



# Robert J. McGarvey Elementary School

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## “Wonder-Full” Wednesday Newsletter Wednesday, July 28, 2021

### GRIFFIN NEWS

We are happy to welcome you back onto our campus! It gives 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 are also happy to announce that our parents and guardians may arrange to volunteer for teachers *outside* of classrooms. At this point we are not allowed to have volunteers *within* our classrooms and other buildings. Thank you for helping our school be the wonderful place that it is.

### Reminder of our school times:

#### M,T,W, & F Schedule:

AM Kindergarten & Tk: 8:45 am-12:16 pm  
PM Kindergarten: 11:34 am-3:15 pm  
1 - 6 Grades: 8:45 am-3:15 pm

#### Early Out Thursday:

AM Kindergarten & Tk: 8:45 am-12:16 pm  
PM Kindergarten: 11:34 am-2:35 pm  
1 - 6 Grades: 8:45 am-2:25 pm

**Pick-ups and Drop-offs** - We want to thank 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. We are noticing parents are driving slowly and being mindful of all the little ones that are around them. We do 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 welcome to park in the parking lot, walk your child(ren) safely through the parking area, cross them at the crosswalk and onto campus. Thank you for modeling how to be **S**afe, **O**pen-minded, **A**ccountable, and **R**esilient for our Griffins.

**Elk Grove Youth Symphony Orchestra** - Does your student love to play an instrument? Would they love to play with youth artists from all over the world? Fall applications are now being accepted for the Elk Grove Youth Symphony Orchestra. For more information see the attached [flyer](#).

**Optional Outside Picnic Style Lunch** - We are now offering your child(ren) the option to eat outside on the quad, weather permitting. They are expected to follow all the same rules as inside, and will join their class inside the MP room before being excused to recess or back to their class.

**Spiritwear 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!

**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](mailto:Lindsay.Miller1986@gmail.com). To find out more about this program please click on [information](#).

## **EGUSD NEWS**

### **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/>

## **IMPORTANT DATES to REMEMBER**

**Picture Day for B, C, & D Tracks-** Recent guidance is to avoid having non-instructionally necessary visitors on campus. As a result, Picture Days have been postponed until we have revised guidance.

**Track Change Day** - Friday, August 13

Reminder of school hours for track change day: **All kinders:** 8:45 am-12:16 pm  
**Grades 1-6:** 8:45 am- 1:15 pm

**First Day of School for A Track** - Monday, August 16

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