

Graminia Flyover - September 3rd

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!

First Week Back In-person

Great work to all of our students and staff who were all back in class for this first full week of school! Thanks for all your hard work.

Graminia Return to School Handbook

We are adding new information as it is released and changing information as needed in our Handbook. Nothing new has been added this week but as always please take a look if you have any questions. [You can find the handbook on our school website.](#)

Screening Protocol

A reminder to complete the [screening questionnaire](#) each morning for students and if you answer yes to any question, to follow the directions on the form and when prompted, complete the [AHS Self-Assessment](#) or call 811. AHS will direct any symptomatic person on next steps which must, by law, be followed.

Meet the Teacher - Thursday, Sept. 9

Our annual Meet the Teacher night will be held virtually this year. We will host a virtual Meet the Teacher event on Thursday, Sept. 9th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, where you can connect with the teacher if you have any questions. The link to your teacher's video conference will be sent out on Tuesday.

If you do not receive the link, please contact the teacher or the office.

Welcome Back To The Library!

I'm very excited to be back in the library again this year and even more excited that we are able to be open for students. Students of all ages will be allowed to have two books checked out at a time. Students can access their account, search the catalogue, place holds and much more on our library website [GRAMINIA SCHOOL LIBRARY](#)

If you have any questions regarding library materials please contact Mrs Heiser at 780-963-5035 or kelly.heiser@psd.ca

If you have a moment please fill out this 2 question [Book Fair Survey](#)

Athletics - Junior High students interested in Volleyball gr 7-9

Tuesday September 7, 2021 - [Girls Volleyball tryouts - 2:40 - 4pm](#)

Thursday September 8, 2021 - [Boys Volleyball tryouts - 2:40 - 4pm](#)

Snack Attack -

In the coming weeks staff will be working with students to let them know about our Snack Hub, which will have nutritious snacks for students to come and “grab and go” in the mornings, break and lunch. Teachers can also allow students to come during class if needed. Additionally, with busses arriving before the bell, we will be supporting and reminding students to have a snack, or take a break to eat prior to classes starting to help all students learn at their optimum levels when starting the day.

An opportunity to give feedback - [take the survey](#) - this message was emailed to all parents today.

This survey will close Thursday, September 9th in order to present the data and feedback received in advance of the Regular Board Meeting.

The safety of our students and staff will always remain our top priority. We recognize the public debate and varying levels of anxiety when it comes to the pandemic response in the Province of Alberta. Taking care of our students and staff's mental health and physical health is something we take very seriously. We also recognize that our plan must be flexible to ensure that individuals can make choices in accordance with their best interest when it is safe to do so. We will continue to closely monitor the most current situation in our respective communities, to update and revise our plan as needed.

Parkland School Division's COVID-19 measures have been developed for use by Parkland School Division schools and outreach sites and are based on the guidance documents developed by the Government of Alberta. The PSD COVID-19 measures are subject to change based on new or updated recommendations or requirements. These come from Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Government of Alberta.

If you are not familiar with the PSD measures, please review the [PSD Guidance for School Re-Entry Principal's Handbook](#) prior to completing the survey. PSD's Executive will be presenting an administrative report to the Board of Trustees at their Regular Board Meeting on September 14, 2021. This survey is intended to provide data to the Trustees as they conduct a thorough review of the PSD's Guidance and COVID-19 measures.

Sick Calls

We would appreciate it if parents and guardians could provide additional information when calling about a student missing school because of sickness. It would help us to know which symptoms the students have and if they need to self-isolate based on AHS direction.

Drop Off - One Way

A reminder that our parking lot is a one-way street. The entrance is at the South and the exit is at the North. It helps us to keep everything safe when traffic flows in this direction.

School Council and Foundation Facebook Page

Did you know Graminia School has a parent-lead Council and Foundation Facebook page? This page gives information about fundraisers, news from Council and Foundation, and events and

news happening in the school. To follow it, please search “Graminia School Council and Foundation”.

Back to School Supplies

Thank you to everyone who supported the Back to School Supplies Fundraiser through Write-On Stationary! With your help, the Foundation was able to raise just over \$1000!! We really appreciate everyone who put in an order!

2021/2022 Hot Lunch Program:

The hot lunch program will be running similar to last year. We will be offering hot lunch on Fridays, with food being provided by local vendors. We strive to offer a variety of options and try to offer gluten free and vegetarian options when available by our vendors. For any dietary questions please contact the vendor directly.

Communications

Please note that there will be weeks when hot lunch needs to be offered on a different day to accommodate the PSD calendar (e.g., non-instructional days, holidays, etc.). The hot lunch program will communicate regular updates through email, the Graminia Flyover, and the Graminia Community School Foundation (GCSF) Facebook page.

How To Register

Visit graminia.hotlunches.net to register and to create a profile for your child(ren).

To order

please register your child(ren) into the classes they are in. All families, new and returning, must register each year. Please note if this is your first time ordering, please send cutlery to school with your child(ren) as we do not provide this to them. Orders can be placed starting on Saturday, with the cut off being firm at 1pm on Thursday for hot lunch the following week. Payment can only be received through PayPal. Payment must be received by Thursday at 1pm, for your order to be accepted. Note, that a PayPal processing fee will be added to your order.

Cancellations & Refunds

Unfortunately, your volunteers will not be able to handle any refunds or cancellations. If your child is absent, we will accept a transfer request to another student by 10:00am on hot lunch day by email to: graminiaparentcommunity@gmail.com.

Please be patient as your hot lunch volunteers work out any kinks. The hot lunch program was a huge success last year. Our goal is to run a program with a variety of appealing options for the kids that will also generate funds for the school. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for the hot lunch program please email us at: graminiaparentcommunity@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Graminia Community School Foundation

Upcoming hot lunch dates

Friday, Sept 10-Dominos

Friday, Sept 17, Freshii/Little Caesars

Friday, Sept 24

PSD supports for Families

Please see September's [Stronger Together Newsletter](#) outlining programs, supports and services PSD families can connect with.

Mental Health Supports

In response to COVID-19, [Spruce Grove Family and Community Support Services](#) is pleased to introduce Parkland Connect, a free single session counselling service for residents living in the Tri-Municipal Region.

From July 7–Oct. 28, single session counselling services will be offered on Tuesdays from 12–8 p.m. and Wednesdays from 12–3 p.m. Each appointment will be 50 minutes in length and facilitated by [Aspire Psychological Services](#) through secure video conferencing or phone call. Appointments can only be booked up to one week in advance. Starting Sunday, July 5, bookings for each upcoming week will open on Sundays at 3 p.m.

Topics that will be explored include coping during COVID-19 and goal setting. Counsellors will propose an action plan that builds on the participant's strengths, ideas and abilities, and provide additional resources as required.

For more information please visit the [website](#).

Upcoming Important Dates

- Mon., Sept 7 - Labour Day (No School)
- Tues. Sept. 8 - Option 2 (At-home learning) Students start classes
- Thurs. Sept. 10th - Meet The Teacher (Online Event)
- Tues. Sept. 15th - School Council and Foundation Meeting
- Thus., Sept. 24th - Value Village Fundraiser Drop-off Day