

Graminia Flyover Jan. 20-24

Welcome to the Graminia Friday Flyover, a weekly communication from the school to our community. We hope to provide easier access to important information by sending it directly to your inbox. Why a Flyover? Because we are the Hawks!

2020 Budget Consultations

Albertans are invited to share their opinions and suggestions for the upcoming budget. Members of the public will have opportunities to make their voices heard and provide input informing Budget 2020. An [online survey](#) with questions on Albertans' spending and saving priorities, as well as ideas for job creation and growing Alberta's economy, is open until Feb. 7.

Government will host two telephone town hall meetings on Jan. 27 and Jan. 28. These town halls give Albertans an opportunity to speak directly to the finance minister and provide feedback to be used in the development of Budget 2020. More information on the telephone town halls and how to participate can be found at alberta.ca/budgetconsultation.

Accountability Surveys - Gr. 4 & 7

It is the season when the Alberta Government sends out accountability surveys to parents of students in grades 4 & 7. The Graminia rate of return has been very low over the past few years. We would encourage you to fill out the survey (online or paper) to indicate how you feel Graminia is doing. The deadline for the survey is Feb. 28, 2020. For more information, contact the office.

University of Alberta Botanic Garden (UABG) Visits

Students from Graminia will be visiting the UABG over the next 2 weeks. All students need to have a consent form signed for the school in order to participate. Please be aware of the weather and dress appropriately. Thanks for the Graminia School Council and Foundation for the financial support to enable our students to visit the garden. Here are the dates of the visits:

UABG Visit Dates - January	
Date	Classes
Mon., Jan 20	4C/4WE/4WO
Tues., Jan 21	3J/3SP
Wed., Jan 22	9F/9D
Thurs., Jan 23	5K/5W/KBC
Fri., Jan 24	7B/7F/7I
Mon., Jan 27	1MC/1MU/1/2E
Tues., Jan 28	6G/6S/KSB
Wed., Jan 29	8H/8L/KSA

Thurs., Jan 30	2M/2W
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Hot Lunch Information

On days when buses are canceled, the hot lunch kitchen will be closed. Please remember if your children are going to school on these days, to send them with a lunch. In certain circumstances, credits will be issued. Please watch for emails from the hot lunch kitchen. If you wish to discuss this further, please contact Darlene at graminiaschoolhotlunch@gmail.com.

Ski Club - Date Change

As a result of severe weather, the first date for ski club has been changed to Monday, Jan. 27th. For more information contact the office or Mrs. Sloan.

Cold Weather

We have just endured a historic run of cold weather and the cancellation of busses. A reminder that the divisional procedure is that outdoor recess is cancelled when the temperature is below -23 degrees. Up to that point, we feel it is important for our students to get outside and move their bodies to help them learn.

Parkland School Division has also come out with some reminders about cold weather and busses/transportation. Read "[Preparing for Frigid Temperatures](#)".

When to go to school with a sickness

It is the time of the year when we get many sickness calls. If you have ever wondered about when you might want to keep your student home when they are ill, here is an article that outlines some good aspects to think about. [When is Too Sick for School?](#)

Lost or Damaged Bus Passes

Please keep tabs on your child's bus pass. If a student has lost their bus pass, a new pass can be picked up at the Transportation Office at the Centre for Education at 4603-48 Street in Stony Plain. Please report any lost or damaged cards to Transportation Services by calling 780-963-8452, so they can deactivate the card and issue a replacement. Replacement cards will be issued at \$20 per card.

Occasionally a pass may appear to be malfunctioning with no physical damage to the card. In those cases, a new bus pass will be issued free of charge.

Library News

Did you know you could access the school library from home? Access your child's account to see what books are checked out or overdue. See what new books are being added, place holds, create lists of favorites and access all our ebooks!

From our school home page click on FOR STUDENTS, then click STUDENT APPS then choose DESTINY LIBRARY CATALOGUE. From here your student can log in.

Upcoming Important Dates

- Mon. Jan. 20 - Career Day Gr. 6-9 (Afternoon)
- Tues., Jan. 21 - Graminia Foundation AGM (6:30)
- Mon., Jan. 27 - Ski Club (1:30 - 8:30 pm)
- Wed., Jan. 29 - Les Bûcherons Performance Gr. 3-6 (9:00am)
- Fri., Jan. 31 - Play Parkland - Gr. 3 and Gr. 4
- Thur., Feb. 6 & Fri., Feb. 7 - Teachers' Convention (No School for Students)