

## **Graminia Flyover - Sept. 17**

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!

### **Feeling Sick? Here's What to Do**

One of the most important things we can do to keep our school safe is to follow the health screening protocols that Alberta Health Services has put in place. As this can sometimes be confusing, PSD has put together [a stay at home guide](#) that outlines the process. If you have any questions after reading this information, please contact the office.

When calling the office or leaving a message, please let us know what the illness is and if there is any follow up that we should be aware of. (ex. Sore throat, isolating and COVID-19 test on Monday)

### **New Public Health Measures**

Please read [the news article PSD website](#) to find out the details of how the new public health restrictions will be implemented in Parkland School Division.

### **Vending Machines**

The vending machines are currently for students in grades 7-9. We are now ready to welcome students in grades 5 and 6 on specific dates and times to come and use the vending machines. The vending machine is run and stocked by our parent foundation and student volunteers. All proceeds go to support Graminia School.

Gr 5 - Tuesday and Thursday at lunch time only

Gr 6 - Monday Wednesday and Friday at lunch time only

### **Terry Fox Run - Friday, October 1, 2021**

We are pleased to participate in the 41st Terry Fox campaign this year. Graminia School has annually supported the Terry Fox Cancer Foundation. We have established our annual "Toonies for Terry" campaign where we ask each student and staff member to donate a toonie for Terry. All monies collected will go to the Terry Fox Foundation where it will be used to help fund cancer research so that one day, this disease will be a thing of the past.

If you would like to donate more than a toonie, please donate online by visiting

<http://www.terryfox.ca/Graminia>

On October 1, classes will be doing their runs in staggered intervals during the day around the school ground perimeter.

### **Farm to School**

We are so excited to have our Farm to School Fundraiser back this year!! Please watch for paper order forms that should be coming home with students today! Farm to School is now having online ordering as an option as well. Please note that any donation sales made on the paper copy will have the veggies delivered to Parkland County Food Bank and any donations

sales made online will be donated to Edmonton Food Bank. We will accept orders from our community as well. Please mark your calendars Oct 5 for pick up!

To order online please follow these instructions!

-Go to <https://farmtoschool.ca/shop/products>

-Add products to your cart

-Click on "Continue to Check Out" when ready to pay

-Select the Province, School and enter the child's name that is responsible for your order

-Enter billing and payment information ,once done, click on "Review Order"

-Review your order summary,Supporting-Billing and Payment Info, and "Place 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:graminiaparentcommunity@gmail.com).

Thank you,

Graminia Community School Foundation

### **Upcoming hot lunch dates**

Friday, Sept 24-Marci's

Friday, Oct 1

Thursday, Oct 7

### **School Board Trustee Positions**

Parkland School Division is looking for school board trustee candidates for the upcoming election. Help shape the future of local communities by governing the education of young people. The deadline to put your name forward or to nominate a candidate is Monday, September 20, 2021. Candidates wishing to submit their completed nomination package prior to Nomination Day will contact the Returning Officer by calling 780-999-0869 or by emailing [Eva.beyer@parklandcounty.com](mailto:Eva.beyer@parklandcounty.com).

Full details can be found on the Parkland School Division website [HERE](#).

### **Bottles for Beats!!**

The Graminia Swingin' Band Society is holding a bottle drive on Thursday, September 23rd from 7:30am-3pm. Please consider bringing your bottles and drop them off at the school over in the skating parking lot. All of the profit goes directly to funding the band program at the school!

### **Upcoming Important Dates**

- Thurs., Sept 23 - Bottled for Beats bottle drive
- Thursday, Sept. 30 - National Truth and Reconciliation Day - No School
- Fri., October 1, Terry Fox Run