

Graminia Flyover - Sept. 24

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!

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - September 30

There will be **no school** on this day for students and staff. There will be no staff at the school and no busses will be running. Additionally, there will be **no cross country run at Tomahawk school.**

Feeling Sick? Here's What to Do - UPDATE

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. Please remember to complete the [AHS daily checklist](#) for your child(ren) before coming to school. 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)

Late student drop off

If your child(ren) arrives after 7:58 am, please have them come to the main door to enter the school and come to the main office to get a late slip. The other doors are locked at this time and supervisors have gone inside to start the day.

Graminia School recognizes National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day - September 29

Graminia school will be participating in Orange Shirt Day on September 29 along with several other learning experiences to recognize the first annual National Truth and Reconciliation Day in Canada. Please send your child to school in an Orange Shirt that day as staff will also be participating in wearing our Orange Shirts, Our grades Gr 4-9 will participate by watching the Peace Pipe Ceremony that will be streamed to us @ 9:00am. The teachers in these grades will also be planning lessons using the provided resources, specifically [National Truth and Reconciliation Day](#). Our grades K-3 will be using lessons from the [Orange Shirt Day Curriculum](#) and the resource of [National Truth and Reconciliation](#). Each teacher may then additionally add curricular opportunities for their students to recognize Truth and Reconciliation Day. If you would like specific details of your child's teachers plans, please reach out to them for their specific resources.

Vending Machines

The vending machines are for students grade 7-9 daily, with specific days of the week where we welcome our grades 5&6 students. 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. Unfortunately, this year we will be keeping the run/walk a school based activity, and look forward to next year when our families can join us again.

Bottles for Band

The GSBS would like to extend an enthusiastic thank you to those who dropped off their bottles/cans. We raised just over \$700, all of which goes directly to our band students! Thank you!

Farm to School

We are so excited to have our Farm to School Fundraiser back this year!! Paper order forms were due today, but with Farm to School now having online ordering as an option, you still have a couple days to get your online orders in! 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! Thank you to everyone who has put in an order so far!

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"

School Board Trustee Elections

Please see [PSD's updated news bulletin](#) regarding the candidates running for School Board Trustee. Parkland County's Elections [webpage](#) provides information, links to election forms and documents and updates for candidates. Also, for full election information, including contact information for the candidates, visit PSD's [Election 2021](#) page.

Here's a link to the information/registration page for the candidate forums hosted by the Greater Parkland Regional Chamber. <https://www.gprchamber.ca/political-forums/> The link to the School Board Trustee forum is at the bottom, including the date and time, where constituents can watch and participate in the forum to help inform their voting decision.

2021/2022 Hot Lunch Program:

The hot lunch program will be running similar to last year. We will be offering hot lunch on the last day of school each week, 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.

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, Oct 1-Dairy Queen
Thursday, Oct 7

Stronger Together Newsletter

Please read this month's Stronger Together Newsletter. It is full of great information to support our families and you will also find many connections to supports and services within our communities. [Read it here.](#)

Upcoming Important Dates

- Wednesday September 29 - Orange Shirt Day and Graminia recognizes National Truth and Reconciliation Day
- Thursday September 30 - National Truth and Reconciliation Day - No School
- Friday October 8 - PD DAY - No School for students
- Monday October 11, Thanksgiving Monday - No School
- Wednesday Oct. 13 -- Picture Day - Kindergarten and grades 1-4
- Thursday Oct 14 -- Picture Day -- Gr. 5-9 & Kindergarten KA