

Graminia Flyover - Oct. 22

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!

Halloween is coming!!

Please take a look at our plans for [Halloween at Graminia](#) this year.

Ordering School Pictures

Parents have until October 28th to receive free shipping to the school. Please go to [SmartOrders.ca](#) and use the code on the cards sent home with your child. After Oct 28, families can still order but would pay full price for shipping to home. Our picture retake day is October 27th.

Parent Teacher Student Conferences

We will be holding parent teacher conferences **online or by phone** this year on November 3-4 from 3:30 - 6:30. Parents will need to schedule these through their child's teacher. Your child's teacher will reach out with a link to their interviews coming out this week or some have already. Please take a look at the included video that will show you how to make the appointment using your teacher's link.

[How to make an appointment for PTI's](#)

Next year's Divisional School Calendar Survey

I am sending this on behalf of Superintendent Boyce:

You have a say in setting our PSD calendar. Below is a link to participate in our 2022-2023 school calendar survey.

The Division's school-year calendars are developed and shared in a manner that provides for effective long-range planning in support of student learning. Given the importance of a balanced school calendar for society, stakeholder feedback is essential in calendar planning and implementation. The school-year calendar is generally set no later than March 1st of the previous year for that calendar.

In keeping with the Division's Assurance Model, draft considerations for the 2022-2023 Calendar shall be provided electronically to stakeholders for feedback (via the survey below) regarding the placement of scheduled breaks and non-instructional professional development (PD) days. The survey for feedback shall remain open until December 3, 2021.

More detailed information on the creation of school calendars can be found in [Administrative Procedure 114: School Day and Year](#).

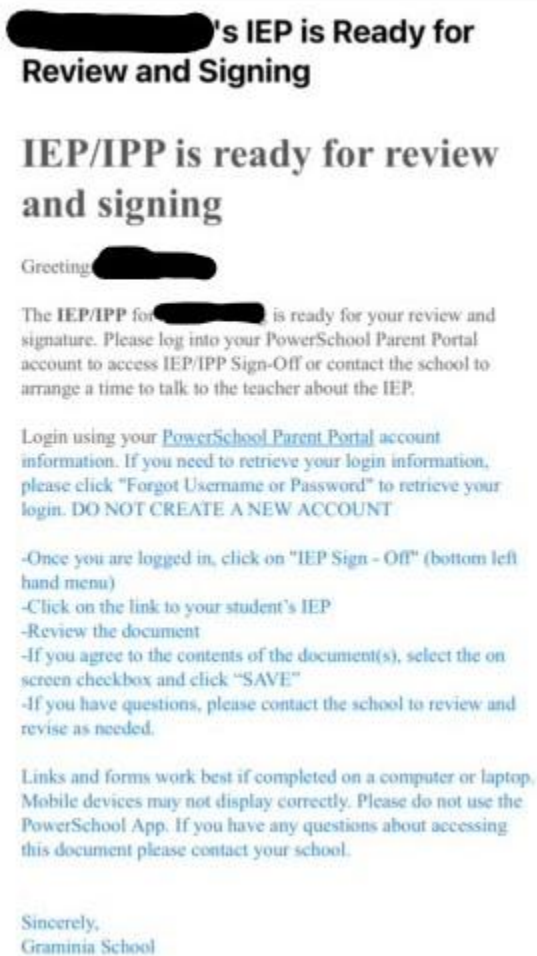
[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

Sincerely,
Shauna Boyce, Superintendent

Parkland School Division

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!



Divisional Vaccination Information

Please read the [posted news](#) article on the PSD website in regards to a vaccination protocol. Details of the protocol, that will apply to all employees, contractors, and volunteers entering PSD schools, will be posted on the PSD website as soon as they become available. This protocol will **NOT apply to students.**

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)

Stronger Together Newsletter -

Please find [attached](#) your Stronger Together newsletter for this month. There are a lot of great articles and tips about emotional regulation included as well as some great upcoming sessions that are open for registration.

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!

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 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**