

Graminia Flyover - Oct. 8

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!

We wanted to take a minute to thank all of our families for the support and kindness we have received coming back during these ever-changing and challenging times! Our amazing teachers are finding ways to bring our students together, while following protocols, and continue the rich traditions and experiences for our students and the community.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our families!

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.

If your child has a fever, or cough or shortness of breath or difficulty breathing or loss of smell or taste, your child must isolate at home for a minimum of 10 days from when symptoms started OR receive a negative COVID-19 test and feel better before returning to activities.

If your child has any single symptom (Chills • Sore throat/painful swallowing • Runny nose/congestion • Feeling unwell/fatigued • Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea • Unexplained loss of appetite • Muscle or joint aches • Headache • Pink eye (conjunctivitis)), even just one, please keep your child home for 24 hours and monitor the symptom. If the symptom is still present or worse, or if an additional symptom were to occur, please complete the [AHS online assessment](#) and follow the directions. Please only send your child back to school when feeling better, and symptom free.

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)

School Council and Foundation Information

We have a wonderful School Council and Foundation who works tirelessly to support students at Graminia School. These 2 organizations could not run without the involvement and support of our community. We invite everyone to join our meetings!

School Council Meeting & Graminia Foundation Meeting

We will be hosting the virtual Graminia School Council and Foundation meeting on Tuesday, October 12 beginning at 6:30pm. To join us, please use the following link:

<https://www.psd.ca/>

<https://meet.google.com/fsc-ivpq-mtm>

Or dial: (CA) +1 226-315-9328 PIN: 678 989 846#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/fsc-ivpq-mtm?pin=6565871371917>

To join via video conference:

- click on the link above
- mute your microphone when you join
- if you have a question, use the 'chat' function (if you are online)
- if your internet is unstable, try turning off your video - this will still allow you to see the other participants or use the dial-in number for audio only

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 Foundation Fundraising

Somerset Pumpkins

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported this fundraiser so far! It was such a success we have decided to sell pumpkins one more day at the school! If you still need pumpkins please consider coming out to the school Wednesday, Oct 13th from 2pm - 7pm! Pumpkins range from \$3-\$10 with at least 60% of the purchase price coming directly to our school! We will be accepting Cash, Debit and Credit Cards. If you would like to make other arrangements, please contact Angie Gehlert at angiebyouth@yahoo.ca or call or text at 780-977-8257.

Farm to School

With this being Thanksgiving weekend we wanted to start off with being thankful to our wonderful school community! With everyone's help we were able to raise \$6,670 for our school! We brought in 9,699lbs of vegetables and there were three awesome Grade 9's who willingly on their own came saw me unloading and offered to help unload on their break! Thank-you so much Carson, Colby and Daniel for being such a huge help!

Our school was able to donate 339lbs of veggies to Edmonton Foodbank, 1,985lbs to Parkland Foodbank and 6,400lbs to St.Albert Foodbank! With this coming with one more HUGE thank-you to Michelle Broadbent Desjardins Insurance Agent! They made an amazing donation of \$10,000 which translated to 8,000lbs of fresh produce being donated to St.Albert Foodbank as well as Parkland Foodbank. WOW!! Thank-you so much for your company's support! We truly do appreciate it!
Happy Thanksgiving!!

Stawnichy's Mundare Sausage Fundraiser

There are 9 items to choose from including sausage, smokies, cheese crepes, perogies and more with all profits going back to the school. Order start date is **Monday, October 4th** and all orders must be submitted by the end of day on **Tuesday, October 12th**.

A new quick and easy order process is now being offered through the hot lunch program. Just go to graminia.hotlunches.net and you'll see Mundare Sausage Fundraiser has been added to your child's order page (or go to this link to add your child and get started). Order and pay through paypal or credit card, it's just that easy. If that order process is not for you, submit a paper form with cheques written to GCSF. Pick up date for all orders is **Tuesday, November 2nd at the school from 2-4pm.**

If you're unable to pick up during the arranged time please contact Tanya. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer your time on pick up day please contact Tanya Vogel at 780-898-3333.

2021/2022 Hot Lunch Program:

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. 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 15-Edo and Marci's

Friday, Oct 22

Get ready! Here comes our Online Scholastic Book Fair!

OCTOBER 12TH to OCTOBER 22ND

Soon you will be able to explore exciting new books to enhance your home library and support your school! Hundreds of books, carefully chosen to delight kids of all reading levels, will be waiting for you when our virtual doors open!

- REMEMBER! Every purchase earns valuable Book Fair Rewards for our school that can be used to support our students.

- Shop any time! Our fair is open 24 hours, beginning at midnight on your start date!
- No shipping fees! Orders are sent directly to our school.

This link will be active starting October 12th and will close at 11:59 on October 22.

--<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5163248>

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Heiser at kelly.heiser@psd.ca

As always, thank you for supporting our school and students!

Upcoming Important Dates

- **Monday October 11, Thanksgiving Monday - No School**
- **Tuesday October 12 - School Council followed by Graminia Foundation**
- **Wednesday Oct. 13 -- Picture Day - Kindergarten and Gr. 1-4**
- **Thursday Oct 14 -- Picture Day -- Kindergarten and Gr. 5-9**