Graminia Flyover - Nov 19

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!

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 <u>send winter gear to school</u>. We will continue to go outside more than normal as part of our COVID response, so please send <u>all students</u> 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 as they may have thought they were staying indoors but we will continue to be going outside for recess.

Graminia Gives Back !

Our school will be supporting the <u>Kinette Club of Spruce Grove Christmas Hampers 2021 Program</u>. 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):
 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 	 Superstore WalMart Landmark Cinemas Canadian Tire Michaels Sport Chek Winners Ardene Chapters Indigo Bootlegger Fast food or other local restaurants

Library Update!

Upcoming library events are posted on the library website <u>Destiny Discover</u>. On this site you can also see all books in our collection, place holds, access ebooks and check to see if you have any overdue books.



In the coming weeks I will be familiarizing students with all it has to offer!

Join the Polar Express with Mrs. Heiser DECEMBER 13th to 17th is Pajama Day in the LIBRARY

Parking Lot Safety --

A reminder that our parking lot is a one-way street. The entrance is at the South and the exit is at the North. It helps us to keep everything safe when traffic flows in this direction.

Student Drop-off and Pick-up -

In order to ensure the safety of students during pick-up and drop-off we would ask you to follow the following rules:

- If dropping off students in the lane closest to the school, please park in a parking stall following all traffic rules. <u>No dropping off in this lane without correctly parking (no drop and roll).</u>
- If dropping off students in the <u>grass/gravel lane</u> (in front of the totem pole), you may drop students off without parking (drop and roll). This can only happen in this lane, not in the lane closest to the school.
- Please use the crosswalk when crossing the parking lot in front of the front doors.



Thank you for your cooperation. Ms Neumann and Ms Marcinkevics will be out to help!

Update RE: Vaccination Protocol in PSD Please read the updated Vaccination Protocol in PSD in our <u>division's news link</u>.

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 <u>AHS daily checklist</u> 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 <u>AHS online assessment</u> 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

Purdy's Chocolate Christmas Fundraiser

The 2021 Purdys Chocolate Christmas Catalogs went home with students this week. This is an early opportunity to not only do some gift shopping for family, friends, bus drivers, teachers and coworkers, but you can feel good knowing that 25 cents from every dollar spent on chocolate treats comes back to our school. Ordering is easier than ever this year. The entire catalog can be accessed online by scanning the QR code on the cover of your catalog with a smartphone or by going to <u>https://www.group.purdys.com</u> and using Graminia School code 36844.

Feel free to spread the chocolate joy! Share your catalog or make extra copies of the paper order form or simply share the link above with someone you feel deserves a treat this year. Paper orders and payment must be returned to school by end of day Friday, **November 19**th but online orders will remain open until midnight on Sunday, **November 21**st. Completed orders will be shipped directly to the school.

Friday, **December 3**rd is scheduled **pick up** day and we will again offer two pick up times, between **7:30-9:30AM** and **2:00-3:30PM**. When you arrive at school to pick up your chocolates, please <u>DO NOT ENTER THE SCHOOL</u>, call or text 587-926-8120 with the order names you are picking up and your bags will be brought out to you. If you prefer, small orders can be sent home with students on the bus, call 587-926-8120 during school hours on Friday, December 3rd to make arrangements.

For more details or catalogs, call or text Andria at 587-926-8120. Thank you for helping us raise funds to support our students and important programs at Graminia School!

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, Nov 26-DQ Friday, Dec 3-Edo Friday, Dec 10-Dominos Friday, Dec 17- Boston Pizza