Robert J. McGarvey Elementary School

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"Wonder-Full" Wednesday Newsletter
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GRIFFIN NEWS

It gives all of us an extra sense of community to see our parents and guardians walking their students to and from class. With that said, we do want to offer some guidelines for when you are on campus. First, you may walk your student to and from class but we ask that you refrain from standing in line with them. Physical distance between parents/guardians and the lines allow our teachers the space they need to greet students and get them into classes. We also respectfully request that you wear a mask on campus if you are going to be on campus walking your child to or from class. At this point, we are not allowed to have non-instructional visitors in classrooms. Thank you for helping our school be the wonderful place that it is.

Reminder of our school times:

Regular Days:	**Early Out Thursdays:**	**Track Change /Minimum Days:**
TK/AM Kinder: 8:45am-12:16pm	TK/AM Kinder: 8:45am-12:16pm	TK/AM Kinder: 8:45am-12:16pm
PM Kinder.: 11:34am-2:35pm	PM Kinder.: 11:34am-2:35pm	PM Kinder: 8:45am-12:16pm
1 - 6 Grades: 8:45am-3:15pm	1 - 6 Grades: 8:45am-2:25pm	1-6 Grades: 8:45am-1:15pm

Caldor Fire Victims - Sunrise, McGarvey, and Stone Lake Elementary Schools teamed up to raise donations for families of the Caldor Fires. Thank you so much for your generous donations. We were able to send up to them 16 brand new sleeping bags, toilet paper, AA batteries, toothpaste, shampoo, hand sanitizer, deodorant, water, and so many other personal items along with **$4325.43** in gift cards and cash combined. **We have the most generous families that give from the Heart! You make us so proud to be a part of the Elk Grove Unified School District!**

MLAC Meetings - McGarvey families! We would like to invite you to Robert J. McGarvey's first Multilingual Learner Advisory Committee's (MLAC) Zoom meeting of the year. We will be meeting on September 28, 2021. This committee serves the purpose of supporting McGarvey's English Learner Program and provides advice to school administration on how to best support McGarvey's English Learners and Multilingual Learners. At our first meeting, we will discuss the purpose of the MLAC, elect roles, learn more about how McGarvey will be allocating funds

through the site's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), and explore additional resources for English Learner success.

Tentative Schedule for the 21/22 School Year (all meetings will be over Zoom)

Fall Meeting:	9/28/21	4:00-5:00pm
Winter Meeting:	12/14/21	4:00-5:00pm
1st Spring Meeting:	2/08/22	4:00-5:00pm
2nd Spring Meeting:	4/19/22	4:00-5:00pm

RJMES MLAC Zoom information: https://egusd-net.zoom.us/j/89488365284
Meeting ID: 894 8836 5284 Passcode: Griffins

Yard Supervisors Needed - We are looking for parents, guardians, and community members who would like to join the RJMES "Super Crew", also known as our yard supervision team. We currently need people who can substitute when our regular yard supervisors are off. Responsibilities include supporting with crosswalk duty before and after school as well as supervising recesses and lunches. Fingerprinting clearance, TB test, and filling out an online application at: Edjoin.org. are required. Please contact Mr. Jones at (916)793-3400, or by email at whjones@egusd.net for more information.

COVID Testing - EGUSD has set-up the link below for all our families as a way to register their children for COVID testing at our school site. This should only be used when students are symptomatic on campus, or on modified quarantine. But, if parents pre-register, it will make the process go a lot smoother.
https://my.primary.health/r/elkgroveusd?registration_type=student

Pick-ups and Drop-offs - We want to thank our families for using the crosswalks while picking up and dropping off their children. We also want to thank families for patience and attentiveness while in our parking lot. Please avoid making U-turns in the streets around the school. This creates unsafe conditions for both drivers and pedestrians. We also want to remind our parents that pick-up and drop-off should occur in the designated parking lane. Please do not use the parking lot area for picking up and dropping off of your child(ren), doing so causes delays and back-ups along the neighboring streets. You are encouraged to park in the parking lot, walk your child(ren) safely through the parking area, cross them at the crosswalk and onto campus. *Please also pull forward as far as possible in the lane when dropping off and picking up.* Thank you for modeling how to be **S**afe, **O**pen-Minded, **A**ccountable, and **R**esilient for our Griffins. Thank you for modeling how to be **S**afe, **O**pen-Minded, **A**ccountable, and **R**esilient for our Griffins.

Spirit Wear Days - We love to show our Griffin pride throughout the school year. We have Tie-dye Tuesdays, (wear your favorite tie-dye shirt), Where Will You Go Wednesdays? (wear your college or career gear), and Griffin Pride Fridays (wear your Griffin Gear). It has been a beautiful sight to behold seeing your McGarvey pride expressed proudly during the first few weeks of school! Many items are now on backorder, we are hoping these items will be arriving within the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience.

916ink - We are pleased to announce 916ink's return to McGarvey Elementary School. If you are interested in becoming a published author this is your opportunity. This is 916ink's third year at our school, it is being offered to all 4th-6th grade students on a first come first serve basis and will be presented on zoom. For more information, please click on **Flyer**, to register **Online**, or print out a registration **Form**. The first class begins on Wednesday, September 22, from 3:20pm-4:20pm and will continue through December 15, 2021.

PFO NEWS

Do you ride your bike, scooter, or skateboard to school? Please sign up for our Active4me program. When you sign up you will receive a barcode for our parent volunteers to scan. Once scanned, you will receive a text message stating your child(ren) made it safely to school. You can sign up online or use this form and turn it into the office. If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Miller at Lindsay.Miller1986@gmail.com. To find out more about this program please click on information.

Active4me Scanning Parent Volunteers Needed! - Our Active4me scanning program has begun, it's a great way to motivate your child(ren) to walk or bike to school. For Students who live a little further away, park and walk is a great option that will allow your child to participate in this program. In order for Active4me to really be effective and send real-time messages to parents as their child(ren) arrive at school, we need parents' help with scanning students at the front and back gates as they arrive. Scanning takes between 25 - 30 mins once a week a couple of months out of the year. Join our scan team today! Email Lindsay.miller1986@gmail.com

Walk to School Day Bike/Walk Trains - Mark your calendars! Wednesday, September 29 and Wednesday, October 6, McGarvey will be celebrating **National Walk to School Day**. Parents are invited to walk or bike to school with their child(ren). Parent volunteers will be guiding several bike/walk trains from Kavala and parts of Anatolia to the school so your child can join in the fun and be safe along the way. The Bike/Walk trains will leave their designated starting locations at 8:15am. Students may either be dropped off at these locations or join the trains as they pass these streets. Map of bike/walk routes.

Bike/Walk train routes:

- Kavala Ranch Park – 1.17miles. Students will begin at Kavala Ranch Park, take the bike trail to the back gate of McGarvey Elementary.

- Bosphorus/Anatolia Dr.- .45 miles. Students will meet at the Corner of Bosphorus and Anatolia Dr. They will ride/walk north on Anatolia Drive, turn left on Sophocles Dr. to Sandpiper Park and enter through the back gate of McGarvey Elementary.

- Sparrow Park- .40 miles. Students will meet at Sparrow Park. They will walk/ride eastward down Privas Way, turning left on Montron Way, left on Mircado Way, right on Sophistry Drive, and arrive at McGarvey Elementary's front gate.

- Cregan Ct.- .62 miles. Students will meet at the trailhead just off of Cregan Ct. Walk along the Anatolia Bike trail turning on Sophistry drive and arriving at McGarvey Elementary's front gate.

In order for us to be prepared and have enough staffing on hand for Bike/Walk to school day please take a moment to complete this brief survey for Walk and Roll to school day.

EGUSD NEWS

EGUSD's Family Wellness Series is back! Please see the attached **Informational Flyer** and calendar for the first four workshops focused on Suicide Prevention. These classes are offered to all EGUSD families at no cost.

Food and Nutrition Services Information - Free Meals for All - Under a waiver, provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Elk Grove USD Food & Nutrition Services is able to provide meals, free of charge, to all enrolled students. Enrolled students are eligible to receive breakfast and lunch for free. Free and reduced lunch forms (lavender) have gone home, if you did not receive one please stop by the office. We need all families to fill it out and return this form, no matter your income. This will help the district qualify for other services. September menus are available: Breakfast / Lunch

Online Incident Reporting System with 24/7 Access for Students and Parents - The EGUSD online Incident Reporting System offers students, parents, and community members a web accessible method to report incidents of bullying, discrimination and/or harassment, harm to school and/or property or harm to self. The Incident Reporting System can be accessed from anywhere online through a unique link located on every school's website. McGarvey's website is: http://blogs.egusd.net/mcgarvey/

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cub Scouting – Find out how to learn more about Cub Scouting and join, please check out **Cub Scout Flyer**.

NorCal School of the Arts - To learn more about these acting classes.

Online Dream Enrichment Classes can Camp for students in Grades K-7th - Learn more about these classes.

Gridiron Revised Flyer - To learn more about Youth Flag Football.

Sacramento Soccer Academy - Sign ups on Saturday, September 25 from 9:00am-1:00pm. For more details Fall Session 2021

IMPORTANT DATES to REMEMBER

We are happy to announce Picture Days have been rescheduled!

Please bring your best smile to share with us.

- **B & C Tracks are scheduled on Tuesday, October 12**
  Flyers will be coming home towards the end of September, please watch for them.

Track Change Day/Minimum Day - Friday, October 1

Reminder of school hours for track change day:

- **All** TK and Kinders: 8:45am-12:16pm
- Grades 1-6: 8:45am- 1:15pm
- **Enjoy your time off, D Track staff and students -** Enjoy your well deserved break!

Trimester 1 Honor Awards - D Track 4th-6th Grades

Friday, October 1, all awards will be handed out by Mr. Gulden and Mr. Jones in the classroom for health and safety reasons.

Welcome Back C Track Students - We will see you back at school on Monday, October 4

Track Change Day/Minimum Day - Friday, October 22

Reminder of school hours for track change day:

- **All** TK and Kinders: 8:45am-12:16pm
- Grades 1-6: 8:45am- 1:15pm
- **Enjoy your time off, A Track staff and students -** Enjoy your well deserved break!

Trimester 1 Honor Assembly - B & C Tracks 4th-6th Grades

Friday, November 5, all awards will be handed out by Mr. Gulden and Mr. Jones in the classroom for health and safety reasons.

Trimester 1 Honor Awards - A Track 4th-6th Grades

Friday, December 17, all awards will be handed out by Mr. Gulden and Mr. Jones in the classroom for health and safety reasons.