

Graminia Flyover - Aug. 27th

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!

Please remember to complete the [COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) each school day prior to entering the school building.

Return To School

The school opens for students next week. Where did the summer go?

We know there are still questions around the new protocols and guidelines as we return to learning. Here are some places to get information about these changes to what school looks like:

- [Graminia Return to School Video](#)
- [Graminia Return to School COVID Handbook](#)
- [Parent Information Q and A](#)

School Supplies

Please bring as many school supplies as possible with you on the first day of school. We understand that it might be too much for our smaller students to carry. If this is the case you have 2 main options:

1. Bring them to school over a number of days.
2. Make an appointment with the school office to drop them off.

Band Update

Many people have been asking about whether we will be able to offer Band this year. We believe that we have a plan to offer this course safely.

School Entry

Please double check the school entry and exit map in the [Graminia Return to School Handbook](#) so your children know where to meet their teachers on the first day. K-6 students will be meeting their teachers outside their doors and 7-9 students will see their teachers outside the first day and then meet them directly in their classrooms. Parents are asked to stay outside of the school and to make an appointment with the office prior to entering.

Supply List Additions

With the new rules that have been put in place, we suggest adding 2 items to the supplies that students come with. These are not required, but may make the school day easier for students. They are:

- Individual Hand Sanitizer - There will be hand sanitizer at all entrances and classrooms, but students may want to have their own sanitizer at their desk.

- Masks - students may want a selection to wear throughout the day or week. We will also have disposable masks for students.

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.

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

- Thurs. Sept. 9th - Meet The Teacher (Online Event)

Updated Graminia Return to School Handbook

We are adding new information as it is released and changing information as needed in our Handbook. Please take a look if you have any questions.

Screening Protocol

A reminder to complete the [screening questionnaire](#) each morning for students and if you answer yes to any question, to complete the [AHS Self-Assessment](#) or call 811.

We have found that many parents have preferred calling 811 as they are able to speak to a person if they have any questions about the symptoms they see.

AHS will direct any symptomatic person on next steps which must, by law, be followed.

Meet the Teacher - Thursday, Sept. 9

Like many of our other in-person events to start the year, 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 additional questions. The link to your teacher's video conference will be sent by your homeroom teacher. If you do not receive the video or link, please contact the teacher or the office.

Welcome Emails

At this time your child's teacher will have sent you an additional welcome letter with an introduction video. If you have yet to receive this, please reach out to the office.

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 the public health laws and AHS direction. We appreciate your help with this new process.

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”.