

Graminia Flyover - Oct. 15

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 had our Picture Days this week - a reminder when ordering School Pictures

Parents have until October 28th to receive free shipping to the school. After that, they can still order but would pay full price for shipping to home. Our picture retake day is October 27th.

Indigenous learning opportunity for gr 7 and 8 students

We are looking for students in Grades 7 and 8 that are interested in becoming student facilitators of The Blanket Exercise. Through this exercise student facilitators will help others to explore the nation-to-nation relationship between indigenous peoples in Canada, how this relationship has been damaged over the years, and how they can work toward reconciliation. If you are interested in this learning and leadership opportunity please talk with your child at home and have them come and meet with Mr. Sloane during the lunch recess next week (October 18th to the 22nd).

Individual Education Plans (IEPs) - Digital Parent Sign Off

For parents of students with IEPs, we are using a digital sign off this year for these documents. Parents are able to view the IEP through the parent portal. Included below is a screenshot of the email parents will receive. Teachers will be reaching out to set up meetings with parents to finalize the initial IEP next week!

**[REDACTED]'s IEP is Ready for
Review and Signing**

**IEP/IPP is ready for review
and signing**

Greeting [REDACTED]

The IEP/IPP for [REDACTED] is ready for your review and signature. Please log into your PowerSchool Parent Portal account to access IEP/IPP Sign-Off or contact the school to arrange a time to talk to the teacher about the IEP.

Login using your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) account information. If you need to retrieve your login information, please click "Forgot Username or Password" to retrieve your login. **DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT**

- Once you are logged in, click on "IEP Sign - Off" (bottom left hand menu)
- Click on the link to your student's IEP
- Review the document
- If you agree to the contents of the document(s), select the on screen checkbox and click "SAVE"
- If you have questions, please contact the school to review and revise as needed.

Links and forms work best if completed on a computer or laptop. Mobile devices may not display correctly. Please do not use the PowerSchool App. If you have any questions about accessing this document please contact your school.

Sincerely,
Graminia School

Graminia GSA began today

We are pleased to announce that Graminia School is re-starting our Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) club for Grades 7 to 9 students. GSAs play an important role in making schools safer and more inclusive for LGBTQ2S+ students and their allies by providing supportive spaces to connect, educate and advocate.

Starting today, students attending Graminia School are welcome to join our weekly, drop-in GSA. Meetings are on Fridays from 11:47-12:17. Our GSA will be supported by two staff members who will facilitate age-appropriate conversations, discussions, and activities respectful of both the Education Act, Alberta Education, the Alberta Teachers' Association and Parkland School Division policies.

All public health measures and Covid-19 protocols such as student cohorts, physical distancing, mandatory masking, frequent hand-washing and sanitizing will be enforced. If you have any questions regarding our GSA, please contact Marianne Hee (Family and Community Support) marianne.hee@psd.ca or Treena Neumann, Principal treena.neumann@psd.ca

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)

Our Online Scholastic Book Fair is Open!

OCTOBER 12TH to OCTOBER 22ND

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

Orders are sent directly to our school.

Click here to [SHOP](#)

Link will close at 11:59 on October 22.

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

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

School Council and Graminia Community School Foundation

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!

Please [read about how the Graminia Community School Foundation](#) is organized, how it supports our students and learning and how you can get involved!

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

Stawnichy's Mundare Sausage Fundraiser

The Mundare Stawnichy's order is complete and thanks so much for your support! If you missed ordering or if you decided you want more, a few extra items have been ordered such as perogies, breakfast patties, sausage rings and gluten free sausage rings.

Just text or email Tanya Vogel if you are interested in purchasing these items. Pick up day is Tuesday, November 2nd at the school ice rink parking lot from 2-4pm.

If you're unable to pick up during the arranged time please contact Tanya Vogel at 780-898-3333 or tanyavogel3@gmail.com

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.

Upcoming hot lunch dates

Friday, Oct 22-Freson Bros

Upcoming Important Dates

- **Parent - Teacher Virtual Interviews - November 3 and 4, 2021**
- **Remembrance Day Virtual Ceremony - November 5, 2021**

- **Fall Break - Begins November 8 Students first day back is November 16**