

Graminia Flyover - December 3

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!

Report Cards - go live TODAY - December 3, 2021

Please go to Powerschool Parent Portal on December 3 to review your child's Term 1 report card. Kindergarten students do not receive a Term 1 Report Card but instead have the results from the EYE.

Christmas Concerts: Kindergarten - Gr 6

Please read this very important announcement if your child is in Kindergarten to grade 6, regarding the [Christmas Concerts](#). Teachers will be sending home the coloured visitors checklists that will be the tickets this coming week. Additionally we will be recording and posting the concert instead of live streaming it. Lost and Found will be put out during this time prior to the break.

December at Graminia

We are going to do 3 weeks of Graminia Christmas Spirit! Santa Hats are encouraged all month!

Week of December 6-10th: Red/Green and Ugly Christmas Sweater Week!

Week of December 13th-17th: Christmas Formal Wear Week! Dress your best all week long!

Week of December 20th-23rd: Pajama Week! Encouraged to wear pajamas all week and attend the Polar Express in the library too!

Masks -

Please make sure if your child is in gr 4-9 that they have at least one if not two masks with them at school. Recently we have been going through many of our disposable masks and would be appreciative if more were sent with students each day.

Cold Weather - Dress for the Elements

As I write this, I am looking out onto the white parking lot and remembering the crazy weather this week! Winter is here and so is the need to send winter gear to school. We will continue to go outside more than normal as part of our COVID response, so please send all students with warm jackets, mitts, toques, snow pants and boots. We have noticed that our gr. 7-9 students are not as prepared to be outside as they may need to be. They may have thought they were staying indoors but we will continue to be going outside for recess.

Graminia Gives Back ! -- LAST WEEK TO DONATE~

Our school will be supporting the [Kinette Club of Spruce Grove Christmas Hampers 2021 Program](#). Below is a list of the items that they are accepting this year for the Christmas Hamper boxes. If you have any questions please send a message to Miss. Kraus or Mrs. Rupp. **Unfortunately due to Covid, NO FOOD ITEMS will be accepted this year.**

GIFT IDEAS (Children 9 and under):	LOCAL GIFT CARD IDEAS (Children 10 and over):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lego • Games • Sports equipment • Nerf guns • Barbies • Monster High • Disney Princess • Little People • Super Heroes • Thomas the Train • Hot Wheels • Craft kits • Dolls • Other popular children's toys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superstore • WalMart • Landmark Cinemas • Canadian Tire • Michaels • Sport Chek • Winners • Ardene • Chapters Indigo • Bootlegger • Fast food or other local restaurants

Library Update

Due to conflicts with the Christmas Concert, Pajama week in the Library will be rescheduled to December 20-23.

Join the Polar Express with Mrs. Heiser
DECEMBER 20th to 23rd
Pajama Days in the LIBRARY
All students will be encouraged to wear pajamas the day their
classroom visits the library

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)

Graminia Foundation Fundraising

Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser

Thank you to all the families that were able to order and support the Graminia Foundation through their Purdy's purchase! The fundraiser was a great success!

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 & Transfers

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 do not call the office.

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.

Friday, Dec 10-Dominos

Friday, Dec 17- Boston Pizza

Hot lunch donation feature

We have added a new feature to our hot lunch ordering page. You will now see an option to make a donation that will be used to help provide a hot meal to a child in need at our school. Please note that any extra funds left at the end of the school year will be used to purchase other items for the school from the Principals spending list.

Volunteer needed

The Graminia Community School Foundation is currently looking for someone interested in the position of Treasurer. The position would be a job shadow with our current treasurer for the calendar year from January 2022-January 2023 with the intent of taking on the position full time

after that. This volunteer position requires as many monthly meetings as possible as well as 1-4 hours of work per month.

If you would like more information please email Sheila @ sheilaa@telus.net

Bingo

The school foundation would like some feedback on having bingo as a fundraiser for the school. Please fill out this quick survey to help us out.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JLZWFLM>

Instagram - The school council and foundation are back on Instagram, you can follow us at [graminiaparents](#)

Graminia Community Rink Society

The Graminia Community Rink Society Annual General Meeting will be held virtually on December 6, 6:30-7:30 on google meet. Please join to meet other families in your community and to learn about opportunities to support this great facility and keep our community active. This society looks after the rink and summer activity surface as well as the tennis courts at the school.

<https://meet.google.com/kyn-teoh-hwa>

To support the operational costs of the Society, please consider purchasing a 50/50 raffle ticket before January 8, 2022. Must be over 18 years of age and an Alberta resident. Tickets can be purchased on raffle box at the following link: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/gcrps>

Stay up to date on activities of the Society on our Facebook page 'Graminia Community Rink Project' or email us at: graminiarink@gmail.com