the program are required to attend a virtual informational meeting before their child can be considered for enrollment.

JOIN US

- Children must be 3 years old or turn 3 before start date.
- No income eligibility requirements.
- Toilet training is recommended but not required.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for providing transportation.

August 11, 2026
9:00 AM, 12:00 PM, or 3:00 PM

Google Meet joining info
<https://meet.google.com/hah-tpcr-oes>

OR
SCAN ME TO JOIN!

Or dial: (US) 1 (650) 980-4053
PIN: 469 268 260 #

916-686-7780

Jennifer Lipsky (jlipsky@egusd.net)
Shally Moua (shmoua@egusd.net)

New school hours for 2026-27

8:40-3:10

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

AM TK & K— 8:40-12:11

PM TK & K— 11:29-3:10

(Thursdays 11:29 -2:30)

MINIMUM DAYS (Track-Change Days)

Grades 1-6 — 8:40-1:10

AM & PM TK /K — 8:40-12:11

Self-Contained SPED Classes (SCC)

SCC Preschool - Modified Trad. Calendar

AM Class — 8:10-11:10

PM Class — 11:50-2:50

SCC TK/K - Traditional Calendar

AM Class — 8:20-11:50

PM Class — 11:35-3:05

OFFICE HOURS

7:30 am - 4:30 pm

No early dismissals 20 minutes before the bell rings.

PLANNED ABSENCES



Please plan your family trips while your child is off-track or on non-school days.



If that is not possible, please come to the office to apply for a **Traveling Student Packet**

TRAVELING STUDENT PACKET GUIDELINES



Can request once per year, up to 15 days



Cannot be first or last 2 weeks of the school year



Minimum of 10 days advance notice



Students recover their positive attendance



Students keep up with their class



Every day matters. *Every Griffin rises!*

NEW VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

To keep students, staff, and community members safe, EGUSD has added new requirements for volunteers.

Here's the new process.



1
COMPLETE THE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM and have it signed by a site administrator.



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2
SIGN THE VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT



3
COMPLETE A 50-MINUTE MANDATED TRAINING ON PUBLIC SCHOOL WORKS

- Mandated Reporter Training
- Volunteer Code of Conduct



4
RETURN STEPS 1-3 TO EGUSD BY EMAIL. THEN SCHEDULE AND COMPLETE FINGERPRINTING



5
AFTER YOU'RE CLEARED BY EGUSD HR COMPLIANCE, YOU MAY BEGIN VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

★ TOGETHER, WE SOAR! *McGarvey Strong!* ★

UPDATE PARENTVUE



'ParentVue and StudentVue have been updated and you **must** download the new version from the Apple App store or Google Play.

OLD APP LOOKED LIKE THIS:



NEW APP LOOKS LIKE THIS:



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★ *Stay Connected. Stay Informed.* ★

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS SURVEY

Current Student and Parent Update/Verification

- Introduction
- Family
- Parent/Guardian
- Emergency
- Students
- Review/Submit
- Delete Update/Verification

WELCOME

Information

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Current Student and Parent Update/Verification.

Throughout the Current Student and Parent Update/Verification process, you will be presented with a variety of information to enter. Many steps will have required fields marked by an asterisk (*). You must enter information into these fields before you will be allowed to continue.

Continue

★ YOUR VOICE MATTERS! ★

Please take a few minutes to complete the Educational Benefits Survey.



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4 Steps to a Great Start 2026-27



1 Finalize your family plan for the new school schedule



2 Get started on becoming a school volunteer



All new and returning volunteers must complete Mandated Training.



3 Update your ParentVue app



Stay on top of your child's assignments, grades, report cards & attendance.



4 Take the Education Benefits Survey



Click on "Online Enrollment" when you log in to ParentVue. Here's a step-by-step guide.

JOBS AVAILABLE AT MCGARVEY

✓ After you submit your application, call Linda @ McGarvey and let her know!

YARD SUPERVISOR



Special Ed PARAEDUCATOR II

- Full Time
- All Tracks
- Benefits



SCAN OR CLICK



Your input helps support our students!



Strong Schools. Brighter Futures.



Together, we can make a difference!

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

School Site Council Nominations

Serving on our School Site Council is an excellent way to get an insider's view of all the great things going on at McGarvey!

You get to learn about our school goals, our budget, and how we use our money to address our goals. We meet 4 - 5 times a year, over zoom for 60-90 minutes.

The School Site Council is made up of an equal number of school staff & parents - we have 5 of each - and serve for 2 year terms. **Brittany Smith** and **Rebecca Lam** are returning parent members of our SSC, and we're looking for **three more parents!**

If you're interested or if you'd like to nominate someone, please email the principal by August 21, 2026.
carmitch@egusd.net

BIKE AND WALKING BUS

Stronger Together. Safer Routes. Healthier Students.



MEET other bus coordinators from McGarvey, Sunrise, or Cypress Grove

BRAINSTORM ideas

COORDINATE an overall schedule for 2026-27

HEAR how 50 TMA can help with programming like free bike tune-ups, bike rides, walk/bike to school challenges, and more!



SCAN TO JOIN!

2 HOURS TOTAL
Food and drink will be provided.

INDOORS
Most likely in the Anatolia-Sunridge area

DATE & TIME
Coming Soon! Stay tuned.

Together, we can make a difference!

Please email or call Alyssa Lee at alysa@50corridor.com, 916-234-6570 with any questions!



Back to School MCGARVEY PFO

Welcome Back Parents & Staff



Membership Is Free. Support Still Matters.

\$20 Can Power an Entire Year of Impact

Your involvement—whether through time, energy, or donations—is what keeps the PFO going strong. If every family and staff member gave just \$20, we would easily meet our fundraising goals and continue to fully support:

- Student events and enrichment programs
- Field trips and classroom supplies
- Clubs, assemblies, and more

Together, we can ensure every student benefits from the kind of programming that makes school memorable, meaningful, and fun.

★ YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS NOW MORE THAN EVER! ★



Back to School MCGARVEY PFO

Welcome Back Families



CALL TO ACTION!

- Scan the QR Code to share your contact info and stay in the loop
- Donate via Venmo or PayPal — even small gifts make a big impact
- Volunteer when you can — 1 hour of your time goes a long way
- If every family donates just \$20, we'll meet our goals and expand our impact even further. Your donation is **TAX-DEDUCTIBLE!**

PayPal



Donate if you can!

Venmo







Housekeeping

Working together to keep McGarvey running smoothly!

CELL PHONES & SMART WATCHES

- Must be 'Off & in the Backpack' from gate to gate
- Phones may be taken away for the day or held for parent to pick up
- School isn't responsible for loss or damage

THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME

- Toys & collectables
- Sports Equipment
- Make-up, cologne, perfume
- Snacks & candy for sharing (Kids may not share food!)

BIKES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS

- Riding is encouraged!
- Know the law about e-bikes & e-scooters
- Helmets are **required**
- Pedestrians have the right-of-way

DRESS CODE

- No spaghetti straps
- Shirt tops should meet pants
- No short-shorts or skirts
- Shoes must cover the toes and have a heel strap
- Hats & sunglasses worn outdoors

THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE MCGARVEY A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND GROW!

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.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE TAMAIÑO DEL HOGAR	MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME INGRESOS MENSUALES DEL HOGAR	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME INGRESOS ANUALES DEL HOGAR
1	\$3,064.79	\$36,777.50
2	\$4,141.88	\$49,702.50
3	\$5,218.96	\$62,627.50
4	\$6,296.04	\$75,552.50
5	\$7,373.13	\$88,477.50
6	\$8,450.21	\$101,402.50
7	\$9,527.29	\$114,327.50
8	\$10,604.38	\$127,252.50
Over 8 Más de 8 personas	Adm \$12,679.00 each Adm \$12,679.00 por cada persona	Adm \$153,252.00 each Adm \$153,252.00 por cada persona

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:

April 16th 3:45 - 5:15
May 7th and 21st 3:45 - 5:15
June 4th and 18th 3:45-5:15
July 2nd and 16th 3:45-5:15
August 6th and 20th 3:45-5:15
September 3rd and 17th 3:45-5:15
October 1st and 15th 3:45-5:15
November 5th and 19th 3:45-5:15
December 3rd and 17th 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



IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, HEAR SOMETHING, OR KNOW SOMETHING,

SEE SOMETHING



Look out for
something that
doesn't seem right.

HEAR SOMETHING



Listen for something
that worries you.

KNOW SOMETHING



You may know
something that
can help keep
someone safe.

SAY
SOMETHING!

BE
KIND
BE
RESPECTFUL



TOGETHER
WE ARE
STRONGER!

OUR SCHOOL
OUR COMMUNITY
OUR
RESPONSIBILITY

IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY
TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE!