

## **Graminia Flyover - April 6-10**

Welcome to the Graminia 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!

### **Remote Learning Update**

Thank you to everyone who helped us make it through our first week of remote learning. We believe that overall it has gone well, but there is still a lot to learn. We are updating our practices and communication of learning based on feedback. We appreciate your ongoing support and patience.

If you are struggling with any part of the remote learning experience, please reach out to your homeroom teacher. We have many supports available and are looking to ensure that everyone settles into this new way of instruction. We are also looking for feedback. Let teachers know what you have enjoyed and what areas may still need to be improved.

We are looking to build a system where the needs of all are met as best as we can. Thank you for your support as we develop this system.

### **School Council and Foundation Meeting**

The April School Council and Foundation Meetings will take place, but using videoconferencing technology. You can join the meeting using the videoconference, or join via telephone. Here are some details:

Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30pm (Foundation directly afterwards)

Google Hangout link: <https://meet.google.com/ujy-svxm-afd>

Telephone Information: 1 (484)430-1850 PIN: 633 298 200#

We have found that these virtual meetings work only when participants keep themselves muted until they need to speak. Please use the chat function (if you are online) to indicate if you would like to contribute. The agenda will be shared with you shortly, as normal. We are looking forward to seeing you there virtually.

### **Thank You to Foundation & Parents**

Over the past week, we have been able to make Chromebooks available to any student who needs one. They are available for sign-out, just like a textbook. If it were not for your support and the hard work of the Graminia Foundation, we would not have the amount of computers to make this happen. Thank you for your support of student learning.

### **Printed Learning Package Pick-up & Drop-off/Personal Item Pickup**

This Tuesday (April 7th), and following Tuesdays, we will have pick-up times at the school for those who need to **pick-up personal items, pick-up printed learning packages and sign-out school-owned Chromebooks**. This needs to be a deliberate process to ensure we are meeting

the guidelines set out by the Chief Medical Health Officer. We are asking anyone who still has a lock on their locker to come this Tuesday. On Wednesday, we will begin the process of cutting off locks that are still present. This week, we will also be sending home any left over supplies that are still at school. These items will be organized by student name and available at the front lobby.

Here is the process that we have planned:

- Please arrive at the designated times listed below, based on your last name.
- If at any point we reach 15 people in the lobby, we will post a sign on the door that asks people to wait in line until people have left. If this happens, please maintain 2 metres between people in the line.
- We recommend against bringing students, but will allow them to enter the school if other childcare arrangements cannot be made.
- If you are unwell, please stay home and we will make other arrangements.
- Our staff will greet you in the main lobby and provide you with directions.
- You will be asked to wash/sanitize your hands as you enter.
- It is critical for us to follow the norms of social distancing and keep visits short.
- If you feel uncomfortable with coming into the school for any reason, please contact the office to arrange alternative plans for pickup (780-963-5035).
- Please drop off any school-owned items that you may have at home. Ex. home-reading books, jerseys, etc.
- Families can pick up for others.
- Please, only sign-out a Chromebook if it is needed for access to learning.
- If you would like a printed package, we would appreciate you letting the homeroom teacher know so that we can photocopy enough (but not too many) packages.

Tuesday, April 7th	
8:00-8:45 am	Last Names A & B
8:45-9:30 am	Last Names C - F
9:30-10:15 am	Last Names G & H
10:15-11:00 am	Last Names I - L
11:00-11:45 am	Last Names M - O
12:15-1:00 pm	Last Name P - R
1:00-1:45 pm	Last Names S
1:45-2:30 pm	Last Name T - Z

### Library Update

PARENTS & STUDENTS Our virtual library is ready!  
Come visit in GOOGLE CLASSROOM

<https://classroom.google.com/u/0/c/NTQ5Njg0MDM4Mzda>

Use CLASSROOM CODE: symvil6

Get access to our Graminia library ebooks, online reference center, online resources, games, activities, book reviews and more!

Send in your book reviews, stories, questions, comments and recommendations.

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

If you have any questions or problems getting connected please contact Mrs. Heiser at [kheiser@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:kheiser@psd70.ab.ca)

### **Graminia Foundation Fundraisers**

To all Graminia Parents & Caregivers,

As you are aware, COVID-19 has changed all of our lives. We understand the financial burden families may be under, and our school is not open, but the Foundation wants to continue our efforts to raise funds for our students when they return. We would like to continue to offer Spellathon and move forward and offer Spring Flowers. Participation is not mandatory; it is only if you wish to do so. As always, the Foundation is so thankful for your participation. We have a strong community that believes in helping their local school; case in point, Mr. Haley's recent message stating that because of your donations, any child who needs a Chromebook for school at home, is able to receive one. So we thank you, so much, for your past participation.

Below are the details of Spellathon & Spring Flowers, should you wish to participate:

#### **SPELLATHON:**

We are accepting pledges (donations) from now until April 21st at the school each Tuesday at your designated time. Please clearly mark your envelope or ziploc bag with your child's name with cash/cheque made out to GCSF. There will be a drop box at the entry of the school. As for writing the test, you are welcome to give and mark the test yourself to your child(ren) anytime before April 21st. You are also welcome to send it with your pledge, but it's not necessary. If you do not have the spelling list, please contact your teacher, or Elyse. On Tuesday, April 28th, it's PRIZE DAY! Please come to the school (again at your designated time) and collect your child's Spellathon prize! If you have any questions or are unable to get to the school, please contact Elyse at 780-292-1474. Good luck and happy spelling!

## SPRING FLOWERS:

Spring Flowers orders will be collected starting Tuesday, April 7th. There will be paper copies of the forms at the school or you can print forms from our Facebook page. Each Tuesday (April 7, 14 & 21st) when you are collecting your weekly homework pick up at your designated time, you are welcome to drop your form and payment (cash/cheque made out to GCSF) in a drop box at the entrance of the school. If you would like to order, but are unable to get to the school, please contact Sheila at [sheilaa@telus.net](mailto:sheilaa@telus.net) to make other arrangements. Flower pick up will be Thursday, May 7th, from 2-4 pm.

[Spring Flower Information Sheet](#)

[Spring Flower Order Form](#)

Again, we understand this is a difficult time. Thank you, we hope you stay safe and healthy.

### **Kindergarten 2020-2021**

Graminia was exploring the possibility of offering full-time kindergarten next year. In light of the upheaval in this year and the uncertainty with school-based programs, **we will not be offering** full-time kindergarten this coming year. We are sorry for any disappointment this may cause.

### **Student Athlete Development Academy**

Registrations/applications are now being accepted for the Student Athlete Development Academy, offered through Connections for Learning (CFL).

The Parkland School Division Student Athlete Development Academy is a program for Grades 6-9 that provides student athletes in pursuit of high performance with technical, theoretical and experiential opportunities, while keeping them engaged in a rich and complete school community focused on academic achievement. The aim is to provide local, high quality affordable options for unique high performance sport programming.

For more information, please visit [the Academy website](#) or call 780-963-0507.

### **Upcoming Important Dates**

- Tues, Apr. 7 - Printed Learning Package Pick-up/Drop-off
- Fri., Apr. 10 - Good Friday (Office Closed)
- Mon., Apr. 13 - Easter Monday (Office Closed)
- Tues., Apr. 14 - School Council Meeting (Google Hangout) at 6:30 pm