

Graminia Flyover Feb. 3-7

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!

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Our next round of parent-teacher interviews is Feb. 19 & 20. Interviews can be booked online on Feb. 10th. Please see the [Graminia Website](#) for the link when registration opens.

Les Bûcherons Performance

A big thank you to *Les Bûcherons* for their musical presentation to our grade 3-6 students about Candian folklore.

Online Registration/Verification for 2020-2021

Online registration and verification for the 2020-2021 school year will open February 3! This process must be completed for every student each school year. Please check your email beginning February 3 2020 for a message from "PowerSchool Registration Support" <noreply@noreply.psr.support.com> and follow the instructions in that email to complete the registration process.

All parents and guardians are required to complete the registration process by 4:30pm on March 20, 2020. This deadline allows us to determine the eligibility of bus pass applicants, the routing of buses, bus pass production and data verification before the summer break while schools are still operating. Any applications received after the March 20 deadline may not be processed in time for the first day of school.

Payment arrangements for bus passes must be received through Parkland School Division's online payment system (Rycor) or at the Parkland School Division Centre for Education on or before **Friday, June 26, 2020** for students to be eligible to ride the bus the first day of school. Remember: If your child does not have a valid bus pass for the 2020-2021 school year, they will not be able to ride the bus.

For more information, including the registration process for new students and a list of important registration dates and deadlines, please visit www.psd70.ab.ca/Registration.php.

Kindergarten Registration and Open House

Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year begins February 3, 2020. There has been a small change to the age of registration rules. The new age rule is that a child entering Kindergarten must be five years old by the last day of December of the school year in which he or she begins Kindergarten. For example, a child registering for Kindergarten in September 2020 needs to be five years old by December 31, 2020.

The Graminia Open House will be Wednesday, Feb. 12th at 6:00pm at the School.

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 regarding 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.

Little Caesars Fundraiser

Forms will be handed out to teachers on Monday, Jan 27. Orders can be done online or by submitting an order form & cash or cheque to the school office in a sealed envelope with Little Caesars marked on it. Please make cheques payable to GCSF.

There will be extra forms available in the office if you do not receive one or you may go online to Pizzakit.ca to place your order. The fundraiser ID#372604 will make sure the profit goes to our school foundation.

Orders will be closed on Feb 11.

Delivery and order pick up is on Feb 26 from 1:30-4pm at the school. If you would like to order and need to make other arrangements for pick up please message Sheila by email at sheilaa@telus.net.

The money raised from this fundraiser will help with the cost of yoga, the UABG field trips for all grades and numeracy support. Thanks for your support!

Disconnect Challenge

Students and parents are encouraged to try the Disconnect Challenge this February. The Disconnect Challenge is a two-week activity where Alberta students will assess how technology affects their sense of connection with themselves and others. Participating students will document their technology use for one week and then embark on a one-week media fast: avoiding social media platforms, nocturnal screen time, technology around the dinner table, Internet browsing (except for schoolwork), texting (save for their parents/guardians), and listening to music with headphones. <https://disconnectchallenge.ca/>

Grades 4-6 Music: Recorders

Grades 4-6 will begin learning the recorder in the second week of February. Families may choose to borrow a used recorder for free or purchase a new recorder from the office for \$8.00.

4C and 4Wo - Please complete your recorder form indicating your wish to either purchase or borrow a recorder and return to Ms. Schultz by Wednesday, January 29.

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.

Thank You

Thank you to the Siminoski Family for the \$500 Capital Power grant towards the University of Alberta Botanical Garden program!

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

All students who are registered for Ski Club must take the bus to the ski hill. With such a large group this year, it is important that we are able to properly supervise the students who are taking part in this activity as a school event. Thank you for your help in making this such a successful year of ski club!

The next dates for ski club are Feb. 3 & Mar. 2

For more information contact the office or Mrs. Sloan.

Upcoming Important Dates

- Mon., Feb. 3 - Ski Club #2
- Thur., Feb. 6 & Fri., Feb. 7 - Teachers' Convention (No School for Students)
- Mon., Feb 10 - Fri., Feb. 14 - Grade 1 and 2 swimming lessons
- Mon. Feb. 17 - Family Day (No School)
- Wed., Feb. 19 and Thur. Feb 20 - Parent Teacher Interviews
- Fri., Feb. 21 - Play Parkland - Gr. 3 and Gr. 4
- Thur., Feb. 27 - Grade 9 Open house at SGCHS (6:30 - 8:00 pm)
- Mon., Mar. 2 - Ski Club #3